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MEETING 11TH JANUARY 1932

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COUNTY HALL,  
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY.

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 11th January, 1932.

Present:- Messrs Ml. Doyle, Chairman, (presiding) also Messrs James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Clince, Patrick Colfer, 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, James Shannon, and Myles Smyth.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read ~~and~~ confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £21,377: 15s. was examined and signed. All items therein related to transfer to County Board of Health and Mental Hospital Committee.

#### THE LATE MICHAEL A. KEEGAN

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

"That the following reply to vote of condolence from Mr. W.P. Keegan, County Councillor, on the death of his son, Michael Aloysius, be inserted on this day's minutes:-

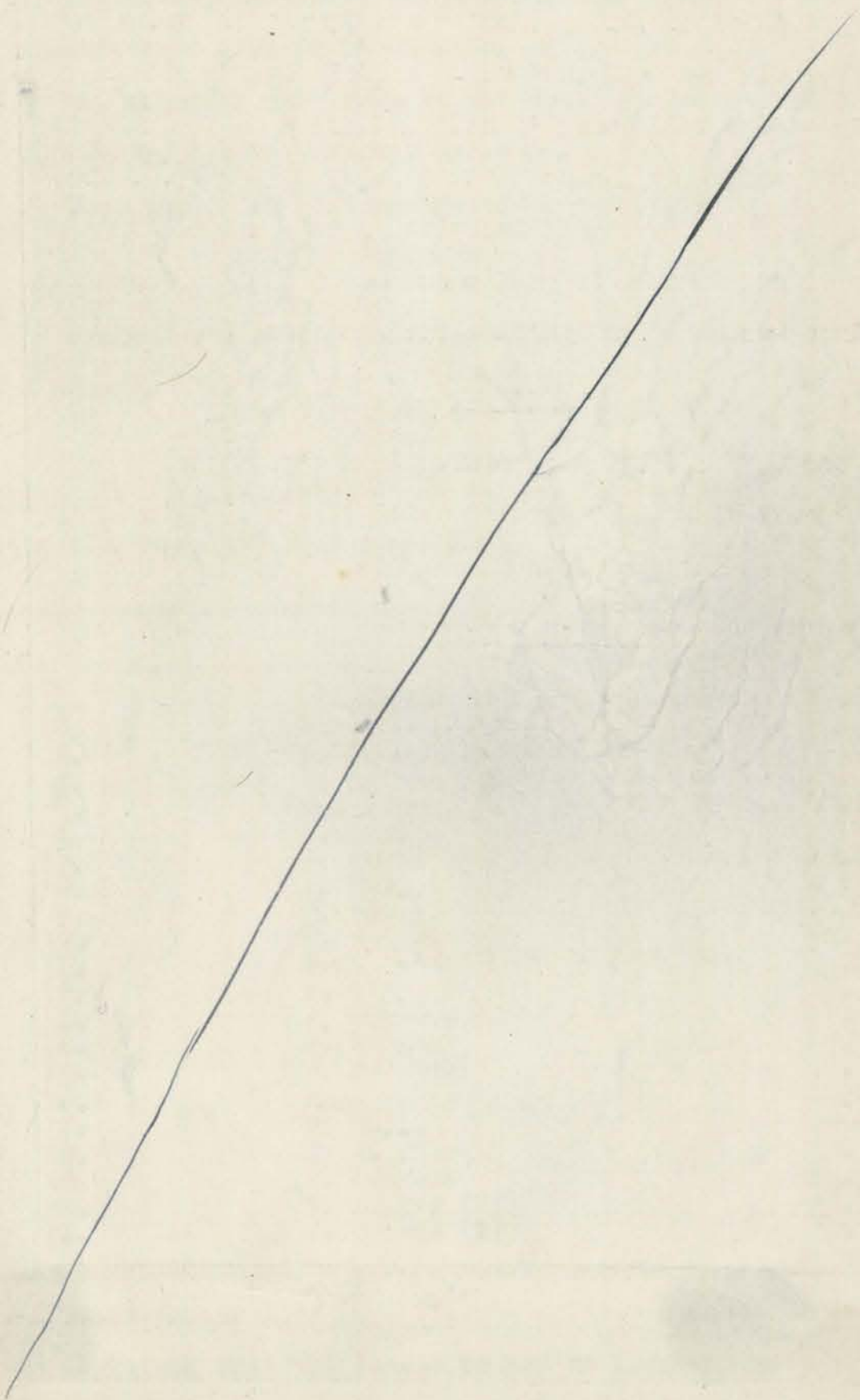
"Kindly convey to your Council on behalf of Mrs. Keegan and myself our heartfelt thanks for their very kind vote of condolence in our sad bereavement.

We take this opportunity of thanking yourself, your clerical staff and Mr. Elgee. Assuring each and everyone concerned that their genuine expressions of sympathy go a long way to alleviate our great sorrow."



CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

Finance Committee: The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting of 17th December, 1931, were submitted as follows:-



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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 17th December, 1931.

Present:- Messrs John Culleton, James Hall, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, County Solicitor and Rates Inspector were also in attendance.

Mr. McCarthy was moved to the chair on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Culleton.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3544: 9: 3d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

State of. The following state of the Rate Collection to 16th December, 1931, was submitted:-

	Collector	Percentage of warrant collected
1.	J. Curtis	55.0
2.	J. J. O'Reilly	54.4
3.	E. J. Murphy	54.3
4.	J. Quirke (No.1)	53.7
5.	Wm. Doyle	53.5
6.	T. Rowe	53.2
7.	A. Dunne	52.5
8.	J. Deegan	51.4
9.	P. Carty	50.8
10.	T. Bolger (14)	50.3
11.	Sean Gannon (10)	49.2
12.	P. O'Byrne	48.7
13.	J. Cummins	48.6
14.	P. Nolan	47.9
15.	M. McCarthy	47.7
16.	Sean Gannon (6)	47.3
17.	P. Doyle	45.9
18.	J. J. Sinnott	45.0
19.	W. Cummins	44.3
20.	T. Bolger (12)	43.3
21.	J. Quirke (2)	39.4

Collector Thomas Rowe (No.18). This collector came before the meeting and explained that the reason he had no lodgment made between 16th and 28th November last was because he was busy on the Voters



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Register and had handed in his books to his Solicitor so that all ratepayers having outstanding rates would be communicated with.

In reply to Mr. Hall, Mr. Rowe said he called several times on all ratepayers before handing in the books to his Solicitor. In reply to the Chairman, he said he was aware that he should lodge every 48 hours and was carrying out this order. He was prepared to close his collection by the 31st March next.

The meeting accepted Mr. Rowe's explanation as satisfactory.

Duties of Rates Inspector.

The following under date 16th December, 1931, was read from Sean O'Kennedy, Rate Inspector:-

"When I was appointed Rates Inspector by the Wexford County Council the marking off of the Collectors Abstracts in the Rate Books was assigned to me as part of my duties.

'The County Secretary has informed me that for the future the Rate Books must be kept in his office and marked off by him.

'In order that I keep in touch with the progress of the Collection it is essential that I should have a duplicate set in my office so that they are at all times accessible to me for reference.

'I shall be glad, therefore, if your Committee will provide same for me.'"

The following was read from the County Secretary:-

"In reference to Mr. O'Kennedy's report, addressed to the Chairman, I have to state I do not consider there is the slightest necessity for the Council incurring an expense of about £100 in providing duplicate Rate Books for Rate Inspector.

'The question arose on my deciding to have Rate Books marked from Collectors Abstracts under my supervision. Mr. O'Kennedy resented this, holding it was part of his duty.

'I explained to him that in view of the attitude of Insurance Companies in dealing with claims in the case of ~~Returns~~ defaulting Collectors I had decided that Rate Inspector's Returns



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should be checked in my office under my direction and independently of the Rate Inspector. Mr. O'Kennedy then stated he considered Rate Books should remain in his custody. I pointed out to him that Rate Books must be under my charge in future and that he could have access to them as required. He objected owing to the distance between the two offices.

'Mr. O'Kennedy's returns for Wexford checking, due on the 14th instant, were only received after I wrote him on the 16th instant, he at first stating he was not inclined to furnish them as he considered the marking of Rate Books was his duty.

'I am transferring Mr. O'Kennedy to an office along side my own so that there will be no difficulty in his having access to Rate Books at all times.'

No order.

#### ALLEGED IRREGULARITY BY ROAD GANGER

The report by Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, relative to a complaint by John Butler, Kilmacree, Road Worker, that ganger W. Boggan had not paid him 9/- for carting on 13th Nov., 1931, adjourned from last meeting, for the attendance of Boggan and Butler, was considered.

In a report to the County Surveyor, under date 2nd December, 1931, Mr. Birthistle stated Ganger Boggan attended with his pay sheets on 28th November. He was questioned as to the amounts returned as paid J. Butler for fortnight ended 14th November and stated he had paid the amount at the proper time which Mr. Birthistle disbelieved. He then suspended Boggan.

J. Butler in a statement to Mr. Birthistle <sup>stated</sup> that after 13th November he did not see the ganger until 24th November tho' he ~~said~~ should have seen him on 20th with his pay for the one day. Butler hinted to Boggan when he saw him on the 24th that money was scarce hoping that payment would be made. Altho' Boggan remained half an hour he said nothing about the money. He never got the money any time.



*stated that*  
Butler came before the meeting and when he mentioned on the 24th about money being scarce Boggan did not let on to hear him.

In reply to Mr. Hall, Butler denied that he was ever on bad terms with Boggan. It was not until the 28th November that Boggan offered the money and in consequence of the report to Mr. Birthistle he then declined to take the 9/-.

Boggan said he did not give the 9/- to Butler. The latter told him on 19th November to keep it. Butler had been in the habit of giving him things such as potatoes and hay and he said as he had nothing to give him that week he (Boggan) could keep the 9/- . He (Boggan) said that it would not be fair to keep the 9/- and Butler said he should keep it as he had no hay to give him this year. He (Boggan) knew it was not exactly right to take any presents from Butler but he did not look on them the same as money. The following Tuesday he (Boggan) brought up the matter again to Butler but Butler said that as he had given Boggan the money the latter could keep it and Butler refused to take it. The whole business arose out of spite on Butler's part as to the division of work between him and Ben Wilson. Butler blamed him (Boggan) for employing Wilson tho' this was done by directions of Mr. Birthistle who wanted to divide the work. He admitted he told Mr. Birthistle that he had paid Butler on the day following the meeting of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Birthistle said Boggan told him he had paid all the men, including Butler, at the proper time.

Butler was then again called before the meeting and emphatically denied telling Boggan that he could keep the 9/- or that he had given him presents of any kind. About 16 months ago he gave a "stop" and some hay for Boggan's donkey as Boggan said it was a long way from where work was being carried out to his home. He never gave Boggan any presents of potatoes and was not grieved because Wilson was employed.



Boggan said that the potatoes had been left for him by Butler with Frank Quinn in the quarry but Butler denied this.

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

"That the suspension of W. Boggan, Road Ganger, be confirmed. That he be retained in the service as an ordinary workman for road and quarry work."

#### EXTENSION OF OVERDRAFT

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

"That the Local Government Department be requested to sanction extension of time for overdraft accommodation with the Council's Treasurer of £20,000 from 1st January, 1932, to 31st March, 1932."

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Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted without dissent:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 17th December, 1931, be received and considered."

Alleged Irregularity of Road Ganger: Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution:-

"That the recommendation of Finance Committee in the case of William Boggan, Road Ganger, be confirmed."

This was after discussion put and passed Col. Quin dissenting.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 17th December, 1931, be and are hereby confirmed."

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 31st December, 1931, were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford, on 31st December, 1931.

Present - Messrs John Culleton, James Hall, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor and Rate Inspector, were 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 confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £1,781: 1: 6d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

The State of the Rate Collection to date was submitted as follows:-

No.	Name of Collector.	Percentage of Warrant collected.
1.	J. Curtis	56.4
2.	E.J. Murphy	54.7
3.	J.J. O'Reilly	54.7
4.	J. Quirke (No. 1)	54.4
5.	W. Doyle	53.7
6.	T. Rowe	53.4
7.	T. Bolger (No. 14)	53.3
8.	A. Dunne	53.1
9.	J. Deegan	51.9
10.	P. Carty	51.7
11.	S. Gannon (No. 10)	50.3
12.	J. Cummins	50.0
13.	S. Gannon (No. 6)	49.1
14.	P. O'Byrne	49.0



No.	Name of Collector.	Percentage of Warrant collected.
15.	P. Nolan	48.0
16.	J.J. Sinnott	48.0
17.	M. McCarthy	48.0
18.	W. Cummins	46.6
19.	P. Doyle	45.9
20.	T. Bolger (No. 12)	44.5
21.	J.J. Quirke (No.2)	39.6

Philip Doyle was behind 4 per cent as compared with corresponding period last year, McCarthy 2.2 per cent and P. Nolan close on 2 per cent. The Collection had gone back for the past month and it was now on the same mark as at the corresponding period of 1930.

#### RATES ON BANTRY AND BLACKSTAIRS COMMONS - CONFERENCE WITH CARLOW COUNCILLORS

With reference to the Conference between five County Councillors from Carlow and a similar number from Wexford as to above, to be held in Enniscorthy Courthouse on 19th January at 11 a.m., Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded a resolution directing the Rate Inspector and the two Rate Collectors concerned (Messrs E.J. Murphy and P. O'Byrne) to attend on the occasion.

#### FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

Mr. Elgee submitted certificate of County Analyst as to the abstraction of 15 per cent of its original fats from the sample of milk taken by Guard O'Carroll, Enniscorthy, from the small shop of Mrs. Dillon, John Street, Enniscorthy, She had no shop of her own but bought the milk from Myles Hanlon who delivered it for John Lacey, Slaney Street, Enniscorthy. It was the first time that the Guard ob-



Wexford as for any other county. Within the past two months representations had been made for the provision of better roads and for the development of their small seaside resorts.

Mr. Barry pointed out that the money allocated to the Association by Local Authorities had to be spent on a scheme approved by the Minister for Industry and Commerce. A great deal of it had to go in publicity expenses most of which was done outside Ireland. Over 50 % of their funds went in publishing Press notices and illustrated folders for local places. Such a folder had been issued for Wexford and had dealt with the seaside resorts of Rosslare, Kilmore, Courtown Harbour, Lists of Hotels and Boarding Houses had been prepared and folders dealing with hunting, fishing and other amusements. The number of their visitors was up to Pre-war record and they had every reason to hope for improvement. They had to provide information bureaux outside Ireland and their upkeep cost a substantial figure. They were in connection with every Tourist Association all over the world and had made arrangements with important newspapers to publish articles which were considered helpful in attracting visitors. The people at home did not realise this side of their work. It would be admitted that there had been a considerable increase in the number of tourists - since the establishment of the Association.

Mr. Keegan said he had never seen a decent newspaper article on Hunting in Co. Wexford but if old people who knew the County's great record in the hunting field were consulted one of the finest sporting articles possible could be produced.

The Chairman said if it were not for the Eucharistic Congress he would be half inclined to propose either a reduction or a discontinuance of their subsidy owing to the



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tained a sample from Mrs. Dillon but he had often taken a sample from Hanlon and the milk had been always found to be genuine. The Guard stated that when he took the sample he stirred up the milk in the basin.

The Committee considered that taking<sup>in</sup>/to consideration the following (a) the period of the year (b) the fact that the "top" of the milk had probably been disposed of before the sample was taken (c) the fact that proof would be forthcoming that the milk had been sold as it came from the cow (d) that there was no added water it would be very difficult to sustain a prosecution.

A resolution to this effect was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton.



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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 31st December, 1931, be and are hereby confirmed."

LINO' COVERING FOR COUNTY COURT  
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Under date 11th January, 1932, the following was read from County Surveyor:-

"As directed by the Council I made tests with covering on the floor of Court, and am satisfied that the objectionable noise from shuffling feet will be almost, if not entirely, removed by the use of lino covering. Mr. Dwyer, County Registrar, was present and is also satisfied. He asks the Council to authorise me to lay down lino at once so as to have the work done in time for the Circuit Court."

Mr. Gaul proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following resolution which passed without dissent:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to provide a covering of suitable linoleum for the floor of Wexford Co. Court, cost not to exceed £35.

TOURIST TRAFFIC DEVELOPMENT ACT 1931  
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Letter under date 1st January, 1932, was read from the Secretary, Irish Tourist Association, O'Connell Street, Dublin, asking the Council to include in their estimates a Rate for Tourist Development under above Act.

Proceeding the letter stated :- "In making this application my Executive Committee desire me to convey their very best thanks for the support given by your Council in the past, and they trust that this year, in view of the Eucharistic Congress and other important events to be held in Ireland, your Council will mark their appreciation of the additional responsibilities devolving on the Irish Tourist Association by renewing their contribution, or, if circumstances permit it, by increasing their allocation



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impoverished condition of the County.

Col. Gibbon said the Association should press for a law making it compulsory on hotels to provide modern sanitation and proper baths which were absolutely necessary if they desired people to visit Ireland .

After further discussion the motion was put and passed unanimously.

Mr. Barry returned thanks on behalf of the Association.

#### BUNCLODY SEWERAGE SYSTEM

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Under date 22nd December, <sup>1931</sup>the Department of Local Government forwarded Sealed Order (P.H.86645/1931) fixing the old Enniscorthy Rural District as the area of charge for the provision and maintenance of sewerage system at Bunclody.

#### OPENING NEW ROSS BRIDGE

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Under date 6th January, 1932, the District Engineer, Electricity Station, Gracedieu Road, Waterford, wrote (Wat.363. LT/NR/WFR.) as to delay in opening New Ross Bridge complained of by Capt. Tyrell:-

"Further to yours of the 31st ult. re delay in opening New Ross Bridge; our local representative, Thos. Mernagh states that he was not approached by your official re the opening of the bridge on the date in question but was informed at 2.40 p.m. by a Mr. Sunderland that the Bridge was about to be opened. He explained this to Capt. Tyrell in the presence of your official in charge of the bridge.

"We would like to point out that the present arrangement is only of a temporary nature and that we intend sinking a submarine cable this Summer.

"In the meantime we would be glad if you could arrange with your official to give Mr. Mernagh one hour's notice when it is required to open the bridge."

The Secretary stated that copy of this letter had



for tourist purposes."

Mr. Barry, Assistant Secretary, of Tourist Association who was in attendance pointed out that this year the Eucharistic Congress would bring hundreds of thousands of visitors to Ireland and who had never been here previously. It was the object of the Association that these people should have an opportunity of seeing not only Dublin but the beauty spots in other parts of the country. If they received a good impression some of them at least would return in future years. English people were - generally speaking - not spending their holidays on the Continent and the Association would do its best to have them come to Ireland for the hunting, fishing and kindred amusements. He was glad to say that they had had an increase of about 200 per cent in the number of enquiries as to an Irish holiday. They had to compete against countries whose tourist development is state aided to the extent of £100,000 in France and £250,000 in Germany. There had been a great increase in the number of tourists who had come to Ireland recently and a decrease in other countries. He asked the Council to agree to the same rate as last year.

Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution:-

"That the equivalent of a Rate of a farthing in the £ as a County at large charge be included under the Tourist Traffic Development Act 1931 in Rate Estimates for financial year 1932-33."

Col. Gibbon said that the fishing villages in the Co. Wexford should get as much publicity from the Association as Ballycotton and other places in Cork but this was not done. Their hunting facilities should be given special publicity on account of their proximity to England.

Mr. Corish, as the Representative of the County Council on the Tourist Development Association Committee, said that to his knowledge the Association was doing as much for Co.



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been furnished the County Surveyor and the latter had made arrangements as requested by the District Engineer of Electricity Supply Board at Waterford.

SCHOLARSHIPS IN SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL  
SCHOOLS.  
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Under date 4th January, 1932, the Department of Education, wrote (L.39132) approving of draft scheme for above scholarships for the County Wexford.

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

"That in view of the short period of notice which can be given to the public owing to the delay of Department of National Education in dealing with draft scheme for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational schools in the County, the regulation of the Council to circulate the names of candidates to County Councillors previous to consideration at general meeting, be not enforced for this year, but, that all entries be considered at general meeting of the County Council to be held on 8th February, 1932."

COURTOWN HARBOUR  
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Under date 5th January, 1932, Mr. Dudley E. Butler, Ounavarra Hotel, Courtown Harbour, wrote that as the result of a meeting held in Courtown on 4th inst. it was decided to send a deputation to the next meeting of the County Council to seek some measure of relief for the fishing community, many of whom were on the verge of starvation owing to the failure of the herring fishery.

It was decided that the deputation consisting of the following should be received:- Messrs Butler, Murphy, Wafer and Fortune ~~be received~~.

Mr. Butler, who acted as spokesman of the deputation, said the object of their attendance was to bring to the notice of the Council the state of poverty which existed amongst the fishing community in Courtown Harbour and to



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appeal to them for some measure of relief to alleviate the hardships which those people were enduring. The sole means of income which the fishermen of Courtown had was the income that they derived from fishing. The failure of the herring fishing this season was responsible for their present unfortunate plight. Last year over 1,000 mease of herring were landed and sold for £500. This year only 200 mease were landed and realised only about £80. Each of the boats was manned by a crew of five, the majority of whom were married with families depending on them. At a low estimate the cost of equipping a fishing boat was about £5. Those figures showed the great loss which the fishermen had sustained. The position of the fishermen as compared with the workers had also to be considered. The fishermen were solely dependent on the very uncertain harvest of the sea, to reap which they daily and nightly risked their lives and their property, and, as often happened, one or both might be lost. They were also victims to weather conditions and might often be unable to follow their occupation for weeks at a time through storms, or, as often happened in Courtown Harbour, through the filling up of the harbour mouth with sand. The fishermen had no redress for any losses thus incurred by them, and, unlike other workers, were not eligible for unemployment benefit. When such a condition of affairs arose as at the present time existed in Courtown Harbour they could only appeal to the generosity of a public body. It was with reluctance they did so, and the records of the Council, he thought, would show that the occasions were rare on which the fishermen of Courtown had made any similar appeal. In conclusion, Mr. Butler stated the deputation requested the Council to give their appeal sympathetic consideration, and trusted the Council would find it possible to grant the assistance which was so badly needed.

In reply to the Chairman Mr. Butler said if any work



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could be started at Courtown they would welcome it rather than a money grant.

Mr. Cummins - What is the good of talking about a money grant when we have no money to grant ?

Mr. O'Byrne - The cleaning out of the inner basin of the harbour would be a big relief.

Mr. Wafer (another member of the deputation) agreed with Mr. O'Byrne, and said the cleaning out of the basin would not only tend to relieve unemployment but would be a great boon to the fishermen and also counteract the dangers to which their boats at the present times were exposed. If no help were provided for the fishermen who with their families were in a deplorable condition they might go to the Co. Home or St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Chairman - We have a resolution on our books to ~~the~~ effect that we would put up £600 for this work if the Department would put another £600. Doesn't that hold good still ?

County Surveyor - Yes; that's one of the things we are going to put before the Department.

Chairman - There is a deputation going to the Department next Friday and that's one of the matters we contemplate putting before them. That £1,200 would help to relieve unemployment to some extent.

Mr. Wafer - It would do a lot of immediate good if it were available, not only for this year, but it would be a boon to the fishermen for many years to come. Courtown Harbour was built a hundred years ago, and at the present time it is silted and there is not a foot of water in it. Boats cannot be brought into the inner harbour if something is not done. The money recently spent on putting in new gates was not worth fourpence as the gates were not effective.

The Chairman said that in all of their seaside places there were complaints of hardship. In Rosslare the fishermen secured a fair amount of herrings but obtained no price



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for them. The Council could not of its own resources do anything to provide relief other than already done, <sup>and</sup> ~~stated~~ ~~that~~ there were other places along the coast of the county where those engaged in the fishing industry required assistance as greatly as Courtown, but they had not approached the Council. The Council would do all that was possible to secure a grant.

The deputationists thanked the Council and withdrew.

#### DISCHARGING BOAT FOR COURTOWN

Under date 2nd January, 1932, Mrs. Kate Callaghan, wrote asking the Council to provide a new discharging boat at Courtown Harbour. There had always been a discharging boat kept there for the use of traders. Her trading boat which plied between Courtown and Dublin was her chief means of living and there were three men dependent on her earnings. She drew six feet and it was very seldom without grave danger she could berth at the pier. She transported coal from Dublin for the local residents and the hotels at Courtown harbour. Her boat was not suitable for fishing purposes and as there had been a discharging boat kept at Courtown until recently she considered in the interests of the port one should be provided.

The County Surveyor said he thought a new boat would cost about £60.

Mr. Wafer, a member of Courtown Harbour deputation, thought a fairly good boat could be purchased for £30. They had had four discharging boats at Courtown for years, then one and recently none at all.

After discussion the following resolution was proposed by the Chairman seconded by Mr. Brennan:-

"That the question of providing new discharging boat for Courtown Harbour be referred to Finance Committee to whom we request the County Surveyor to report as to the



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approximate cost of repairing the old discharging boat;  
the approximate cost of new boat and the charge per ton  
which should be made for the use of boat by traders.

#### POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion  
of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That Licences  
under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 be issued to Robert  
Spencer (Messrs John Bolger & Co.) for premises at Church  
St. and the Mills."

Under date 6th January, 1932, the District Superintend-  
ent, Garda Siochana, wrote that both premises were suitable.

#### PROPOSED ERECTION OF FISH STORE

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Under date 28th December, 1931, the following was  
read from Mr. J. Doyle, Fortview, Duncannon:-

"I beg to apply to your Council for permission to  
erect one shed size 24 ft. by 12 ft. for the purpose of  
storing fish and fishing gear on the waste ground at the  
top of the old Pier at Duncannon. Thanking you to have  
same placed before your Council at your convenience."

The County Surveyor submitted a sketch showing the  
site of proposed shed and stated that he did not think  
permission should be given for the place selected by Mr.  
Doyle.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the  
following resolution which was adopted nem con:- "That a  
Sub-Committee consisting of Messrs Murphy ~~and~~ Cummins and  
Colfer be appointed to visit Duncannon and ascertain if it  
were possible to recommend an alternative site to which  
no objection could be taken."

#### IRISH AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL FAIR AND EXHIBITION - CORK

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Under date 30th December, 1931, the Town Clerk, Cork,



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wrote that a great Irish Agricultural and Industrial Fair and Exhibition would be held in Cork from May to September to provide a medium of displaying for the benefit of Irish people and the large number of visitors expected for next year's historic events|the products and industries of Ireland. The Cork Corporation considered that the project was worthy of the whole hearted support of Local authorities, who should avail of the occasion to ensure that the particular resources of their locality are suitably represented. The Corporation submitted for the consideration of the County Council the following resolution which the Cork Corporation had adopted:-

"That the Council make application for space in the Industrial Fair and Exhibition, Cork, 1932 - said space to be utilised for the purpose of making display of the City's resources, Commercial, Industrial and Educational. That financial provision be made for suitable display."

It was decided to refer the matter to the Finance Committee for recommendation.

#### TRANSFER OF MONEYS - ROAD ACCOUNTS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That as requisitioned by Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, the sum of £13: 6: 6d be transferred from Road Account 35 C to Road Account 30 C."

#### UNEMPLOYMENT GRANT

Mr. Hayes asked if the County Surveyor had any money on hands that he could expend immediately, as a lot of people were in a very bad way. He knew people with five or six children, and there was nothing between them and starvation.

Mr Corish - In that connection is there any word from the Government about the relief grant ?

The Secretary said he had not had word.



Mr. Corish thought they should send a deputation to the Government with regard to the matter.

Chairman - It seems to me very peculiar that out of £250,000 there is nothing coming to Wexford.

In reply to Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Corish said that schemes had been sent up from the county in ample time to allow of the Department's making up their minds. Schemes had been sent up before the Dail adjourned.

Mr. Gaul held that if they did not appoint a deputation they would get nowhere.

Mr. Corish proposed the appointment of a deputation and Mr. Gaul seconded.

Chairman - It seems very peculiar that the whole county Wexford has not even a promise of any money out of this £250,000 between three divisions of it - the Land Commission, Local Government Department and the Department of Fisheries.

Mr. Corish remarked that the L. G. D. was only getting £60,000.

Mr. Gaul - I am sure you have seen in the Press where Commissioner Bartley was blowing about all the work in Mayo, where he got £30,000 of the unemployment grant.

Chairman - Since you mention it, I think we should all have a Commissioner. I think if we could save £7,000 in the rates in half a year we should have two Commissioners.

Miss O'Ryan - I think that is not correct. There were services cut down.

Mr. Corish - We were told the Dublin Commissioners saved a lot of money, too, but when the Corporation came in they found a huge liability against them.

Miss O'Ryan said the Co. Health Board Estimate would be on next week, and the Home Assistance Rate was up to an alarming extent, because there were so many people out of work. If the Minister said they had no unemployment in



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county Wexford she held he was not keeping in touch with the situation.

Chairman - My belief is that the Minister thinks we are floating in money.

Referring to the requirements with regard to unemployed men reporting at the Labour Exchange, Miss O'Ryan said that in cases where schemes like that at the Mountain of Forth were started it was a great hardship that only men who reported daily at the Labour Exchange were to be employed. That was a great hardship on men who lived long distances away. She suggested that once a week should be often enough for idle, hungry men to report.

Mr. Hayes said that he had information to the effect that people living a distance away did not need to report even once a week. As far as he knew, nearly everyone in his district had registered in expectation of getting work on Forth Mountain. He thought that over 400 had registered for it. Only three men were employed at present. They had been hoping the scheme would bring great relief to the people in the districts surrounding the mountain, but only three men were employed at present, doing something in preparation for the scheme.

Col. Quin remarked that he thought it had been stressed that it was not necessary for a man to belong to any union to get work at the Labour Exchange.

Mr. Corish - What are you trying to advocate - is it non-union labour ?The people are not as big fools as you think.

Col. Quin said it had been stated there that a lot of people did not know - that they thought they should belong to a union.

Mr. Hayes - Oh, no.

Mr. Corish - No one said that.

Mr. Keegan said that at the moment there was a pretty



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big job being carried on in Gorey, and as far as he knew, the Contractor was going to the Labour Exchange for men. He thought it hardly fair for an official of the Labour Exchange to have all the say in the employment of men. An official could recommend whoever he liked to the Contractor. He thought there should be a local committee consisting of the people concerned to act in the matter.

Col. Quin - I don't.

Mr. Keegan - Well, I do. I don't believe any man should control the job in such a way.

Chairman - Who is going to act on a Committee like that ?

Mr. Keegan - Anyone with the courage of his convictions would not be afraid to go on it. I wouldn't be for one.

Chairman - I believe that all those difficulties enumerated here about the Labour Exchange are only a myth.

Mr. Corish wished to state on behalf of the Exchange that he had always found if certain men were wanted one had only to go to the Exchange and suggested the men wanted, and they would be secured.

Mr. McCarthy said that with regard to the Labour Exchange in Enniscorthy, they always found the officials dealing very fairly with everyone.

The Chairman said he thought that if the agricultural labourer once came in to register he would be fairly dealt with.

Mr. Culleton said he had been informed that, at the outside, twenty <sup>only</sup> men would be employed at Forth Mountain.

Mr. Hall referred to the distribution of work at Gorey Garden City.

Chairman - I think we will see at the next Health Board meeting that there is fair distribution.

With reference to the unemployment relief Grant, Mr. Gaul expressed agreement with Mr. Corish's proposal for a deputation,



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and remarked that passing resolutions was all bunkum. He understood the local authority had to put up a certain amount before getting any of the grant.

Mr. Corish said that that only applied to work done under the L.G.D. and that Department had only a small amount of the money. There was no question of putting up money under the Land Commission.

Miss O'Ryan - This money is subscribed by all the people of the country. It is taken out of central taxation, and why shouldn't a proportion come to Wexford ?

Chairman - I think Wexford is getting very badly dealt with, whatever is the reason of it. They don't seem to give us any concessions at all.

Mr. Corish's proposition was passed and the following members were appointed as a deputation:- Colonel Gibbon, Colonel Quin, Messrs Smyth, Roche and the Chairman, and vice-chairman.

It was decided that the County Surveyor and the five T.D.'s of the County should be asked to accompany the deputation.

#### TAGHMON STREETS

Mr. Gaul asked what allocation the County Surveyor was making to repair the streets in Taghmon.

The County Surveyor replied that the amount would be £132.

Mr. Gaul - Will that do any kind of a decent job ?

Co. Surveyor - It will be merely maintenance.

Mr. Gaul said that last year a certain amount of money was agreed to for Taghmon streets and it was decided afterwards to spend it on the road from Knockeen Cross towards Taghmon, with the result that very little work was done on the streets.

Mr. Gaul, who stated he was asked by Taghmon people to raise the matter of the streets also referred to the condition of portion of a footpath in Taghmon, which he said after fairs was impassable. Great inconvenience was caused to three or four



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families who lived beside it. To lay a cement footpath in the place would cost very little.

Mr. Gaull suggested that if a grant were obtained for Taghmon the footpath could be included in the work to be carried out, and this was agreed to.

#### RATES ON BANTRY AND BLACKSTAIRS COMMONS

Under date 6th January, 1932, the Secretary, Carlow County Council, wrote that the following members of his Council viz: Dunphy, Joyce, John P. Nolan, O'Connell and Rourke would meet the delegation from Wexford County Council relative to rates on Bantry and Blackstairs Commons at a Conference to be held at Enniscorthy Courthouse on Tuesday, 19th at 11 o'clock.

#### GOREY GARDEN CITY SCHEME

The following under date 30th December, 1931, was read from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"The Contractor for Gorey Garden City Housing Scheme together with Mr. Flood and Mr. Dunbar, Engineers for same approached me on 28th instant with reference to obtaining material from Gorey Hill Quarry for road making purposes in connection with the scheme, and I agreed, subject to sanction of County Council to supply rough stone at 3/- per cubic yard, and broken stone at 7/- per cubic yard, and stipulated that material must be produced by County Council employees under my supervision.

My reason for this provision is that I want to have quarrying work done in such a way as not to destroy present facing of rock which in view of recent experience can only be done by having direct control of working of quarry.

The prices quoted, will, I believe, enable Council to provide material and cover costs of production of same.

It would be well if proper agreement were drawn up between County Council and Contractor, such agreement to



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provide for fortnightly or monthly payments in full for value of materials supplied."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Corish and adopted:- "That we approve of the proposal of Mr. Treanor , Assistant Surveyor, as to supply of material to Contractor for Gorey Garden City Cottage Scheme for road construction, provided the Contractor enters into an agreement prepared by Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, which will contain a clause that he must be responsible for any damages that may arise as the result of any accident while material is being prepared for his use in the quarry."

#### OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

Under date 8th January, 1932, the Department of Local Government, wrote (G.988/1932 Loch Garman) that the Minister had sanctioned continuance of overdraft accommodation not exceeding £20,000 upon the accounts of the Wexford County Council up to the 29th February, 1932.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT - INSURANCE ACTS

The following resolution was received from Kilkenny County Council:-

"That we, the Members of the Kilkenny County Council, having considered the great amount of money paid out in this County as Unemployment Benefit, which the Ratepayers at large have to pay without any productive return to the county, request the Minister for Industry and Commerce to formulate a scheme which will have the effect of giving the Ratepayers a return and give employment to the men who are idle, and for this purpose to allocate to the County Funds the amount of money disbursed weekly at the different Labour Exchanges in this County, which amounted to something like £6,495 paid in this County for that year."



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"We suggest that an arrangement can be made by which this sum if spent on roads, reclaiming waste land and planting, etc. or drainage can be carried out by the co-operation of the County Council and the responsible Department through their officials."

It was decided to adjourn consideration to next meeting of the Council on 25th January, 1932.

#### BUSINESS ON CATHOLIC HOLYDAYS

The following resolution was read from Leitrim County Council:-

"That we resolve that no business shall be transacted by the County Council, its officers or servants, and no meetings shall be held, on Catholic Holydays. Business should be transacted as usual on all other holidays. We request the Government and other Public Bodies to adopt similar steps."

Miss O'Ryan proposed the adoption of the resolution with the following addendum:- "And that the Government be requested to have Article 2 of the Schedule ~~and~~ Application of Enactments Order which does not allow of the business of any Public Authority being transacted on a Bank Holiday, cancelled."

Mr. O'Byrne seconded the adoption of the resolution with the addendum.

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

For:- The resolution and Addendum - Messrs Armstrong, Brennan, Cline, Colfer, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gaul, Gibbon, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, Meyler, Murphy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Shannon, Smyth and the Chairman - 19.

Against:- Mr. Culleton and Col. Quin - 2.

Mr. Corish (1) was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

#### VOTES OF CONDOLENCE

A resolution of condolence was adopted with Mr. Hall



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in the death of his cousin, Mrs. Broughan, Goresbridge ,  
Co. Kilkenny, on the motion of Mr. Keegan, seconded by  
Mr. Corish.

Mr. Hall replied suitably.

Col. Quin proposed a vote of condolence to Mr. M.J.  
O'Connor, Solicitor, Wexford, on the death of his brother,  
the late Sir James O'Connor, who he said was a fine type of  
Irishman.

Mr. Culleton in seconding the motion said that the  
late Sir James O'Connor was a Wexford man of whom they should  
feel proud.

The Chairman associated himself with the proposal. He  
knew the late Sir James O'Connor well, and of course his  
brother, Mr. M.J. O'Connor, was a townsman of Wexford, though  
he had no official connection with the County Council.

Mr. O'Byrne - I don't think such resolutions should be  
brought here when there is no official connection with the  
County Council.

Mr. D'Arcy - He was a respected citizen anyhow.

Mr. O'Byrne - Not of this country. He preferred  
another.

The proposition was passed in the usual way.

*Michael Doyle*



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MEETING 25TH JANUARY 1932

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M I N U T E S

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COUNTY HALL,  
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY.

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 25th January, 1932.

Present - Mr. Ml. Doyle (Chairman) presiding: also Messrs James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Cline, Patrick Colfer, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, John Doran, James Gaul, 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 and Myles Smyth.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor and the following Assistant Surveyors were also in attendance:- Messrs T. Treanor, John Kehoe, R.J. Ennis, P. O'Neill and J.F. Birthistle.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

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Treasurer's Advice Note for £8,471 : 6: 10d was examined and signed.

#### THE LATE SIR JAMES O'CONNOR

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

"That reply of Mr. M.J. O'Connor, Solicitor, Wexford, acknowledging vote of condolence with him in the death of his brother, the late Sir James O'Connor, be entered on the Minutes of this day's meeting."

The following is the reply:-

"Many thanks for your very gracious favour of the 18th inst., in which you were good enough to inform me that a Resolution of condolence on the death of my brother was kindly adopted by the County Council on the motion of Colonel Quin, seconded by Mr. John J. Colloton. This kind resolution



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and your own kind letter are all the more valued by myself and the other members of my family considering that neither my brother nor myself had any official connection with the County Council.

As for your good self, you and he were lifelong friends, and needless to say he held you in the highest esteem and regard.

Pray convey to the Proposer and Seconder, my dear friends, Colonel Quin and Mr. John Colloton, and to each and every member of the Council, and also accept for yourself, the assurance of my grateful thanks."

#### COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT

The following monthly report was read from the County Surveyor:-

"I have arranged for the opening to traffic of the concrete road between Wexford and New Ross. There are still some small matters to be done in connection with the finishing off of the macadam sides, but the job is apparently sound. The Pioneer Company at their own expense, did some work in treating the surface with Silicate of Soda at the Ballymacar end, and I should like to have a further section of this done, but as it was not provided for in the Specification I could not ask the Company to carry it out.

"The concrete section of the Bunclody road has been opened to traffic for some time, and it is apparently a good job. In both of these contracts the maintenance period is now running.

"At the present time borings in the river adjoining the abutment at Ferrycarrig Bridge are being carried out. I had some excavations carried out at the back, down to rock level, and when the borings are completed we should have a fair knowledge of the foundations for any altered design at the abutment.



"on the 22nd instant I found that the roadway on the concrete road in Wexford Urban Area, at Redmond Road, had been opened for making water supply connections. This was being done without proper authority, and I immediately ordered the trench to be filled in, and notified the responsible Contractor - Messrs M. O'Connor and Company, Wexford - that I would bring up the matter at your meeting. As you know this is a very important road which was recently laid down in concrete, and I think very stringent steps should be taken to prevent interference without authority, and in all cases persons requiring to open such roadways should give an undertaking to make good damage.

"On the 21st instant the Committee appointed by the Council to deal with the application regarding shed at Duncannon met at the Harbour. There were present:- Messrs J. Cummins, P. Colfer, J. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, and myself. After discussion it was decided to recommend the Council to allow of the shed being erected on the plot of grass adjoining the old graveyard wall, - and so as not to project on to the metalled roadway, width being limited to 12 feet. Mr. Doyle, the applicant was present, and agreed to these arrangements and also to enter into an undertaking with the County Council, and to pay a small rent charge, as may be decided.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, has been in communication with Messrs Hull in regard to claim for hire of machinery used by them in Brownswood Quarry, while they were carrying out the concreting of the roads in Enniscorthy Urban Area. Messrs Hull have failed to settle this hireage account, and are mixing up claim with a completely different one in connection with the job which they carried out, on road between Wexford and Ferrycarrig. I consider action should be taken now to compel settlement of the account.

"I have now received, from Lord Courtown, copy of plan



showing the boundaries of the Council's authority at Courtown Harbour, and Lord Courtown has also given me copy of several Acts covering the harbour precincts.

I submit list of defaulting contractors who have failed to properly attend to their contracts, and ask for authority to take necessary proceedings.

"You will now have to fix dates of meetings to consider tenders for contract roads, and offers for haulage work. I have discussed the matter with the Secretary, and shall submit suggested dates at your meeting.

As authorised by the County Council I invited offers for floor covering for the Court, and received a number of tenders. The lowest tender was for £39: 5: 6d, which ~~was~~ being over the amount already fixed by the Council I have not accepted without further authority, which I now ask for."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the report of Co. Surveyor submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

Opening Concrete Road: County Surveyor - The Contractors took a water supply into a new garage from the road there. The point is this was done without authority or an undertaking to make good the damage afterwards. If this is allowed to go on you would not know where you would be. They opened the side of it.

Mr. O'Byrne - Wasn't it passed here that nobody could open the road without permission.

Chairman - That is the law and it should be carried out.

~~Mr. Barry~~ <sup>Co. Surveyor</sup> - They should be asked to make good the damage to your satisfaction.

Chairman - It is outrageous to meddle with the road without permission of the Council.

Mr. O'Byrne - I propose that we take proceedings for opening the road without authority.



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Col. Quin seconded.

Secretary - You should put an advertisement in the paper as some people may do it unknowingly.

The County Surveyor said it was not a matter for the urban authority at all although some might consider it was.

Chairman - On account of this being the first case would we accept an apology from them and put a notice in the paper.

Mr. O'Byrne - You put a notice in the paper before, and as well it would be a sort of excusing them and saying it is our own fault.

County Surveyor - The only point about it is - and I don't want to take proceedings in the first instance - that there is a possibility of people being under a misapprehension as to this road being within the urban area. It is a main road and absolutely under our control. We have set it to the urban council (Wexford Corporation) for the maintenance of the surface. That is all. We have the whole control of the road and what is under the surface.

Chairman - We might not succeed if we go on with this case on the plea that they thought that it belonged to the urban area, and their authority.

Mr. Elgee - Regarding a first offence, I am nearly sure if we went to law the Justice would treat it as a first offence and deal with it formally.

Col. Quin - Even so, it would worry anybody else going to do it.

Chairman - I believe they will restore it apart altogether from the question of proceedings.

Mr. McCarthy - If we got an apology, and that apology gets publicity it will be a warning to others. It was a wrong thing to do, no doubt, but as it is a first offence I propose that they be warned and be asked for a public expression of their regret to the Council, and to make good.



the damage to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor.

Mr. O'Byrne - If that is published I am satisfied.

Chairman - Mr. Elgee agrees we are not going to do any more good than that. We might get a conviction.

Mr. O'Byrne said he would second Mr. McCarthy's proposition, which passed unanimously.

Just before the conclusion of the meeting the following letter to the County Surveyor was received from Messrs M. O'Connor & Co. Building Contractor, Wexford:-

"In reply to your letter re opening of road to get to water main to connect up for Mr. Roche's garage we notified the Borough Surveyor thinking we were applying to the proper quarter for leave to open ground, and did not know until your letter reached us that it was you we should have applied to. Needless to say we shall make good the road and foot-path and very much regret any inconvenience caused."

The meeting decided to accept this explanation and the matter dropped.

Shed at Duncannon: Mr. Cooney said he thought somebody else was looking for a store down there and he was informed if they gave that site mentioned in the report they would hold somebody else up. He believed the <sup>people</sup> Campile/were looking for a store down there for the shipping of potatoes. If they gave leave now they must give it to the Campile people

Col. Quin - I object to giving charity.

Mr. Shannon - I don't think there is charity at all.

Mr. Cooney - Col. Quin is very fond of talking about charity. There is no charity.

Mr. Cummins - Mr. Simon Murphy was there representing the Campile co-operative Society, of which he is manager, and pointed out a place belonging to the Board of Works and he was satisfied to make application to the Board of Works.

Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That permission be given



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Mr. Ml. J. Doyle for erection of shed on alternative site selected by Committee, rent to be £1, agreement as to tenancy to be drawn up by County Solicitor, and said tenancy to be determinable by a three months' notice in writing on either side."

Claim of Messrs Hull: It was decided to consider this matter in committee.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, forwarded the following letter under date 19th January, 1932, from Messrs Hull:-

"We are in receipt of your letter of the 14th instant. As you are aware we have a claim against the Wexford Council for the sum of £400, money stopped on account of damages to a back road for which we are not responsible, £80:15:4d, over charge on Machinery not working, and an amount of £2: 13: 2d error in adjustment of account. Total sum £483: 8: 6d.

"We are prepared to set off the present claim against this amount but in the event of you carrying out your threat of proceedings, we will at once counterclaim for the above sum due."

The County Surveyor said that Messrs Hull mentioned that £400 had been held up owing to delay but the Council retained the money owing to the fact that in consequence of the delay in the completion of the contract there was extra damage done to the back road which could have been avoided if the concreting work had been carried out even in a reasonable time, after the stipulated period. The £2: 13: 2d referred to in Messrs Hull's communication had been adjusted.

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

"That the County Solicitor be instructed to proceed against Messrs A. Hull & Co., Pembroke Works, Ringsend Rd., Dublin, for any sums of money which in his opinion are due by them to the Wexford County Council on foot of contract for the reconstruction of road from Wexford to Ferrycarrig."



Defaulting Road Contractor§ The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"That the following Road Contractors who are in default in carrying out their work be proceeded against should the Co. Surveyor consider this step necessary to compel them to fulfil their obligations:- Denis Murphy, Johnstown, Castle-bridge, for Roads 646 W and 648 W and John Murphy, Ballyhought, Blackwater, for Road 559 G"

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

"That Tenders Committee§(Co. Councillors for each Co. Electoral area) to deal with Road and Haulage Contracts meet as follows:-

Enniscorthy Courthouse - Wednesday 17th February, 1932.

Gorey Courthouse - Wednesday 24th February, 1932.

New Ross Courthouse - Friday 12th February, 1932.

Wexford County Hall - Saturday 20th February, 1932, all at 11 a.m. "

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That Messrs Armstrong and Hall be appointed extra members of the Enniscorthy Tenders Committee as a number of Road Contracts to be considered at Enniscorthy lie close to the residences of these councillors."

Col. Quin proposed the following amendment which, however, was not seconded:- "That no addition be made to the members of the existing Enniscorthy District Tenders Committee."

Linoleum for Courthouse: The Chairman remarked that the figure in the County Surveyor's report was £4: 5: 6d over the allocation already made by the Council.

Col. Quin proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem con:- "That in addition to allocation already made by the County Council for the purchase of a suitable floor covering for Wexford Co. Courthouse a further sum of £4: 5: 6d be provided in



order to meet the amount of the lowest tender received in this matter by the County Surveyor."

Mr. Cooney proposed that linoleum be obtained for the Council Chamber. The Council Chamber wanted linoleum as well as any place else. He saw that the Dail was not sitting and that they had employed a lot of people to make a carpet for them. If it was not comfortable to be in the Court without linoleum it was not comfortable to be in the Council Chamber without it. They were working for nothing and should get some little privilege. If in the Dail they could not do without thick carpets he thought they should have a bit of floor cloth in the council chamber.

Col. Quin seconded the proposal.

Mr. Hall - We should all go into the Dail.

Mr. Cooney proposed that linoleum or some other suitable floor covering be provided for the Council Chamber, the Co. Surveyor to advertise for tenders.

Mr. Hall - Our time may be very short here, and the place will do us well enough.

The County Surveyor said the cost would be between £20 and £25.

A poll on Mr. Cooney's proposition resulted as follows:-

For:- Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin and Shannon - 10.

Against:- Messrs Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Hall, Keegan, O'Ryan, Roche, Smyth, Meyler and the Chairman - 11.

The following Councillors were not present when poll was taken:- Messrs Colfer, Cummins and Murphy (3) .

The Chairman declared the proposition lost.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin:- "That the report of County Surveyor as submitted to this meeting be and is hereby adopted."



on the 'phone with Dublin, and owing to election activities of Ministers it was very hard to find them. Proceeding Mr. Corish said he rang up four times, and on Friday when he 'phoned again he asked if something could be done to meet the County Council on the matter. He got the letter (produced) that morning, and it was dated January 23rd. Proceeding Mr. Corish read a letter from Mr. Roddy as to arrangements being made to discuss the question of work for the relief of distress and unemployment in Co. Wexford, and if he could arrange to see him on Wednesday 27th inst. at 4 o'clock. That was the only communication he (Mr. Corish) got and he got it that morning.

Chairman - I cannot accompany a deputation next Wednesday anyhow.

Mr. Corish - You have a meeting on Wednesday night and so have I. If I asked him if he could see us about 12 o'clock-

Chairman - I could not go that day at all.

Mr. Cooney - How is it that the other places have got grants? This was to be distributed before Christmas, but it must not be Christmas in Co. Wexford yet.

Mr. Gaul  $\frac{1}{2}$  I take it that the deputation are going to see more than Mr. Roddy when going to Dublin.

Chairman - The only other Departments they want to see are the Local Government and Fisheries.

Later, Mr. Corish said he was on the 'phone with Mr. Roddy, and he would like to arrange Feb. 4th for the deputation. In the meantime he would try and get into communication with the other Departments.

#### MONAMOLIN (RATHNURE) ROAD

Attention was drawn by Mr. Shannon to a road in Monamolin (Rathnure) district which was being cut up by a big flow of water. Some years ago the district council put up a cement pailing as a protection at another place on the road, but it



CONFIRMATION ROAD WORKS SCHEME  
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin:- "That the several allocations in Road Works Scheme for financial period 1932-33 and as agreed to by the County Council at their meeting of 28th December, 1931, be and are hereby formally approved."

CONSIDERATION OF RATE ESTIMATE  
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the figures of complete estimate of rate be considered at the meeting of the County Council on 22 nd February, 1932."

DISTRIBUTION OF ROAD WORK  
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Mr. Keegan asked if the County Surveyor (as instructed by the Council) had presented any report as to the distribution of work amongst road men in the Gorey Area.

The Chairman pointed out that no instructions to this effect had been given by the County Council. A resolution had been adopted asking the County and Assistant Surveyors to distribute the work as well and as equitable as possible.

Col. Quin said this did not apply to the Council's regular staff.

Mr. Keegan said a statement had appeared in the Press that he had objected to the employment of single men in Tara Hill Quarry. What he had said when the matter was under discussion was that it appeared to be quite in order to employ single men in Tara Hill Quarry but not in Gorey Hill. Several of the Tara Hill workers who were single had been in the employment of the Council for years. He complained that as regards Gorey District the same people were employed year after year while others were starving. He proposed that the County Surveyor submit to next meeting of the Council a report as to the distribution of the road work in Gorey area and also



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submit records showing the number of Insurance stamps which workers had for benefit on their cards.

Mr. Hall seconded.

Mr. O'Byrne said the big grievance in the Gorey area was the want of work. It had been already decided by the Council they would not interfere with the regular staff.

Mr. Keegan said that the complaint he had made about the distribution of road work in Gorey area applied with equal force to the work of erecting houses at the Gorey Garden City Scheme.

Mr. Gaul said that the Contractor at Gorey Garden City Scheme was responsible for the employment of the men and the Council could not interfere with him.

After further discussion Mr. Keegan amended his motion to cover the distribution of work in the four county Electoral areas.

Mr. Hall seconded the motion.

Miss O'Ryan and Mr. Hayes said they were perfectly satisfied with the manner in which the work was arranged for in Wexford district.

A poll was taken on Mr. Keegan's motion with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Armstrong, Brennan, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, D'Arcy, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, Meyler, O'Byrne, Roche, Shannon, Smyth and the Chairman - 17.

Against:- Messrs Culleton, Doran, Gaul, McCarthy, Murphy and Quin - 6.

Miss O'Ryan (1) was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

UNEMPLOYMENT GRANT.  
PROPOSED DEPUTATION TO MINISTERS  
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Mr. Hayes asked if there was any money available for unemployment at the present. He was surprised reading over the report of the Health Board where it was said that some



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was now as dangerous as ever. There was no paling. He thought the County Surveyor or his deputy should go there and see what was to be done. They had not the money at the moment, but some remedy might be arranged to make the road safe, until there was money available to make a proper job.

Mr. Brennan said he knew the deep gripe there which was dangerous on the public road. They might be threatened with legal proceedings if the cattle fell down there.

Mr. Shannon then proposed and Mr. Brennan seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem con:- "That a Sub-Committee consisting of the following with the County Surveyor and the Assistant Surveyor for the District inspect road at Monamolin - Rathnure - and report to the Council, County Surveyor to arrange date, place and hour of Sub-Committee meeting:- Messrs Clince, Cooney, Brennan and Shannon."

#### FAHY'S CROSS - CURRACLOE ROAD

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Mr. Gaul said he had received a number of complaints of the condition of certain roads all over the county. The road from Fahy's Cross to Curracloe was in an almost impassable condition. Some little allocation out of some fund, whether the contingency fund or otherwise, should be made to have that road put into a condition, in which it could be used by the <sup>public</sup> /

Mr. Colloton said that the water tables were blocked with grass.

Mr. Gaul - There is a portion of that road flooded at times and you would have to swim through it.

It was decided to get a report from County Surveyor in the matter.

#### BUILDING OF HOUSES

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Mr. Gaul said he understood that anyone willing to build houses in accordance with the L.G.D. plan would be entitled to £20 grant from a local authority.



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road workers were above working on the land. That was not right. He knew people out of employment, to avail of every day's work they could get from the farmers around. He asked the County Surveyor if anything could be done to give employment to 12 or 13 men in his area.

Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, to whom the question was referred, said he did not know of any.

Mr. Hayes - What about the cleaning up of the river down there ?

Col. Quin - <sup>would</sup> I like to say that the whole principle of this is wrong. We are all in favour of doing all we can for unemployment but at the same time it is not part of the ratepayer's job to pay for employment and provide schemes. They are very hard run as it is. It is a matter that should be done by the Government.

Mr. Hayes - Mr. Kehoe was asked about the cleaning of the river to prevent the road from being flooded down there, and if that work could be completed it would help the people.

Chairman - I quite agree with Col. Quin. We would be all very pleased if we could assist in the relief of unemployment, but it is not our business exactly to go into that question. We have no money to provide schemes. There was a big grant voted for the relief of unemployment in the Dail recently, and as far as I know we have not got a penny of it in the county. At the last meeting we proposed that a deputation go up and see the Department over this question, and so far as I know I don't think anything matured out of it since, but possibly Mr. Corish would give us some information.

Mr. Hayes said he thought the planting of the Forth Mountain would bring relief, but he understood it was only giving employment to a few.

Chairman - I believe only twenty will be employed all the time on the Forth Mountain.

Mr. Corish - In connection with that deputation I was



Chairman - If that is the case they might leave it so.

Mr. Gaul said he intended giving notice that the County Council strike a penny rate to facilitate them. He knew of two small farmers who intended building houses if facilitated.

Chairman - Better move a resolution asking the Government to alter the Bill.

Mr. Hall said he knew a man with a big family who bought an acre of land lately with the intention of building a house and it was impossible to build unless he got some help.

Chairman - Are the ratepayers to finance them.

Mr. Hall - It would to a certain extent. Did not they finance other houses.

Chairman - No, only labourers' cottages and I think we got very bad value.

The matter ended.

#### A GOREY FOOTPATH

Mr. Keegan referred to the footpath leading to the residence of Mr. Joseph Stafford, Town Clerk, Gorey, and which had been damaged by traffic in connection with the building of a Masonic Hall adjoining.

It was decided to refer the matter to Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor of the District, for report.

#### CAMPILE - HAGGARD ROAD

Mr. Cooney referred to the Campile-Haggard Road. There was £150 recommended for that road, but it was cut down to £75. It was in a terrible condition now.

Mr. Murphy said about three years ago it was brought under the notice of the council. It was a third class road, and owing to the traffic going to Campile in recent years it was not able to stand it. There was ten times the amount of traffic on that road compared with ten years ago. The link road came from New Ross via Dunbrody, Arthurstown and Duncannon. It was suggested some time ago that the road should be diverted at



Horeswood on to Campile, but the Minister would not sanction it.

Mr. Cooney - There is terrible traffic on that road.

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, said the road was only twelve feet wide. Division would be all right because it would catch the traffic.

Chairman - We will have to get a considered report about it from the County Surveyor and the District Surveyor. Proceeding the Chairman said he thought there were plenty of roads in the county, and if any County Councillor was living near them he could make splendid arguments about them.

Mr. O'Byrne asked if it could be connected with the link road on account of the traffic on it.

The County Surveyor said the division would cost £2,000.

Mr. Cooney - You want to do the bogey-man entirely on us (laughter).

Mr. Murphy - If we got £50 extra it would do a certain amount, but next year it would be in the same condition unless we got it classified as a link road.

Mr. Cooney - Perhaps Mr. Barry could expend £50 on it.

Co. Surveyor - But where are you going to get £50 ?

Mr. Cooney - If we vote it you will get it.

County Surveyor - Not at the present moment.

Mr. Cooney - Have you nothing out of the contingency fund.

County Surveyor - Nothing.

Mr. Cooney - What about borrowing £100 ?

Secretary - They would not give you such a small amount.

Chairman - I think we borrowed too much.

Mr. Cooney → I propose whatever it is and supposing we have to take it from some other road, that we put this road into decent repair.

Mr. Hayes said there was a road equally as bad in his district and asked if there was not a proposition of Mr. D'Arcy's to apply £5,000 to third class roads out of the grant.



Chairman - The L.G.D. will have to be got to assent to it.

In reply to Mr. Cooney the Chairman said there was no money in the contingency fund to do the road he referred to.

Mr. Cummins agreed that the road was certainly in very bad condition.

On the motion of Mr. Cooney seconded by Mr. Murphy the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Minister for Local Government ( in view of the enormous increase of traffic which it has to carry) be requested to schedule the road from Campile to Haggard as a link road."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cooney seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the County Surveyor and the Assistant Surveyor present to meeting of the Council to be held on 22nd February, 1932, a considered report on the state of the Haggard-Campile Road and that after the 1st April, 1932, a sum of £50 be taken from appropriate Contingency Fund to be spent on repair of this road."

MACHINERY OVERSEER  
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The following under date 18th January, 1932, (R/RM/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 the Minute of Wexford County Council on 28th ultimo, relative to the placing of Mr. William Murphy, Machinery Overseer, on the Council's "permanent" staff; and to state that approval cannot be given to the proposed change in the status of Mr. Murphy."

Mr. Corish said that Mr. Murphy was a very good man and was doing his work most efficiently.

Mr. Hall said that the Minister should be asked to reconsider his decision.

Mr. Gaul - My information is they have made similar appointments in other counties.



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Mr. McCarthy proposed that the Minister be asked to reconsider the matter.

Mr. Corish seconded and said they should ask the Co. Surveyor to write a report on the work carried out by Mr. Murphy for the information of the Department.

The resolution was adopted Mr. Corish's suggestion having been embodied therein.

ROAD AT BURROW, ROSSLARE

The following under date 12th January, 1932, was read from Mr. P. Bent, Burrow, Rosslare:-

"The Residents of the Burrow Rosslare, have again and again brought under your notice their right to a road or way to and from their homes. It was pointed out to you that a road or way cannot be effected satisfactorily without building a wall. As an alternative to a wall members of your Council proposed rice grass. We considered that proposal and gave you reasons why it could not satisfy our demand. Consequently we had to reject the proposal. So far you have not done anything to respond to our rightful and reasonable claim. Some of you raised the question that the outlay would be too much in proportion to the amount of rates you gather on the Burrow. But we showed that the rates in the aggregate over a period of twenty years or so would be sufficient to meet the expense of a wall, and yet you say that we are not entitled to a ~~walk~~ road or way. If you would only recognise our rights as ratepayers, our claim to a road or way to and from our homes cannot be disputed. If any of you gentlemen had to encounter the same conditions on account of having no way to get to or from your homes, you would no doubt make your voices heard in regard to your rights. Others of your body seem to measure us according to our weight as ratepayers. No doubt we carry little weight as individual ratepayers, but what about our rights as citizens who pay for the public services in proportion to our weight? And



as human beings have we no rights because we do not happen to possess wealth or riches ? Do you deny us a necessary share of the public services ? All fair minded men will regard a clear unobstructed road or way to and from our homes as a necessary service. Have you any consideration for the claims of our children who are constrained to wade through water and mud on their way to and back from school for the greater part of the year. Your sense of justice, fair play and humanity ought to influence you to make arrangements towards building this long sought for wall."

Mr. Corish said this was one of the matters suggested for a grant from the Unemployment Fund. The worst hardship was that on the children of the place in going to and returning from school.

The Chairman stated the lane that led to the last dwelling house in the place was not a public thoroughfare. The best answer which they could give was to tell Mr. Bent that the council would do their best in the matter, that they would lay it before the Land Commission, and that they were inclined to do something if assistance was given to them.

Mr Shannon - That's as much as the Council can do.

It was decided to convey the Chairman's expression of opinion to Mr. Bent.

#### ELECTION PLACARDING IN TAR

Attention was draw by Mr. Murphy to the tarring of walls during election times to "vote for this man" and so on. It did not look well and he thought they should adopt a resolution on the matter.

The County Surveyor referred to the Ferrycarrig wall being disfigured and to putting up a notice with the words "Post no Bills", and nothing was done since then. There were posters that had been put there and had no connection with elections. He referred to the difficulty of removing tar.

Mr. Culleton - It would not be necessary to prosecute



but you could ask all the political parties not to do it.

Mr. Cummins - Do you mean to say that political parties do that ?

Mr. Culleton said he felt certain they did not, but they could ask each political party to appeal -

Mr. Keegan - It serves no purpose.

Mr. Murphy - We should ask the leaders to ask the people to try and put down that .

It was decided to make representations in accordance with Mr. Murphy's suggestion, to refrain from painting or tarring walls or bridges.

NEW ROSS - FETHARD ROAD  
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A memorial, signed by a large number of ratepayers, was forwarded by Mr. Robert Conway drawing attention to the state of the road between the Cross of Dunmain and Nolan's Hill. It was on the main road from New Ross to Fethard which was very much used throughout the year, especially during the summer time by people visiting the seaside. He had been asked by the largest ratepayers especially the hotel proprietors and lodging-house keepers, who were badly hit by the small attendance of visitors, to draw attention to the present condition of the road.

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the District, said the road complained of was in a bad condition, but no funds were available to deal with it. There was a sum of £160 asked for this road last year, but the amount allocated was £77, which was totally inadequate for 5  $\frac{1}{2}$  miles of road carrying immense traffic.

Mr. Cummins - The road is in a scandalous condition, but having regard to the fact you have no money, what can you do ?

Mr. Cooney asked would it not be a good thing if notices were issued asking farmers to send in their representations about roads before the rates are passed each year. At the



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time when the estimates were coming on they were very silent (laughter) but it is too late now to be crying out.

The County Surveyor said the road complained of was very bad.

It was decided, in the absence of funds, that nothing could be done.

#### ROAD MONEY TRANSFERS

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the following transfers of road amounts be agreed to as requested by Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the District:-

£50 from Section 24 C to 27 C and £50 from Section 28 C to 43 C."

#### FORD OF LYNG

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The following under date 19th January, 1932, was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"In this case the Originating Summons was issued on the 17th November, 1931. In it, the Defendants were named as Joseph M. Meldon, John M. Meldon, Violet Tynte and the Great Southern Railway Company, as the Commissioners of the Wexford Harbour Embankment Company.

The Summons has been duly served on the Messrs Meldon and on the Railway Company, but it now transpires, that Miss Violet Tynte has no interest in the Lands, and that her Sister, Mrs. Waller, is the proper owner.

I have also heard from the Great Southern Railway Co. pointing out, that the Great Southern Railway Co. was not amalgamated with the Fishguard Railway Company, who were the original owners of the Rosslare Line, nor were they liable for any act of default of the Fishguard Company.

On receipt of the above information on the 9th inst. I wrote to Counsel for his instructions as to what was the proper course to adopt owing to altered circumstances.



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Counsel has now replied, that there are two courses open to the Council (1) To apply to the Court by Notice of Motion for an Order to amend the present Summons by striking out Miss Violet Tynte's name, and adding that of Mrs. Waller, and also by striking out the Great Southern Railway Co. as one of the Defendants.

(2) To discontinue the present Summons, and issue a new one against the New Defendants.

I, being in favour of adopting the former course then wrote to Counsel, Mr. Fergus O'Connor, pointing this out, and I this morning had a letter from him stating, that he had discussed the matter with Mr. Jellet K.C. and that they were both of opinion, that the proper course to adopt would be, to discontinue the present Summons, and issue the new one, as such a Course would work out at about one-third the cost of the alternative suggestion, that was, to amend the present Summons, and they desire also to point out that the case is so full of difficulties and complications, which only those who have gone into it can be aware that accordingly the course they now advise is the only safe one for the Council to adopt.

I will be glad to have the Council's instructions on the matter, because the further one gets into it the more difficult it appears to be."

It was decided that the matter be considered in committee.

Mr. Culleton proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution which was adopted Nem Con:- "That we hereby instruct our Solicitor to carry out the advice of Counsel as regards the legal proceedings in connection with Ford of Lyng."

#### RIVER SOW DRAINAGE

The following under date 20th January, 1932, was read from Mr. Patrick Murphy, Clonmore Lower, Glenbrien, Chairman of River Sow Drainage Trustees:-



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"We observe by the Press that money will be available for Cahore and Kilmore drainage.

The Council will recollect the very inefficient work carried out by the Board of Works at the River Sow drainage and in the circumstances we would be greatly obliged if the Council could now assist us in having a proper and efficient job carried out."

Miss O'Ryan - A deputation from that district came before the Council and pointed out that not only was it defective, but flooded more than before the new drainage work was carried out.

The County Surveyor pointed out that the work carried out had not been effective.

Mr. D'Arcy - It is a peculiar procedure that these people are billed with heavy costs to get work done and then to have a bad job.

Chairman - That is the way. We have not yet taken it over owing to it being a bad job.

Mr. D'Arcy - Was it done under anybody's supervision ?

County Surveyor - The Board of Works.

Mr. D'Arcy - Did they specify it as a good job?

County Surveyor - They said the work was all right and that we should take it over. We refused to take it over. Ultimately they passed some order that we must, and we declined because we are not going to gather rates from people who are not satisfied with the work.

Miss O'Ryan - I think we should refer it to the deputation going up to Dublin on the other matters.

Mr. D'Arcy - The Engineer who passed the work should be brought down.

Chairman - I think they were down with the County Surveyor.

Mr. D'Arcy - At that particular time the defects of the work were not seen ?

Chairman - They were and the defects pointed out.



County Surveyor - He (engineer) had to walk up to his knees , and in one place some of the local men had to take us on their backs.

Mr. Corish asked if they could apply for a grant to do the work when they had not agreed to take it over at all yet.

Secretary - If it was put in proper condition the Council would take it over.

Mr. Corish - I agree, and that we ought to ask for a grant, but are you satisfied we can do that ?

Chairman - I don't see anything against it, because we refuse to take it over in its present condition. We are quite willing to take it over when it is in good condition - otherwise we will not.

On the proposition of Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr.D'Arcy it was decided to refer the matter to the deputation going to Dublin.

#### GREAT ISLAND DRAINAGE

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Mr. Murphy - Has there been any work about the Great Island Drainage ? It was brought up here at a previous meeting.

Mr. Corish - Mr. Jordan and myself brought that matter before Mr. Roddy, and he promised to send an Inspector down.

Mr. Murphy said if something was not done there would be a lot of harm caused to their roads. It would be no harm to write about it again.

Mr. Murphy's suggestion was adopted.

#### SUBSTITUTE FOR COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER

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Application was received from George P. Sheehan for £31: 10s. amount due for acting as County Medical Officer of Health during holidays of Dr. Bastible from 22nd December, 1931, to 12th January, 1932 (inclusive). Also Bill for £7: 5: 6d for locomotion expenses during the period.



The following recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"That the Council be recommended to pay £31: 10s. amount due Dr. George P. Sheehan while acting as locum tenens for Co. Medical Officer of Health during the absence of the latter on holidays and a sum of £7: 5: 6d to cover locomotion expenses during the same period."

REPAIRS TO BUNCLODY COURTHOUSE

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The following letter to County Surveyor from Messrs Thomas Dormer & Son was read:-

"Yours of January 11th to hand. The rent received for Courthouse is only £10: 0: 0d per year, and it is hard to expect exors., to spend £8: 18: 0d. on repairs, especially as late Dr. Dormer spent a large sum in putting in cement floor etc., not many years ago.

"If your Council would agree to pay half the amount £4: 9: 0d. (four pounds, nine shillings) we shall advise exors., to agree, and shall be glad to have your views. We are writing the exors., as to their views."

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne to adjourn consideration of this letter to next meeting, the Secretary in the meantime to communicate with Mr. Denis Lennon, Bunclody, and ascertain from him if the local Hall would be available as a Courthouse and on what terms.

RATES ON BANTRY AND BLACKSTAIRS  
COMMONS

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The following report was submitted:-

"As arranged by the respective County Councils a Conference between five members of Carlow County Council and five members from Wexford County Council relative to Rates due on Bantry and Blackstairs Commons was held in Enniscorthy Courthouse on 19th January, 1932.



Carlow County Council was represented by Messrs Dunphy, Joyce, John P. Nolan, O'Connell and Rourke with Mr. Thorpe, Solicitor to the Council and Mr. Walsh, Rate Collector.

Wexford was represented by Messrs Brennan, Clince, Doran, and McCarthy who presided.

Mr. Shannon the fifth representative was unable to be present.

The County Secretary, County Solicitor, Rate Inspector and Rate Collectors Murphy and O'Byrne were also in attendance.

It appeared that in Carlow County ratepayers concerned with the Commons were, with the exception of one small town-land, individually rated but they had paid full amount of rates up to date, though in some instances they had never put a beast to graze there.

The position in Wexford was quite opposite.

All ratepayers were jointly rated. In the Electoral Division of Barrack Village 45 persons were jointly rated, and as no rates have been paid for a number of years the arrears show the very substantial figure of £198: 11: 3d while current rate due is £16: 18: 10d. Total £215: 10: 1d.

In the Electoral Division of Killanne 16 persons are jointly rated for Bantry Commons, arrears of rate being £94: 5: 3d and current rate £8: 12: 7d. Total £102: 17: 10d.

In the same Electoral Division 37 persons are jointly rated for Blackstairs Commons the arrears being £44: 19: 11d and current rate £4: 2: 5d. Total £49: 2: 4d.

The total arrears involved are £337: 16: 5d and current rate £29: 13: 10d. Total - £367: 10: 3d.

A long discussion occurred as to the possibility of taking proceedings successfully against the persons in Co. Wexford who were jointly rated.

The Carlow deputation pointed out (a) they had a decided grievance when having paid their rates they were unable to put



sheep on the Mountain owing to fear of seizure if they strayed on to the Wexford side although there was no apparent boundary and no fence to restrict the animals to the Carlow side. (b) So long as present impasse continued they were practically deprived of the beneficial use of land on which they had paid their rates.

The Wexford delegates recognised the accuracy of this contention and expressed their willingness to help in every way and to induce the County Council to do what was possible to bring about a settlement.

The following resolution was adopted unanimously:-

"That this Conference of Carlow and Wexford County Councillors recommend their Councils to make special representation to the Valuation Department with a view to having the present joint ratings for Blackstairs and Bantry Commons converted into separate ratings for each ratepayer concerned.

"In view of the fact that Rate Books will be in course of preparation immediately we request the Valuation Department to have the revision carried out immediately."

In connection with arrears of rates the Conference considered if the ratings for both Commons could be put on a proper footing so that in the future the rates could be collected in the same manner as applied to an ordinary holding, a considerable reduction should be made as regards arrears.

As the new occupier of a farm could be held liable for arrears of rates for two years only the Conference recommended that as all those concerned in Wexford County were being placed on a new basis the same rule should apply and that the Wexford County Council should approach the Local Government Department to obtain their sanction to the cancelling of all arrears except the rate for financial years 1930-1931 and 1931-32.

At the conclusion of the business a vote of thanks to Mr. Mc Earthy was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Connell



Mr. Shannon - Would it not be well to meet these people at some appointed place ?

Col. Quin - The valuer will be able to do that.

Mr. McCarthy - It turned out very satisfactorily in Carlow.

Chairman - It ought not to be an impossibility for us to carry it out as in Carlow.

Mr. Shannon said they had made out a very good case for the Carlow men. People, he alleged, who had sheep on the Wexford side of the mountain, were men who received leave from the rated occupiers to drive sheep through their lands and put them on the Wexford side.

Mr. McCarthy said he should say that the Carlow men met them very fairly and gave them very valuable assistance in the matter. It worked out very satisfactory on the Carlow side.

Secretary - And you cannot lose sight of the fact that the Carlow people have paid their rates up to now.

Mr. D'Arcy - Is it proposed to rate all the people living at the foot of the mountain ?

Secretary - They all appear in the rate books at present.

Mr. D'Arcy - There may be a big question about that if people who do not use it are in the rate book.

Secretary - There were men from Carlow who produced rate receipts and they did not put a beast on the mountain.

Mr. D'Arcy referred to a case of people in his district rated for the mountain there, and strange to say one of them had no rights to the mountain.

Secretary - That can all be gone into with the Valuation Department.

The recommendations of the committee were unanimously adopted.

#### POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That renewals of



licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act be granted to Messrs W.B. Jackson, 51 Main Street, Gorey, and Wm. Hogan, Fethard-on-Sea.

"That as regards licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act granted Messrs Bolger & Co., Ferns, we approve of Robert Spencer acting as Manager of the premises in Church Street, Gorey, and Mary Byrne as Manager of the Mill premises, Gorey."

CINEMA LICENCE  
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Mr. John J. Heaney, Taravie Hotel, applied for licence under Cinematograph Act 1909 for Taravie Hall.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, wrote under date 20th January, 1932, that the Hall for which licence was sought was ~~be~~ believed, approved of last year and no structural changes had since been made.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Brennan seconded the following resolution:- "That licence under Cinematograph Act 1909 be issued for Taravie Hall, Courtown Harbour."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME  
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Under date 12th January, 1932, the Secretary of University College, Dublin, wrote that the College President had approved of the syllabus of Scholarships to be awarded by the County Council next session.

PRIMARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME  
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The following under date 20th January, 1932, was read from James Donnelly, Ballymitty:-

"I am asking your permission to change my daughter a County Council Scholarship Holder from Loreto Convent, Wexford, to Loreto Convent, Gorey. Doctor Brady says a change of air would be very good for her health, as it was not at all good in Wexford. Rev. Mother, Wexford, suggested her outdoor, but we found it too expensive and so difficult to get a place at all. £1 per week we had to pay and then



the extras. I thought when the schools were the same both Loreto and inside the county there would be no difficulty. Trusting to get your permission to change her from Wexford to Gorey."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That subject to the sanction of the Department of Education this Council has no objection to the transfer of Kathleen Frances Donnelly from Loreto Convent, Wexford, to Loreto Abbey, Gorey."

#### VINEGAR HILL AND ITS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

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The following under date 21st January, 1932, was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"As stated in our letter dated 6th November last we do not consider the remains of the windmill on Vinegar Hill of sufficient antiquity or archaeological or historic interest to warrant the vesting of that building in us for preservation. We are, of course, aware of the historical associations of the locality of Vinegar Hill, and if, in the opinion of your council, the windmill referred to is worthy of preservation on account of its association with the Battle of Vinegar Hill, we think that the Council themselves would be the most appropriate body to undertake that work, as they have power to do, under the National Monuments Act, 1930. We may add that we have arranged for inspection, during this year, of certain ancient buildings in the Co. of Wexford to which you have already drawn our attention."

Mr. Corish - I propose that we write to the President on the matter and draw his attention to the fact that the Board of Works did not attend to it.

Mr. Hall seconded the resolution which was adopted.

#### ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

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A long report was submitted from the Waterford County Council containing recommendations from their County Surveyor on road reconstruction in the Saorstát and the financing of same.



Mr. Corish said the report was very important and they could not be expected to digest it all ~~at~~ at that meeting. He thought it should be adjourned and in the meantime let each member be furnished with a copy.

This was agreed to.

#### INSURANCE UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT

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The resolution from the Kilkenny County Council re the use of the unemployment insurance benefits, adjourned from the last meeting, was further adjourned on the proposition of Mr. Corish and seconded by Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Corish said it was too big a matter to take up at the end of the meeting.

#### CLANN NA nGAEDHEAL

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Mr. Corish proposed that the communications from the Executive Council of Clann Na nGaedhael as to the erection of a War memorial in Dublin be marked "read".

Col. Quin seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For: Messrs Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Culleton, Doran, Hall, Meyler, McCarthy, Murphy, Quin, Roche and Shannon - 14.

Against: Messrs Brennan, Cummins, D'Arcy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Smyth and the Chairman - 7.

Messrs Gaul, Hayes and Keegan (3) did not vote.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

#### ANALYST'S REPORT

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Report of County Analyst for Quarter ended 31st December, 1931, was laid before the meeting. During the period 188 samples of food, 56 of drugs and 6 of water had been analysed. Two samples of water had been condemned and one sample of milk was not genuine.

In connection with the latter the Chief Superintendent Garda Siochana, Wexford, wrote that this sample was taken from



Mary Dillon, John Street, Enniscorthy. Following the receipt of Analyst's Certificate the Finance Committee through the County Solicitor advised the Food & Drugs Inspector that having regard to a recent decision of Judge Devitt/<sup>in</sup> a recent appeal/case it was decided not to prosecute.

*John Murphy.*



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MEETING 8TH FEBRUARY 1932

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M I N U T E S

N. J. FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY.

COUNTY HALL,  
WEXFORD.



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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 8th February, 1932.

The following were in attendance:-

Messrs James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Cline, Patrick Colfer, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, Col. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Ml. Jordan, William P. Keegan, Thomas Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Col.R.P. Wemyss Quin, James Shannon, ~~and~~ Myles Smyth, and J.E. Walsh.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor with Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, Gorey, were also in attendance.

The Chairman wrote that he could not attend the meeting owing to a prior engagement.

In the temporary absence of Mr. Walsh, Vice Chairman, the chair was taken by Mr. Murphy on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Finance Committee minutes in respect of meeting held on 14th January, 1932, were submitted as follows:-



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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 14th January, 1932.

Present:- Messrs John Culleton, James Hall, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

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

The Chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Hall.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £1176: 17: 8d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

State of: Collection to date was submitted as follows:-

No.	Name of Collector.	Percentage of Warrant collected.
1.	J. Curtis	59.
2.	J. Quirke (No.1)	55.7
3.	E.J. Murphy	55.5
4.	T. Bolger (No.14)	55.3
5.	J.J. O'Reilly	55.0
6.	T. Rowe	54.9
7.	A. Dunne	54.8
8.	Wm. Doyle	54.5
9.	J. Deegan	53.4
10.	P. Carty	52.8
11.	J. Cummins	51.3
12.	Sean Gannon (No.10)	51.3
13.	Sean Gannon (No. 6)	49.7
14.	P. O'Byrne	49.7



No.	Name of Collector.	Percentage of Warrant collected.
15.	M. McCarthy	48.8
16.	P. Nolan	48.3
17.	J.J. Sinnott	48.2
18.	P. Doyle	47.8
19.	W. Cummins	47.5
20.	T. Bolger (No. 12)	46.3
21.	J. Quirke (No. 2)	40.5

Collectors J. Quirke (No.1), E.J. Murphy, J. Deegan, J. Cummins, Sean Gannon (Nos. 6 & 10), Mc Carthy, Nolan, Philip Doyle and W. Cummins were behind in percentage on comparison with the corresponding period last year.

It was decided to notify Collectors that Finance Committee are dissatisfied with the progress of the Collection and Committee expect that by the end of January 1932 the Collection will show an improvement when compared with last year.

It was also decided to notify Collectors that Warrants for 1931-32 must be closed on 31st March, 1932, by Collectors lodging all rates not passed as Irrecoverable or Temporary Uncollectable.

Irrecoverable and Temporary Uncollectable Rates: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. McCarthy:- "That Local Government Department be requested to allow County Council to rule on Temporary Uncollectable and Irrecoverable Rates as on 29th February 1932.

"That when considering the closing of warrant Local Government Department be requested to allow the Council to give credit to Collectors for Rates which are passed as Temporary Uncollectable or Irrecoverable."



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RATING OF NEW BUILDINGS ORDER 1925  
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That refunds be allowed the following ratepayers, owners of new buildings erected or of existing buildings which have been substantially enlarged or improved since 1st April, 1920, and in respect of which Rates are payable on one-third of valuation only or on increase in valuation in the case of enlarged or improved dwellings:-

Patrick Fortune, The Bungalow, Ferns. £15: 5: 7d.

John O'Connor, Rathimney, Gusserane. £ 5: 8: 1d.

R. Rackard, Killanne. £19: 15: 9d.

N. Hayes, Ferns. £15: 5: 7d.

Nicholas Furlong, Iona Hotel, Rosslare £49: 19: 3d.

RAILWAY VALUATIONS  
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The following under date 11th January (3201083) was read from Valuation Department, 6 Ely Place, Dublin:-

"I am directed by the Commissioner of Valuation to state that he has had under consideration the application of the Railway Companies for a Revision of the Valuation of the Companies' property in Saorstát Éireann, and I am to inform you that such revision will be made and will be the first Quinquennial Valuation under the provisions of the Railways (Valuation for Rating) Act, 1931, recently passed by the Oireachtas.

I am to add that a copy of the Act referred to will be forwarded to you as soon as it is available for issue by the Stationery Office."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That in future when any measure affecting the Administration of the work of County Councils is under consideration in An Dáil we request the General Council of County Councils to inform



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Councils of the fact in order that copies of measure can be brought before the Councils for their consideration. That a similar request be conveyed to the five T.D.'s of the County."

#### THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COUNCIL

Under date 1st January, 1932, (G.99923/1931 Loch Garman Fa.) the Local Government Department wrote enquiring what steps were being taken by the County Council to require Urban District Councils to comply with the requirements of the Public Bodies Order 1925 by transferring sums equivalent to  $\frac{1}{4}$ th part of Co. Councils Demand on the 1st June, 1st September and 1st December.

The following are the amounts due by the Urban Councils:-

Enniscorthy.....£2,073: 16: 6d.

New Ross.....£2,541: 4: 1d.

Wexford.....£3,670: 12: 6d.

£8,285: 13: 1d

It was decided to request the Urban Councils to make ~~x~~ substantial lodgments immediately.

#### EMPLOYMENT OF TEMPORARY STAFF

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

"That our Secretary be empowered to employ usual temporary clerical staff for the writing up of Rate Books and Rate Collectors' Receipt and Demand Note Books for financial year 1932-33."

#### SUBSTITUTE FOR COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER

*Dr.*

Application was received from <sup>Dr.</sup>George P. Sheehan, for £31: 10s. amount due for acting as County Medical Officer of Health during holidays of Dr. Bastible from 22nd December, 1931, to 12th January, 1932 (inclusive). Also Bill for £7: 5: 6d for Locomotion expenses during



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the period.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon: "That the Council be recommended to pay £31: 10s. amount due Dr. George P. Sheehan while acting as locum tenens for County Medical Officer of Health during the absence of the latter on holidays and a sum of £7: 5: 6d to cover locomotion expenses during the same period."

IRISH AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL FAIR AND  
EXHIBITION - CORK  
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Under date 30th December, 1931, the Town Clerk, Cork Corporation, wrote calling attention to the above which is to be held from May to September (inclusive) 1932. The purpose of the Fair is to provide a medium of displaying the products and industries of Ireland. The Cork Corporation had adopted the following resolution at their last meeting:-

"That the Council make application for space in the Industrial Fair and Exhibition, Cork, 1932 - said space to be utilised for the purpose of making display of the City's resources - Commercial, Industrial and Educational. That financial provision be made for suitable display."

The Corporation asked that a similar resolution<sup>would</sup> be adopted by Wexford County Council.

A letter from Cooper of Cork under date 9th November, 1931, was referred to and in which it was pointed out that the necessary space for display would cost £20 plus painting.

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

"That communication from Cork Corporation relative to display ~~at~~ by manufacturers and Agriculturalists at Cork Industrial Fair be referred to Wexford Development Association."



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### ILLNESS OF CLERICAL ASSISTANT

Under date 31st December, 1931, Dr. S.V. O'Connor, of Westgate, Wexford, certified that Stephen Hayes, Clerical Assistant, County Council, Offices, was under his care suffering from Bronchial Catarrh and general Asthenia and would be unable to resume duty for three weeks.

### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Applications for the proposed committal of children to Industrial Schools were received as follows:-

Martin Caulfield, 12  $\frac{1}{2}$  years old, Forrestalstown, Clonroche.

Mary Reck, 10 years old, Wethereld's Court, Bride St. Wexford.

Bernard Kelly, 10 years, old, and Margaret Kelly, 8 years old, Corbally Cross, Enniscorthy.

All cases had been referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor.

### ENNISCORTHY COURTHOUSE

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

"That permission be given Messrs J.A. Sinnott & Co. Solicitors, Enniscorthy, for use of room in Enniscorthy Courthouse for the purpose of holding land sale on 27th January, 1932, at 3 o'clock p.m. under Order of Circuit Court Judge.



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 14th January, 1932, be and are hereby confirmed."

The Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee held on 28th January, 1932, were submitted as follows:-



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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in Co. Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford, on 28th January, 1932.

Present:- Messrs J. Culleton, J. Hall, T. McCarthy, S. O'Byrne and J. Shannon.

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

On the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Culleton, the chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy.

#### PAYMENTS -----

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2,791: 0: 1d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION -----

State of: Rate Collection as follows up to 27th January, 1932, was laid before the meeting:-

No.	Name of Collector.	Percentage of Warrant collected.
1.	J. Curtis	62.1 %
2.	J. Quirke (No.1)	61.0
3.	E.J. Murphy	59.2
4.	J.J. O'Reilly	58.7
5.	T. Bolger (No.14)	57.6
6.	J. Cummins	57.3
7.	A. Dunne	57.2
8.	T. Rowe	57.0
9.	W. Doyle	56.8
10.	J. Deegan	55.2
11.	S. Gannon (No.6)	54.7
12.	S. Gannon (No.10)	53.6
13.	P. Carty	53.0
14.	M. McCarthy	52.3
15.	P. O'Byrne	51.6



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No.	Name of Collector.	Percentage of Warrant collected
16.	P. Nolan	51.3 %
17.	W. Cummins	50.9
18.	J.J. Sinnott	50.0
19.	P. Doyle	48.9
20.	T. Bolger (No.12)	47.8
21.	J. Quirke (No. 2)	42.2

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The most notable improvement was in District No. 12 (T. Bolger) which showed an increase of 12.5 % over corresponding amount collected last year.

The following Collectors were behind in their percentages as compared with last year:- M. McCarthy, 11.1 %; P. Nolan, 6.7 %; and P. Doyle, 5.3 %.

In the case of the latter it was stated he was at present ill with influenza.

The Rate Inspector said he was not satisfied with the amount collected. He could not see any reason why Collectors P. Doyle, M. McCarty and P. Nolan should go back from last year's figures.

Closing of Rate Collectors' Warrants: Under date 18th January, 1932, Mr. McCarthy, No. 4 District, wrote that as regards Finance Committee not being satisfied with the progress of the collection, to the present, he had been doing his utmost and could do no more. From this on he expected to do better, but it was not possible to have the amount notified by Rate Inspector collected by 31st January, 1932. With regard to closing of Warrant on 31st March, 1932, he did not consider this feasible because the Banks would not advance the necessary amounts to close without three very solvent sureties. Besides this was one of the worst years in history from a Rate collecting point of view, owing to depression, bad markets, fairs etc. No one would be more anxious to close than he was if it were possible, because it would be to



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his advantage. He suggested that the Finance Committee should put notices in the Local Press that all Rates must be paid without fail, by the 31st March after which the books would be handed over to Solicitor for collection. If this was done and all Collectors gave in their books it would make matters as regards collection much easier next year.

Under date 25th January, 1932, Mr. J. Quirke (No. 1 District) Hon Sec. to the Co. Rate Collectors' Association wrote asking the Finance Committee to receive a deputation as to the closing of 1931/32 rate.

The following Collectors attended:

Enniscorthy District: J. and W. Cummins.

Gorey District: J.J. O'Reilly.

New Ross District: J. Curtis.

Wexford District: J. Quirke and P. Nolan.

Mr. Joseph Cummins acted as spokesman for the deputation. He stated that in connection with the direction of the meeting of the Finance Committee on 14th January, as to the closing of their Warrants at the end of March, the deputation asked the Finance Committee to request the Council to extend the period for closing to the same date as obtained last year, 6th May, 1932. Otherwise the Collectors would be placed in a very bad position. It was generally recognised that the Ratepayers were in straitened circumstances and it would be very difficult to obtain money through seizures or legal proceedings, and which would have to be reverted to if the collection was to be closed inside of financial year. As regards the obtaining of accommodation from the Banks the present was not like old times when it was easy to obtain an advance even up to £800. This was now impossible. The Collectors thought it would be advisable to give Ratepayers a chance as times were so exceptionally bad. Mr. Cummins



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gave instances of ratepayers who owed considerable amounts of rates in his district, and were absolutely unable to pay at the moment. The very biggest ratepayer whose rates amounted annually to about £200 was unable to set a single acre out of the 200 which he had up for auction. It was probable that if they pressed ratepayers and made seizures the collection might show an improvement but this would mean the ruin of the credit of the Ratepayers on whose lands seizures were effected. The Collectors believed that if they could close at the same period as last year they would be doing very well, since conditions this year were much worse in comparison.

The Chairman pointed out that it was really in the interests of the Collectors themselves to close their warrants by the 31st March next. If they did they could count on the Bonus which the Council had voted. If they did not it was probable bonus would not be available. Collectors even in the very good times had to get an advance from the Bank and the Finance Committee were of opinion when they adopted the resolution as to closing by 31st March, that the present Collectors could do the same. He (Chairman) was greatly afraid that the application for extension of time might jeopardise the bonus.

Mr. J. Cummins said the Collectors would have no hesitation in approaching the Bank for the necessary accommodation if they could obtain sureties. Some of the Collectors might have a sum of £1,000 of recoverable rates outstanding on 31st March, 1932, and they certainly would not be able to get that amount of advance from Bank.

After further discussion it was decided to adjourn further consideration of the matter to the meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on 25th February, 1932.

Rates of John Cooney, Ballinroad, Oulart: Under date 27th January, 1932, Mr. J. Cummins, wrote enclosing Bill of Costs



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for £7: 0: 6d from Messrs J.A. Sinnott & Co, Solicitors, Enniscorthy, in connection with Decree against John Cooney. Mr. Cummins pointed out that Cooney's farm was sold by the Irish Land Commission and purchased by the Irish Discount Co. Dublin, on account of money which they had lent to Cooney. The latter was not evicted for two or three years but since the eviction was carried out the place was derelict. He had obtained two Decrees against Cooney but these were returned "No goods". For some years past Messrs Sinnott & Co had been in communication with Irish Discount Co. with the result that the Company paid all rates up to September last amounting to £36: 12: 2d. He (Mr. Cummins) could not recover costs against the Irish Discount Co. because if they had known he held a decree against Cooney they would not have paid any rates. In the circumstances he asked the Finance Committee to agree to the payment of the costs of Messrs Sinnott & Co., Solicitors.

The Secretary stated that in connection with this case letter under date 10th July, 1931, (G.48992/1931 - Fa.Loch Garman.) had been received from the Department of Local Government. This Department pointed out that the Council should satisfy themselves by consultation with their legal adviser if necessary, that any rates in respect of which it was proposed to institute proceedings were in fact recoverable, due regard being given to Section 19 of the Poor Relief Ireland Act 1849. If the Council's position in this matter was clear the Court would presumably charge costs to the defaulting ratepayer. But in the event of an adverse decision due to causes outside the control of the Collector the question of costs might raise further consideration.

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded the following resolution:-

"That subject to sanction of L. G. D. we recommend the Council to pay £7: 0: 6d legal costs incurred by Collector J. Cummins in obtaining payment of rates due on holding of John



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Cooney, Ballinroad, Oulart."

#### ILLNESS OF CLERICAL ASSISTANT

Under date 26th January, 1932, Certificate was received from Dr. S. V. O'Connor, Westgate, Wexford, that Mr. S. Hayes was still under his care, but would be able to resume duty on February 2nd.

#### USE OF GOREY COURTHOUSE

Under date January, 16th, 1932, J. Whitty, one of the Hon. Secs of Gorey District Ploughing Match Committee applied for the use of ground floor of Gorey Courthouse for the night of February 11th, on which date the Inter County and Championship of Ireland Ploughing contest takes place in Gorey. The Committee proposed to entertain judges and representatives from each competing county and also some of the leading men of Wexford County.

The Committee further requested the use of the Courthouse for meetings.

Mr. Culleton proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution:-

"That Finance Committee have no objection to the use of ground floor of Gorey Courthouse on the 11th February, 1932, by the Gorey District Ploughing Match Committee. As regards meetings the Finance Committee consider the Ploughing Match Committee should be able to arrange for these in some other building."

#### EMPLOYMENT OF MEN IN GOREY AREA

In connection with meeting of Councillors of Gorey Electoral Area to consider the employment of road and quarry workers in the District a Bill for 8/- was received from Mr. D. Radford, Clerical Assistant, Co. Surveyor's Office, who attended with records of insurance cards etc.



It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne  
seconded by Mr. Shannon that the amount be paid.



Rate Collection: The state of Rate Collection to date was submitted as follows:-

No.	Name of Collector.	Percentage of Warrant collected.
1.	J. Curtis	65.4
2.	J. Quirke (No. 1)	62.6
3.	E.J. Murphy	61.3
4.	T. Rowe	61.1
5.	J.J. O'Reilly	60.0
6.	W. Doyle	60.0
7.	T. Bolger (No.14)	59.8
8.	A. Dunne	59.1
9.	J. Cummins	58.3
10.	S. Gannon (No. 6)	58.0
11.	J. Deegan	57.6
12.	P. Carty	56.6
13.	M. McCarthy	56.6
14.	J.J. Sinnott	55.7
15.	W. Cummins	53.7
16.	S. Gannon (No.16)	53.6
17.	P. Nolan	53.3
18.	P. O'Byrne	53.2
19.	P. Doyle	50.9
20.	T. Bolger (No.12)	48.7
21.	J. Quirke (No. 2)	45.2

The Secretary stated that the Collection was .7 per cent better than last year.

Illness of Clerical Assistant: The Secretary stated that Mr. Hayes resumed duty on 2nd February, 1932.

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 28th January, 1932, be and are hereby confirmed."



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COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE - INCREASED SUBSIDY  
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An application was received from the County Library Committee for an increase of £100 in the allocation of the County Council for library purposes. In their application it was pointed out that the Committee were supplying one and a half times the number of centres as in 1928, distributing over double the number of books with double the amount of wear and tear and the amount for purchase of books or for their binding had not been increased. The returns for 1931 did not show the same marked increase as those of the previous year attributable to the fact that the Committee had reached the stage when they could not supply the number or quality of new books to meet the demands of all centres so that they would have to be content with a certain percentage of stale stock.

The following deputation attended from the Library Committee:- Rev. J. Butler C.C., Rev. Bro. Carew and Miss Connolly, Librarian.

Fr. Butler said that the Committee had 84 centres working in the County as against 62 in 1928 when they had the same amount of subsidy. The largest of these centres were supplied with 500 books at a time compared with 200 in 1928. Four centres were awaiting supply of books which could not be given owing to the shortage of stock. One specialised centre was the Vocational School for which a number of books was required. He was sure that the statement made out by the Library Committee made out a fair case for an increase of Rate. They were doing practically double the amount of work and it could not continue unless they had more money. If the County Council gave the £100 asked for it would a little more than cover the cost of books which required rebinding for the coming year. The Library was run on the most economic lines. The people



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were clamouring for more and more books and it would be a great pity to ignore this demand. They in fact - should be proud to have such a demand and he considered it would be a great shame if something was not done to meet it in a reasonable manner.

Rev. Br. Carew said the Library Committee were owing to the bad times asking for a very small amount of increase. Wexford in giving only a half penny rate was amongst the lowest of the counties in their contributions, for library work. Galway which had been giving yearly £1,000 had recently increased this amount and increases had also been given by Carlow and Fermanagh. He was sure (considering the laudable object in view) that Wexford would not be less generous than the counties he had mentioned. He (Bro. Carew) was interested in supplying books to students a side of their activity which was most important but in which they had been able to do very little owing to lack of funds.

Col. Gibbon said that while consistently opposing any increase of rate he would in this case support the application of the Library Committee. A number of young men from the rural districts were attending the technical schools and they should be put in a position to compete with others who had greater facilities to acquire knowledge necessary for after life. He proposed the following resolution:- "That the subsidy of the equivalent of one half-penny in the £ as a County at large charge set aside for Co. Library purposes be increased by £100 in respect of financial year 1932-33."

Mr. O'Byrne seconded the resolution which was supported by Mr. Hall and which on being put, was unanimously adopted.

Fr. Butler thanked the Council on behalf of the Library Committee. It was very good of the Council to have listened



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so patiently to the case put forward by the Library Committee on whose behalf he thanked them for their generosity. Times were hard and the County Council had great responsibilities to the people in endeavouring to keep down the rates even in a small way. But for their action as regards the Library he believed they would not be adversely criticised - in fact the ratepayers would applaud them because of the great benefit which would accrue from it.

#### HOUSING SUBSIDY

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The following notice of motion stood in the name of Councillor Gaul:-

"That the equivalent of one penny rate in the £ as County-at-Large Charge be agreed to, amount to be applied in subsidies for the erection of houses under the Housing Acts."

Under date 8th February, 1932, Mr. Gaul wrote that he was unable to attend the meeting as he was laid up with a cold. He hoped the motion standing in his name would be considered by the Council and that they would see their way to agree to a rate of 1d in the £ for Housing which would enable such people as those he referred to at last meeting to obtain a grant of £40 viz. £20 from the Council and £20 from the Housing Department of Local Government Dept.

Mr. Corish asked the permission of the meeting to move the motion owing to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Gaul and this was accorded to him on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. ~~and~~ Hall.

Mr. Corish moved the adoption of the motion with the stipulation that the subsidy would be given only to persons who were going to build houses in which they would reside, and not to persons who intended to erect houses as a speculation. Many small farmers and labourers would



build houses if they received any little assistance. In the past a great many people got grants and built houses to let them at a prohibitive rent, and the money of the rate-payers should not be used that way. The Government were prepared to give a grant of £20 provided the Local Authority would give a similar amount. The State Grant would not be available unless the Local Authority were prepared to put up a similar amount. The plans and specifications would have to be approved by the Department but the latter were not drastic in their demands.

Mr. Hayes seconded the motion.

Mr. Hall considered a rate of a halfpenny in the £ would be quite sufficient as he did not anticipate the Council would be in a position to spend more for next year. There was an industrious labourer in his locality who had purchased a piece of land on which he would be prepared to build a house if he could get any assistance. He (Mr. Hall) was satisfied that with a grant of £40 the house would be built.

Col. Quin opposed. The farmers were "down and out" and nothing should be done to increase their liabilities.

Mr. Hayes referred to a case in his district in which a man had been able to put up only the walls of a house for want of ~~the~~ means.

Mr. Keegan said that under the old regime sites had been obtained but never built on. It was a fine thing to furnish some relief to enable houses for the people to be erected.

Col. Gibbon said there was a very large number of farmers in a terrible way. Every week farmers were being turned out of their homes. He would have to vote against the proposal as it meant an increase in the Rates.

Mr. O'Byrne appealed to the Council to approve of the resolution which was more in the interests of the small farmer than any one else. If they did not expend the full amount it would go to the credit of the county and the small sub-



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sidy proposed would provide employment.

Col. Quin said he had pointed out more than once that it was not the business of the Council to provide employment.. Their business was to keep down the rates.

Mr. D'Arcy agreed with the principle of the resolution but held it was a most inopportune time to raise the matter for consideration. Looking at it from a practical point of view he was doubtful if they would be called upon to provide subsidies for 70 houses. He was doubtful if they would have ten. He regretted that nothing in the shape of a grant had been given for improvement of houses. It was not business to add another penny to the rates at this particular time.

Mr. Culleton asked Mr. Corish to amend his proposition so as to cover a halfpenny rate only and Mr. Corish agreed and having withdrawn original motion proposed the following:-

"That the equivalent of a halfpenny rate in the £ as County at large charge be agreed to be applied in subsidies for the erection of houses under the Housing Acts on condition that each such subsidy shall be available only for houses in which applicants intend residing."

Mr. O'Byrne having seconded the amended motion/<sup>a poll</sup> was taken with the following result:-

For: Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, Hall, Hayes, Jordan, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Shannon, Murphy and the Chairman(Mr. Walsh)  
- 17.

Against: Messrs Brennan, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Meyler, Quin and Smyth - 6.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

#### RELIEF GRANT FOR UNEMPLOYMENT

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The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 29th January, 1932, (S. Loch Garman) from the Department



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of Local Government (Roads):-

"With reference to your letter of the 22nd instant submitting a list of road works proposed to be undertaken in County Wexford, towards which a Grant from Relief Funds is desired, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that it is gathered from the Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 11th instant that the Council do not desire to make any contribution to the cost of such works which is estimated at £8,070.

It appears from the recent Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Health that they do not desire to undertake any works which would involve any local contribution except in the case of a proposed extension of the Rosslare water supply to Hopelands. The funds at the disposal of the Department would not permit of any allocation to the Council to cover the cost of the proposed works. The Minister has allocated a sum of £1,000 towards the carrying out of works in the County, of which a sum of £100 will be made available to the Hopelands scheme, if the plans on submission are found to be in order. It is requested that you will submit works covering a grant of £900.

As regards a deputation of certain members of the Council and the deputies for the County, I am to state that the Minister does not deem it necessary to put the deputation to the trouble and expense of coming to Dublin."

The County Surveyor said that since the receipt of that letter he had had an opportunity of discussing the matter with Mr. N. O'Dwyer, Chief Engineering Inspector of the Local Government Department to whom he had submitted the following suggested works:-

1. Widen and reshape <sup>and</sup> trunk Bridge at Gorey on road from Dublin to Courtown - £350.

2. Strengthen sides and re-shape road Wexford to



Ballycanew preparatory to final surfacing £1,000.

3. Do for road between Ferns and Clohamon £1,325.
4. Diversion of dangerous corner at Strahart, Ferns, Clohamon road £1,095.
5. Raising Castlebridge road at flooded hollow £1,000.
6. Road diversion at very dangerous corner on Main road adjoining Ferrycarrig Bridge £1,200.
7. Raise flooded hollow on road between Taghmon and Ballyvergin £200.
8. Do road near Duncannon - £300.
9. Do road between Blackwater and Castlebridge - £100.
10. Clean river at Scar to prevent flooding of main road £50.
11. Strengthen and re-shape streets of Taghmon - £650.
12. Build wall and make road along foreshore at Burrow Rosslare £800.

Mr. O'Dwyer approved of No. 1 while he regarded Nos. 2 and 3 as ordinary road jobs. The road diversion (No. 4) would have to be done some time but it was too big a job at the moment: they would have to go back behind the existing house. No. 5 Castlebridge Road ~~which~~ would absorb the whole money. No. 6 would be approved and would make the road at Ferrycarrig run straight on to the bridge. The cost would be £1,200 but if Relief Vote bore £500 the balance £700 could be taken from the Road Improvement Grant. It was absolutely necessary something should be done as this was the most dangerous corner in the whole County. Some fine day they would have a bus load of people going into the river there.

Col. Gibbon apprehended this would be only the beginning of the work of taking away Ferrycarrig Castle and destroying one of the most beautiful views they had. He considered it would be vandalism to interfere with it. If the Road was banked and a white line put there, there would not be the



slightest fear of an accident. No engineering skill would prevent a stiff gradient unless at prohibitive expense. All traffic had to slow down as it was , and drivers of motor vehicles had to be extra careful.

The County Surveyor disagreed with Col. Gibbon as to the corner not being dangerous. He was nearly run down at the place himself.

Mr. McCarthy said he travelled the road probably oftener than any other Councillor and he considered this particular corner very dangerous.

Mr. Shannon agreed.

Col. Quin said the little piece of road between the concrete at each side of the bridge was in a disgusting and loathsome condition. This was the greatest safeguard they had as no one could drive even moderately fast over it.

The County Surveyor said it was in view of the diversion he recommended being carried out that the Engineers suggested the small piece of road referred to by Col. Quin should not be concreted. Another thing they should remember was that the river retaining wall was in bad condition and if heavy traffic was brought against it, it would come down.

Mr. Shannon predicted that sooner or later a very bad accident would occur there.

Miss O'Ryan considered if they agreed with the proposal they would take away from the beauty of the spot.

The County Surveyor said he was the very last man to propose anything to interfere with the scenic beauty or historic association of any spot in the County but the present diversion would not, in any way, interfere with the Castle.

Miss O'Ryan held that by changing the road they would interfere with the scenic beauty of the place. The public should be invited to offer their opinions on the matter.

Mr. McCarthy said it would not be possible to obtain the opinion of the general public.



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Mr. D'Arcy suggested a tunnel at the place but the County Surveyor said it was not feasible on account of the cost.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed the following:- "That we approve of the allocation of £500 from Relief Fund to carry out the road diversion at Ferrycarrig as recommended by the County Surveyor"

Mr. Shannon seconded.

Miss O'Ryan proposed as an amendment that further consideration of the matter be deferred to next meeting and in the meantime that the Secretary communicate with the Historical and Archeological Societies and ascertain their views as to whether the proposed change would interfere with the scenic beauty or historical associations of the place.

The County Surveyor said he was afraid that this proposal would put the work out for the year.

A poll was then taken on the amendment with the following result:-

For: Messrs Brennan, Cline, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Keegan, Jordan, Maylor, Mc Carthy, O'Ryan, Quin, Smyth and the Chairman (Mr. Murphy) - 15.

Against: Messrs Armstrong, Colfer, Corish, Hayes, O'Byrne and Shannon - 6.

Messrs Cooney and Walsh (2) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

On being put as the substantive motion it was adopted nem con.

Miss O'Ryan suggested and it was approved that the Co. Surveyor should inform Mr. O'Dwyer that the matter would be considered in a fortnight's time.

As regards work No. 1 (trunking of Gorey Bridge) the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That a sum of £350 be allocated



from Relief Grant to cover cost of trunking bridge at Gorey on Dublin - Courtown Road."

The County Surveyor said that works Nos. 7, 8 and 9 had been turned down by Mr. O'Dwyer, but No. 10 - cleaning the river at Scar to prevent the flooding of road would be accepted.

Mr. D'Arcy proposed and Mr. Hayes seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That £50 be allocated from the Relief Grant for cleaning river at Scar, the Co. Surveyor to procure in writing from land owners concerned their consent to the work being carried out by the County Council."

The County Surveyor said that works Nos. 11 and 12 had been turned down by Mr. O'Dwyer as they were ordinary road works.

#### ROAD GANGERS AS CARETAKERS OF SEWERAGE SYSTEMS.

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The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from the Secretary, County Wexford Board of Health, under date 26th January, 1932:-

"At the meeting of my Board of Health and Public Assistance on the 18th instant a suggestion was made by Mr. Flood that it might be possible to arrange with you that the Gangers in the Clonroche, Bunclody and Ferns areas might be detailed to act as Caretakers of the Sewerage Systems in operation in each of these villages. It is understood that the Board would make a reasonable contribution in respect of services rendered by them.

I would be glad to know from you if you consider such an arrangement possible and workable. I could see you in the matter if necessary. "

The County Surveyor said he considered that a small committee should be appointed to go into this matter. He thought it a good proposition but some members had already



referred to the difficulty about arranging what the terms would be.

Col. Quin - We always hear a tremendous lot about two jobs for the one man.

Mr. Cooney thought that the gangers had enough. Some one else should be employed for this work.

Miss O'Ryan said it was only in a supervisory way the Ganger was to be employed.

The County Surveyor said there were very few of the gangers employed for the full 52 weeks of the year. The majority of them were not full time. Of course if the proposal was agreed to the work would be carried out in each case by the Ganger for the time being.

Miss O'Ryan said that work in connection with the gratings in Taghmon streets should be included in the proposal.

The Chairman suggested that the matter should be referred to the Finance Committee.

Col. Quin proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following resolution which was adopted without dissent:- "That the proposal to employ Road Gangers to supervise the work of various sewerage systems including Taghmon and Duncannon be referred to the Finance Committee for recommendation."

#### ROAD CONTRACTS 168, 170 and 173

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The County Surveyor presented report from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, for Gorey District, under date 30th January, 1932, that James Fleming, Kiltillahane, Carnew, Contractor for maintenance of above roads and one of his sureties Frank Fleming, Kiltillahane, Carnew, had died and the remaining surety Felix Kinsella, Ballyellis, Carnew, was not in a position to carry out the contract.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That contracts for Roads Nos. 168, 170 and 173 be determined and that the main-



tenance of said roads be placed in the charge of Co. Surveyor."

BUNCLODY COURTHOUSE  
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Under date 2nd February, 1932, Mr. D. Lennon, Bunclody, wrote that the Committee of Town Hall were precluded under the lease from letting the place as a Courthouse.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Armstrong:- "That the County Council accept the offer of the <sup>Reps of the</sup> late Dr. Dormer, landlord of Bunclody Courthouse to carry out the repairs to the building specified by the County Surveyor, the County Council to pay half - £4: 9s. Work to be carried out under the supervision of the County Surveyor."

ROAD NO. 451 MONAMOLIN (RATHNURE)  
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The following report was submitted:-

"The Committee appointed by the County Council met on this road on 2nd instant. There were present:- Messrs Brennan and Cline M.C.C.'s, Assistant Surveyor O'Neill and the County Surveyor. Messrs Shannon and Cooney were unable to attend.

The Committee walked over the whole road in company of a number of local residents and ratepayers, and report as follows:-

"The lower end of the road has already been fenced with concrete posts and wire, this work was done some eighteen years ago. Several of the posts are now damaged, and others are falling away, owing to the undercutting by the stream. The greater part of the wire is broken and hanging loose: it is rather a danger than otherwise. The Committee recommended that this fence should be at once put in proper repair with better quality wire than formerly, and the sides of the road made up where cut away.

At the upper side of the road the stream is, in places, cutting into the edge of the roadway, and there is no fencing whatever at such places. Moreover, on the upper section the



stream is very much below road level, and is dangerous as the road is narrow. Three methods of dealing with this section were discussed:-

1. To fence road as the lower section
2. To put in concrete retaining wall and parapet and
3. To widen the road.

Undoubtedly No. 2 would probably be the most satisfactory method, but the County Surveyor stated that the cost would be very high, and therefore, prohibitive. The County Surveyor recommended No. 3, and the Committee discussed with the owner of the land the matter of his consent. At the time he appeared to be opposed to this, but he was to give it further consideration. No. 1 would no doubt be a temporary improvement, but would, probably, from time to time entail expense in up-keep as the side of the road is bound to be undercut by the stream.

It was directed that the County Surveyor should submit Estimate of these works to the County Council meeting on 8th instant.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Clince seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That report of Committee in reference to Monamolin (Rathmure) road be received and considered ."

The County Surveyor said that putting the present fence into proper repair would cost £22 and this was absolutely necessary. The money could be taken out of Co. Contingencies after 31st of March next. To fence the road as the lower section would cost £86: 10s; the concrete retaining wall would run to £450 and the widening of the road to £210. The road was subject to a good deal of lorry traffic; it was only from 4 to 8 feet wide and two vehicles could not pass each other at the same time.

Mr. Shannon proposed that the County Surveyor carry



out his recommendations as far as possible.

Mr. Brennan said that one of the men, portion of whose land would be required in order to widen the road, refused to give it.

The County Surveyor said that the compulsory acquirement of the land would be a costly matter. The erection of retaining wall and parapet was barred on account of the cost. The whole thing boiled down to a question of finance.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That Messrs Brennan and Shannon be appointed a Committee to endeavour to procure the land necessary for the widening of the road at Monamolin (Rathmure) which is essentially necessary for the safety of the public."

#### TAKING OVER ROADS

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That this Council having complied with the provisions of Section 25 of the Local Government Act 1925 and having received no representation from ratepayers hereby take over the following roads:

1. 293 perches of the road from Gorey to Shillelagh between the Main road (L.31. No.4) at Motabower, and the County Bounds in Motabower (known as Moteybower Lane). Cost £80, and estimated annual Maintenance Charge £10.
2. 220 perches of the road from Clonroche to Rathmure, between County Road No. 476 at Forrestalstown and County Road No. 455 at Rathphaudin (known as Rathphaudin Lane). Cost £40 and estimated annual Maintenance Charge £8.
3. 200 perches of the road from Wexford to Adamstown between County Road No. 622 at Lambstown, and County Road No. 610 at Mountainmuck (known as Mountainmuck Lane). Cost £45 and estimated annual Maintenance Charge £8.



4. 385 perches of the road from Ballinaboola to Ballycullane between County Road No. 659 at Cushinstown and County Road No. 707 at Timnecarrig (known as Kilscanlon Lane) Cost £30, and estimated annual Maintenance Charge of £12.

5. 280 perches of the road from Wexford to Adamstown between County Road No. 597 at Rathkyle and Co. Road No. 607 at Coolnagree (known as Coolnagree Lane). Cost £45, and estimated annual Maintenance Charge £10.

Mr. Culleton said he had heard that as regards No. 3 one of the men concerned was not satisfied to give the necessary land.

The Chairman said it would be well if in the future the Co. Surveyor obtained the written consent of the persons concerned, prior to consideration of each application.

The County Surveyor said it was only when the Assistant Surveyors were satisfied that the preliminary work promised by the promoters of the application had been properly carried out that the money put up by the Council was expended.

#### CANDIDATES SECONDARY ETC SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That we approve of the eligibility of the following candidates for award of Secondary and Vocational Co. Council Scholarships provided that in cases in which relevant documents have not been received these be lodged with the County Secretary within ten days from the date of this meeting:-

1. John K. Aylward, Arnestown, New Ross.
2. Dermot S. Fenelon, Ballycowan, Tagoat.
3. Laurence M. Fitzpatrick, Coolnahorna, Marshallstown.
4. Kathleen Ita Lyndon, Glenbough, Screen.
5. Patrick McGill, <sup>Ballingowan</sup>~~Ballygervan~~, Blackwater.
6. Mary Catherine Moore, Kilmore Quay.
7. Theophile Naessens, Railway Station, Palace East, New Ross.



8. Bridget O'Donnell, The Fort, Duncannon.
9. Wm. Doyle, Quay Road, Duncannon.
10. Kathleen Ennis, Drinagh, Broadway.
11. Elizabeth Gough, Allenstown, Broadway.
12. Margaret O'Flaherty, Coolroe, Duncannon.
13. Margaret D. O'Leary, Castleboro, Clonroche.
14. Peter Roche, Rathgarogue, New Ross.
15. Thomas Butler, Ballinclay, Glynn.

"That as the valuation of the holding of the father of Michael Morris, Tomadilly, Marshallstown, is above the limit of valuation in Scholarship Scheme we hereby declare the said Michael Morris ineligible to compete for scholarship."

The Secretary stated that the number of eligible candidates was exactly similar to last year.

Under date 3rd February, 1932, the Department of Education (Secondary Branch), Hume Street, Dublin, wrote sanctioning the transfer of Kathleen Frances Donnelly from Loreto Convent, Wexford, to Loreto Abbey, Gorey.

#### FLOODING OF PREMISES AT KILLAGOLEY ENNISCORTHY

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In forwarding the following letter from Messrs P.J. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, Enniscorthy, on behalf of Miss Forrestal, Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, wrote asking for the instructions of the County Council in the matter:-

"Referring to previous correspondence . Nothing whatever has been done by the County Council and the constant flooding of our client's premises has rendered same altogether uninhabitable, so much so, that she has made arrangements to leave, and has instructed us to bring proceedings for damages against the County Council. Please say will you accept service. It is almost a year and a half now since our client first complained and although the County Council undertook to carry out certain works so as to prevent flooding, nothing



whatever has been done. It is useless going on with any works now for the reason above, viz: that our client is vacating the premises and she intends relying on her legal claim for damages.

It was decided to consider this matter in committee.

Mr. Elgee said a Committee had inspected the place and found that the stream which caused the flooding came down through the land of Miss Forrestal. The premises were now the property of the Mental Hospital Committee. Undoubtedly the water went across the road into Miss Forrestal's premises.

Mr. McCarthy said the flooding was caused by water from the land of Miss Forrestal. The Mental Hospital Committee had given the latter a larger and better house than the one she had. This new house could not be flooded and afforded her more accommodation than the old one so that she was far better off than before. She had vacated the premises because she had obtained a better house.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, be instructed to defend any proceedings instituted by Miss Forrestal regarding the flooding of her old premises. That Mr. Elgee inform Messrs O'Flaherty & Son that the Mental Hospital Committee had acquired the land and house of Miss Forrestal and had provided the latter with a new and better house in which she is now residing."

#### GREAT ISLAND DRAINAGE

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The following under date 27th January, 1932, was read from Mr. N.J. Murphy, Kilmokea, Campile:

"Re-embankments and sluices on the Gallwey (Great Island) Estate. Following the representations made to the Land Commission by your Council, Inspector Bowles called on me some days ago. He visited the Northern embankment and sluice, and said it was possible our request would be complied with - to have some money invested and earmarked out



of the purchase price, if it is not too late. He made no definite promise. With regard to the sluice on the Southern end of the estate adjoining Kilmannock, Mr. Bowles suggested that I write you again and point out that if the Co. Council are now Co-Trustees with the Kilmannock officers some of the Interest accruing on the money invested for the Kilmannock Estate could be used for the upkeep of the afore-said Southern sluice, as the portion of embankment on that end of the Gallwey estate was very short.

I presume this will rest with your Co. Surveyor, and if Mr. Barry thinks the capital sum in question (£400) insufficient to maintain ample protection on both estates, your Council should insist on sufficient money being ear-marked to maintain both the North and South sluices and embankments.

I shall probably see your Chairman and Mr. John Murphy M.C.C. tomorrow and explain.

I wish also on behalf of the tenants concerned to publicly thank our T.D.'s Mr. Jordan and Ald. Corish for their efforts in this matter, also each and every member of your Council, not forgetting your good self and staff."

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

"That we request the Land Commission to set aside a sufficient sum of money for the upkeep of the sluices and embankment on the Gallwey Power Estate under the Land Act of 1923."

#### GOREY COURTHOUSE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the necessary permission for use of Gorey Courthouse for the purpose of land sale be granted Mr. Edwin Hammond, Auctioneer, Carnew, for any day that the building is not required for Court or Co. Council purposes."



POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCE

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shamon seconded by Mr. Murphy:- "That renewal of licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act issue to John Whelan, Merchant, Bunclody."

MONEY DISBURSED BY LABOUR EXCHANGES

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Consideration of resolution from Kilkenny Co. Council asking the Ministry of Industry and Commerce to formulate a scheme which would have the effect of giving the ratepayers a return for the money paid out in Unemployment benefit and which, at the present, the ratepayers at large had to pay without any productive return, was, on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Murphy, further adjourned for a month.

LEAGUE OF THE KINGSHIP OF CHRIST

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The following resolutions from the Ard Fheis of the League of the Kingship of Christ were adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Murphy:-

"Since it is clear that the circulation of foreign literature of a degrading character is a danger to our Christian standards and Irish culture, and since the existing laws are inadequate in face of the magnitude of the evil, the Ard Fheis is of opinion that a fundamental change in the laws is urgently needed so that the evil may be effectively counteracted. Hence it demands that no foreign publication shall be allowed into this country for circulation unless under licence and that the necessary legislation be immediately introduced."

"Since it is clear that Irish culture is in peril from the influence of the cinema, which under the prevailing system of production and distribution of films is largely degrading in tendency, the Ard Fheis is of opinion that further measures are required to cope with the evil and that a new and far more exacting system of censorship is required to deal with the situation. It requests, therefore, that in



the future no film shall be released for display , nor any film advertisement be exhibited which is out of harmony with the moral sense and Christian standards of the people, and that newspapers, magazines, or publicity matter issued by film distributors containing pictures of scenes from films be not allowed to circulate until the scenes illustrated have been passed by the censor."

"That the Ard Fheis is of opinion that trade organisations controlled by a foreign Government aggressively anti-Christian and anti-God are a manifest source of danger to the peace and morals of the Nation, especially as these trade organisations may easily become centres of anti-Christian propaganda and activities. The Ard Fheis, therefore, demands that these organisations be no longer permitted to function in this Catholic country under the protection of the laws."

#### ROAD WORKERS AND ELECTION DAY

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Mr. Shannon moved:- "That the Road Workers of the Co. Council be allowed to remain idle on the 16th February, 1932, in order to take part in Dail Elections."

After discussion the Co. Surveyor explained that if a man works six days in the week and there is a wet day, that man gets paid for the full week if he works five days. If he absents himself another day and works only four days he is not paid for the wet day. Mr. Shannon's proposition was to the effect that if the man absents himself on the fifth day he won't be penalised for any possible wet day or holiday.

Mr. Shannon then altered his motion to read as follows:-

"That the Road Workers of the County Council be allowed to absent themselves on 16th February, 1932, without pay and without penalty."

Mr. Clinch seconded the resolution which was adopted  
nem con.



PEOPLES' RIGHTS ASSOCIATION  
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The Chairman (Mr. Walsh) said a communication had been received from the Peoples' Rights Association . He had read it and thought it would not be in order for the Council to discuss it.

Mr. Keegan - We are entitled to have it read before you rule it out of order. Do you refuse to read it for the meeting ?

Mr. Cummins - It should be read for the meeting.

~~Chairman~~ - I refuse to read it.

Mr. Keegan - Do you refuse to allow the Secretary to read it for the meeting.

Miss O'Ryan - It is the most autocratic ruling I have ever heard of.

The Chairman refused to discuss the matter further and the incident terminated the members leaving the Chamber.

*John Murphy*  
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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MEETING 22ND FEBRUARY 1932

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COUNTY HALL,  
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY.

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 22nd February, 1932.

Present:- Messrs James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Cline, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, James Gaul, Col.C. M. Gibbon, William P. Keegan, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, M.M. Roche, James Shannon, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, Assistant Surveyors Treanor, Ennis, O'Neill and Birthistle, and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, were also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. Brennan, seconded by Mr. Smyth the chair was taken by Mr. Murphy,

After confirmation of Minutes Mr. Doyle, Chairman, attended and presided for the remainder of the business.

#### PAYMENTS -----

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cline, seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That quarterly payments be made Contractors for roads and public works in accordance with the recommendations of County Surveyor as appearing on Form 22 submitted to this meeting. Treasurer's Advice Note for £6,654: 6: 11d was examined and signed."

#### COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT -----

The following report was presented by the County Surveyor:

"The Tendering Committees have been holding their meetings and before your meeting on the 22nd instant three of the Districts will be dealt with. I have to note that though offers were invited for haulage of material from Council Quarries at a flat rate of 10d per cubic yard mile numbers of Contractors put in offers at a lower figure.



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The Tendering Committees in dealing with these considered only the selection of the haulier, and disregarded the price provided it was not in excess of the flat rate. Consequently it works out that a higher price will be paid for the haulage than would have been payable if there were no flat rate. In some cases no tenders were received, and I ask for instructions in dealing with these. Possibly as no tender was put in up to the present it may be that I cannot get the work done at the flat rate, and I ask for authority to increase the price if necessary. I have no remarks to offer in connection with the tendering of the roads, except <sup>to ask</sup> that untendered roads be put in my charge at the agreed amount.

In regard to Relief Grants I beg to report that I have arranged for the work in Gorey to be put in hands. The drainage work at Scar has not yet been approved of by the Local Government Department, and I have written asking for sanction.

I have full particulars of the road diversion at Ferrycarrig, and shall discuss this matter in detail at your meeting. In connection with this there is a letter from Mr. Orpen of Monksgrange, and I submit copy of my reply.

Mr. N. O'Dwyer, Chief Roads Engineer, Local Government Department, has notified me that there will be a sum of £14,134 allocated to this County for Improvement works during the coming year: last year £16,215 was allocated. I discussed the allocation of this sum with Mr. O'Dwyer, and he recommends that the two unimproved sections of the Wexford-New Ross Road - in or about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles - should be concreted, thus completing the whole length of improved road. A further length of about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles of the Enniscorthy-Bunclody Road should also be concreted in continuation of the part done last year: This will leave the Bunclody road all improved, with the exception of a short section in Bunclody



itself.

Mr. O'Dwyer also suggested that if the Road Diversion at Ferrycarrig is put through a concrete roadway should be run connecting up the slab to the North of the Bridge with the slab to the South of the Bridge. This will make a continuous run of concrete from the Urban Boundary near the new cemetery in Enniscorthy to the Steam Packet Station in Wexford. If the money set aside for these jobs proves sufficient on tendering, there will be a balance of some £450 available for extending concrete road in Wexford Urban Area: this matter has already been referred by the Council to the Local Government.

Notification has been received from the Local Government Department that a sum of £11,678 has been allocated to the County on account of Maintenance Grants. This sum is in excess of the current year's sum which is only £10,162.

On the 12th instant, by invitation, I attended a Conference of Surveyors with the Trade Department, Local Government, in connection with Tenders for Tars and Bitumens during the coming year. These were fully discussed, and certain Contracts accepted for the work.

I have received a letter from the Town Clerk, Wexford, in connection with the opening of the Streets in the care of the Wexford County Council, and submit copy of letter and my reply.

As directed by the Council I have prepared a return of distribution of employment in the several Areas, and have forwarded same to the Members of the Council. I have not given the names and addresses of the workmen, as this would be merely a repetition of the records I have in my office, and would cover many pages. The books will be available at the meeting to deal with any workmen whose employment may be questioned. I may note that each Assistant Surveyor has discussed with me the procedure adopted by him in making



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selection, and I am personally satisfied that the system is fair, having regard to the exigencies of the work. The Assistant Surveyors will all be present to deal with any particular cases."

Proposed Diversion at Ferrycarrig: The following under date 15th February, 1932, was read from Mr. Goddard H. Orpen Monksgrange, Enniscorthy:-

"I have read the account of the proceedings of the Wexford County Council touching the proposed alteration of the road round Ferrycarrig Castle as published in the Free Press for the 13th instant and I write as an old member, fellow, and now president of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland to let the Council know how the proposal strikes me. So long ago as 1906 I wrote an account of what is known about the Castle which was published in "Hore's History of the town of Wexford" (pp. 22 ff) together with careful plans of every floor of the castle prepared by my son. The Castle was in excellent state of preservation and is unique in many respects and I now beg to offer my opinion briefly as follows:- Having carefully considered all that was said pro. and con. at the meeting I would say as an archaeologist that to cut away the rocks at the back of the Castle through which a trench about 20 feet wide at top and 10 feet wide at bottom was cut would be to deprive the site of much of its historical interest. This was the weak point of the castle and if the plans drawn by my son be examined it will be seen how the loop-holes in the three lower floors were placed so as to protect the north and east sides. If a great road, say 30 feet wide, be sunk here, all this will be obliterated and I should imagine the rocks will have to be blasted. How will the old Castle stand this? Moreover as a lover of scenery I think to introduce a new wide road round the castle would greatly detract from the charm of one of the most impressive views in County Wexford; and as a man fully alive to the dangers



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of motoring it seems to me that to bank up the present road on the river side and insert the medial white line, as has been suggested, would render a turn where caution is so obviously necessary reasonably safe."

In reply to this the County Surveyor wrote the following to Mr. Orpen under date 18th February, 1932:-

"The Secretary of the County Council has handed me a copy of your letter of 15th instant re above. Herewith I send you a sketch Cross Section showing how the proposed Diversion will run. You will note that it is not proposed to cut away the gap or trench, but to run through the main rock further from the Castle. I cannot see how this work will in any way "deprive the site of much of its historical interest". The loop-holes and the Castle in its entirety, including the rock base, will in no way be interfered with. Blasting, if at all necessary, will be only in small shots doing no harm. As regards the scenery I consider the change will ~~be~~ rather be an advantage than otherwise as the old road will be left for foot/passenger traffic.

To my mind this place is one of the most dangerous places in Wexford, and the suggestion of banking the road on the river side and inserting a medial white line will be inadvisable, and of little use; traffic will not keep to its proper side without a man on "point-duty". Moreover, this banking will not remove the very bad turn directly <sup>to</sup> on/the Bridge.

It has been reported to me that on the day of Election (16th instant) a very serious accident was avoided by only a very narrow margin."

Mr. Orpen in acknowledging this wrote under date 20th February, 1932:-

"I thank you for your letter of the 18th instant, dealing with mine of the 15th addressed to the Wexford County Council. I would not for a moment weigh my judgment against yours on



the question of danger, and if the present turn cannot be made reasonably safe for motorists I quite agree some other plan should be adopted. I may mention that an experienced and careful motorist said to me that the notice on the Enniscorthy to Wexford road of the approaching dangerous turning is not given far enough back, or in strong enough terms, for a sufficient warning.

I am glad, however, to see that you do not propose simply to widen and deepen the existing old cutting next the Castle; but I cannot but think that the further cutting away of the cliff, and making a much deeper and wider roadway adjoining, will greatly alter, and I fear spoil to some extent, the appearance of the place.

Those responsible, however, having considered all sides of the question, must decide."

Professor Macalister, 18 Mount Eden Road, Donnybrook, Dublin, S.E., whose opinion on the matter was also sought, wrote that he did not see any serious harm in the scheme proposed by the Council provided it could be carried out without injury to the Castle building itself. Though, he for one would like to make the roads as difficult as possible for road hogs they had to recognise that the motor had come to stay and had worked revolution. When even Waterloo Bridge could not withstand this new potentate they could hardly hope to keep the rock behind the Castle intact. The opinion of Mr. Richards Orpen in the matter would be of considerable value as he was an Engineer, a Motorist, and came of good archaeological stock."

His own impression, as an outsider, was that in this case in which there would be not necessarily any damage to the building itself it would be as well not to be too obstructive. They should save up their combativeness for proposals for serious destruction."



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The County Surveyor, in reply to the Chairman, said the diversion would cost £500 and the concrete joining which would be done out of the improvement grant £700.

Col. Gibbon opposed the proposal, which if carried out would destroy one of the most picturesque views in Ireland. Even if the work was carried out tomorrow there would still be danger at this corner. He considered it would be advisable if a special danger signal was placed there and also a signal directing motorists to keep their own side of the road black line. These would make the road sufficiently safe without any interference with the Castle or its surroundings.

Miss O'Ryan supported Col. Gibbon's view. Even if they had to spend more than the £500 allocated in order to buttress up the road bank at the river wall they should do it. The County Wexford would object to any interference with the view at this point.

Mr. Murphy considered that as there was opposition to the work in this instance the money should be spent on other works to which exception could not be taken.

The County Surveyor said there was a double corner sign on the hill and a red triangle the same as on the other side of the road at the railway bridge. This was the usual notification adopted in similar situations. He maintained that the proposal would not interfere with the view of the Castle. At one side the diversion would not be seen and on the other side it would only open up the road.

After further discussion Mr. Murphy proposed:- "That the work of road diversion at Ferrycarrig Corner as recommended by the County Surveyor be not proceeded with but that the money allocated therefor be spent on other more necessary works in the County."

The Chairman held that the turn at the Castle of Ferrycarrig was not half so dangerous as the turn at the railway



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bridge which they could not interfere with and which was the biggest death trap in the County. If it was not for the blackline there many accidents would happen. As for Ferrycarrig everyone knew the corner and approached it slowly.

Mr. D'Arcy seconded Mr. Murphy's proposal.

Col. Gibbon supported it partially but considered that the danger signs, the white line and banking on the left hand side of the road coming from Enniscorthy should be carried out.

A vote was taken on Mr. Murphy's resolution with the following result:-

For: Messrs Brennan, Clince, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Keegan, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Ryan, Roche, Smyth and the Chairman - 13.

Against: Messrs Armstrong, Corish, Gaul, O'Byrne, and Shannon - 5.

Messrs Walsh and Cooney (2) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Corish then referred to the state of the road at Castlebridge and proposed that the sum which had been set aside for the Ferrycarrig bridge corner should be diverted to this work.

The County Surveyor read letter from Department of Local Government sanctioning the proposal for Gorey Bridge trunking and the road diversion at Ferrycarrig. The raising of the road at Castlebridge had been one of the proposals in his list, but it had not been approved by the Department of Local Government. He believed that the Department would be prepared to sanction the amount necessary to raise the Castlebridge road but the Council would have to be prepared to incur the cost of surfacing.



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Mr. Culleton seconded, Mr. Corish's proposal.

Miss O'Ryan said the improvement of the streets of <sup>Yaghmon</sup> had been mentioned two years ago, much earlier than the Castlebridge Road but owing to lack of funds nothing had been done.

Mr. Keegan said money was urgently required for the repair of the road from Ballycanew to Gorey: it was in a very bad state. The Section from Clasheen to Wexford town had been greatly improved.

Mr. Roche called attention to two very dangerous corners, one at Randallstown which was certainly one of the most dangerous corners in the County. The second one nearer to Kilmore also required easement. He had mentioned the Randallstown Corner several times to the Council but it had been turned down on the grounds that no money was available. It was at a blind Cross roads.

Mr. Murphy said that New Ross area had as many dangerous corners as any other area in the County. The money should be divided amongst the four districts.

In reply to a query the County Surveyor said that the reconstruction and surfacing of Castlebridge Road would cost £1,000.

Col. Gibbon agreed that the corner at Randalstown was really the most dangerous in the County.

The Chairman considered it would be advisable to adjourn consideration of all alternate works to the road diversion of Ferrycarrig until they had been examined by the County Surveyor and an estimate of their cost could be considered by the Council.

Mr. Shannon considered that the Council should first ascertain if the money from Relief Grant would be available for easing dangerous corners. There was a very dangerous corner on the road from Glenglass to Killanne, which should be dealt with.



Mr. Keegan suggested that the £900 should be allocated equally to the four districts of the County.

Mr. Roche pointed out that the Randalstown Corner would cost only £30 and everyone recognised how dangerous it was.

Mr. Murphy suggested that the County Surveyor should prepare for next meeting a list of the most dangerous corners in the County, and the Council could then select those which they believed required immediate attention and in so far as the money allowed.

The County Surveyor said he would prepare a list of dangerous corners if the Councillors would forward him their recommendations for their own district. Any list he prepared independently would be open to some Councillors saying he omitted more dangerous corners.

Mr. Gaul proposed that the whole matter of the allocation of the £500 originally intended for road diversion at Ferry-carrig be adjourned to next meeting of the County Council and that Councillors in the meantime furnish the County Surveyor with their suggestions as to the dangerous corners in their districts.

Mr. Shannon seconded.

Col. Gibbon said that Gorey District should not be included as Gorey had received £350 from the Scheme for the trunking of Gorey Bridge. This should be taken into consideration and corners in the other three districts only dealt with.

After some further discussion Mr. Gaul's resolution was put to the meeting and adopted without dissent.

Improvement Grant: The County Surveyor said that the New Ross-Wexford Road reconstruction would cost £6,870 and the Buncloody-Enniscorthy Road £6,090. Total £12,960.

Col. Gibbon complained of the length of time roads under reconstruction were kept closed.

Miss O'Ryan held this mainly arose because the work was



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not carried out in summer. The fact that this work was carried out in winter caused alternate routes to be so badly cut up that it was almost impossible to restore them.

Mr. Shannon said that the road at Ferrycarrig was done in half widths and he thought the piece on the New Ross Wexford road could be done in the same way.

The County Surveyor said the road at Ferrycarrig was 20 feet wide and that on New Ross-Wexford section only 16 which made all the difference.

Mr. Walsh held that continuous lengths of road should be dealt with and gaps should not be left in between the concrete.

V The Chairman said if they were prepared to spend all the money on one road the suggestion of Mr. Walsh might be carried out.

The County Surveyor said <sup>up to</sup> this the Council never had such an early intimation from the Department as to the improvement grant and there was no doubt whatever but the work could be carried out in the summer.

The Chairman said that up to the present there was not one ounce of cement put on any road in the Wexford District. And they had the road carrying the greatest amount of cross channel motor traffic in the piece from Rosslare Harbour to Wexford - the portion from the Harbour to Jones' Cross being one of the worst roads in the County. The Council or the Department never spent a penny piece for cement on that portion of the road. They should have this section at least as good as the section from Jones Cross to Wexford. The condition of the road from Rosslare Harbour to Jones Cross had a very bad effect on tourists and something should be done in the matter.

After further discussion Mr. McCarthy proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem con:- "That we approve of the suggestion in the Co.



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Surveyor's report to lay in slab concrete about one and a half miles of Enniscorthy-Buncloody Road.

The Chairman proposed :- "That the money recommended by the County Surveyor to be spent on concreting portion of New Ross-Wexford road be diverted to Road from Rosslare Harbour to Jones Cross."

In reply to the Chairman the County Surveyor said that the cost of laying the last mentioned road in tar macadam would be about £6,000.

Chairman - The road from Jones Cross to Wexford did not cost half that amount.

County Surveyor - That road had a bottom, the other one has not.

After further discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:

"That the concreting of section of New Ross-Wexford road as recommended by the County Surveyor be proceeded with. That a sum of £1,500 be set aside for the repair of road from Rosslare Harbour to Jones Cross in the same manner as road from Jones Cross to Kerlogue has been already repaired. That the three works - Enniscorthy-Buncloody Road, Wexford-New Ross road and Rosslare Harbour-Jones Cross road be placed in the hands of the County Surveyor to be carried out by direct labour. That the Local Government Department (Roads) be asked to sanction this proposal."

It was also decided that Mr. Corish should avail of an early opportunity to call on the Local Government Department and explain in detail the views of the Council.

Opening of Roads by private individuals: The following under date 2nd February, 1932, was read from the Town Clerk, Wexford:-

"At last night's meeting of the Corporation a complaint which you made at a recent meeting of the County Council as to the Redmond Road having been opened without your permission was alluded to, and I was directed to say that in the opinion of the



Corporation, Messrs O'Connor and Company adopted the proper procedure when they applied to the Borough Surveyor for the requisite permission.

It is quite true that the Redmond Road is a main road vested in the County Council, but as it is maintained under contract by the Corporation, it is submitted that the Borough Surveyor is the person responsible for its proper upkeep, subject, of course, to your satisfaction, and in the case under notice, Mr. Daly had arranged with Messrs O'Connor and Company, that the roadway was to be re-instated in a proper manner when the ground had consolidated.

It is contended therefore, that in all similar cases a notice to the Borough Surveyor should suffice, as if not a dual responsibility for the proper upkeep of the main roads within the Borough will arise, which, it is feared, will prove very unsatisfactory, and I may add that there has been no departure, so far as the giving of notice is concerned, from the practice adopted since 1926, when these roads were, for the first time, maintained as "main roads" by the Corporation."

The County Surveyor submitted the following reply under date 19th February, 1932, forwarded by him to the Town Clerk, Wexford:-

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant, and in reply beg to state that I believe the Corporation is under a misapprehension in regard to my action in this matter. Undoubtedly, it was the practice of the Borough Surveyor to deal with the usual Street openings, and I have never interfered in this matter. Moreover, now that lengths of the Main Roads have been concreted I consider that some other conditions must be added to permission for the opening of Streets under the County Council control. I am quite satisfied that the Corporation should deal with the restoration of concrete slabs cut through for laying pipes



etc., but I do not consider that any Local firm should have authority to do this work. Further I should be notified in every case where concrete slab is being interfered with. I have no doubt that I can easily arrange details of granting authority and of repair work with the Borough Surveyor so that the Corporation and the County Council may both be satisfied that the roadway is being properly restored."

Distribution of Work: Mr. Keegan said that according to the figures for stamps supplied by the County Surveyor there was not a fair distribution of work in the Gorey area, and he held this also applied to other areas.

Mr. Armstrong considered that when men's services were dispensed with the men with the least number of stamps on insurance cards should be retained. It was complained that this was not done.

Chairman - That was the advice we gave to the County and Assistant Surveyors.

The employment of a number of men in the areas of Assistant Surveyors Treanor, Birthistle and Ennis was then gone into in detail after which Mr. Walsh said that the explanation given by the County and Assistant Surveyors was reasonable and logical and furnished a complete reply to Mr. Keegan. He was quite satisfied with it and he was sure the rest of the Council, with the exception of Mr. Keegan, were of the same opinion.

The matter dropped.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. McCarthy:- "That the report of the County Surveyor submitted to this meeting except in so far as same has been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting be and is hereby approved."

#### ROADS - CONTRACT AND DIRECT LABOUR

Mr. D'Arcy complained that some roads which had been in contract were brought into direct labour by the County



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Surveyor without a resolution or a notice of motion although when these roads were in the first instance changed from contract to direct labour a notice of motion was considered necessary.

The County Surveyor said he had followed in these cases the practice which obtained to the present. The roads to be done by direct labour were clearly set out in the Road Works Scheme which had been approved by the Council. Any objection to his recommendations should have been made while the details of the Road Works Scheme were under consideration.

Mr. D'Arcy said that only 60 cubic yards of material was provided for the important road from the County Bounds at Wicklow Gap to Gorey. A much larger quantity had been settled for last year.

Mr. Treanor said the amount agreed to for the maintenance of this road was £65 last year and for the coming financial year £45.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following resolution:- "That an increased allocation for maintenance of road from County Bounds at Wicklow Gap to Gorey be provided from the appropriate Contingency Fund after the 1st April, 1932."

It was also decided that the County Surveyor should report to next meeting as to the point raised by Mr. D'Arcy whether a notice of motion had been moved to place roads which had been in contract into the direct labour section.

#### TENDERS COMMITTEES

Reports of meetings of New Ross, Enniscorthy and Wexford Districts Tenders Committees were submitted as follows:-



# NEW ROSS TENDERS COMMITTEE

A meeting of County Councillors for New Ross County Electoral area acting as Tenders Committee for the area was held in Courthouse, New Ross, on 12th February, 1932.

Messrs T. Cooney, (presiding) and P. Colfer were in attendance.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Surveyors Kehoe and O'Neill were also in attendance.

## ROAD TENDERS

No Tenders were received for the following Roads which were recommended to be placed in charge of County Surveyor for one year as from 1st April, 1932, at the full amounts allocated in Road Works Scheme.

Nos. 466, 467, 471, 473, 474, 578, 580, 602, 662, 663, 664, 668, 685, 686, 697, 702, 746, 750, 801, 829, 830, 834, 854.

## CONTRACTS FROM 1ST APRIL 1932 to 31ST MARCH 1935

No. 574. A tender was received from Simon Murphy, Ballinacoola, Ballywilliam, at £9 the amount allowed, but as the intending Contractor was found to be a Minor the tender was not accepted, and the work was given in charge of County Surveyor for a year at the full amount allowed in Road Works Scheme.

No. 576. The only tender received was from John Doran, Gobbinstown, New Ross, at the full amount allowed per annum, £22: 10s. and this was accepted.

No. 606. Patrick Kennedy, Ballyvergin, Foulksmills, tendered at £8: 14s. This was the only tender and was accepted. Amount allowed £9.

No. 721. Peter Stafford, Coolboy, Foulksmills, tendered at £12: 7: 6d and this being the only tender was accepted. Amount allowed £13: 10s.



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No. 722. The only tender received was from Peter Stafford, Coolboy, Foulksmills, at £13: 7: 6d. Accepted. Amount allowed £15.

No. 723. James Kinsella, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, tendered at £8: 13: 0d and Martin Kehoe, Loughnageer, Foulksmills at £8: 17: 6d.

Kinsella's tender being the lower was accepted. Amount allowed £9.

No. 724. James Kinsella, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, tendered at £13: 18: and Martin Kehoe, same address, at £14: 18: 0d.

Kinsella's tender was accepted.

Amount allowed £15.

No. 727. James Kinsella, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, tendered at £7. William Keating, Boley, Ballycullane, at £8 and Martin Kehoe, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, at £9.

Kinsella's tender was accepted. Amount allowed £9.

No. 744. The only tender received was from Patrick Kennedy, Ballyvergin, Foulksmills, at £8: 8: 0d. This was accepted.

Amount allowed £9.

No. 747. Martin Kehoe, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, tendered at £14: 6s. and James Kinsella, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, at £14: 7: 6d.

The tender of Kehoe was accepted. Amount allowed £14: 10s.

No. 809. The only tender received was from John Slater, Shelbaggan, Ramsgrange, at £21 (the amount allowed), and this was accepted.

No. 828. Joseph Hanlon, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, tendered at £11, and Martin Kehoe, same address at £12 - the amount allowed.

Hanlon's tender was accepted.

No. 850. John Slator, Shelbaggan, Ramsgrange,



tendered at £11: 10s. and Thomas Phelan, Ballinphile, Duncannon, tendered at £11: 14: 0d (Amount allowed £12).

Slator's tender was accepted.

No. 851. Thomas Phelan, Ballinphile, Duncannon, tendered and was accepted at £18: 9: 0d. There was no other tender. The amount allowed was £19.

No. 855. John Egan, Grange, Fethard, tendered at £9; John Foley, <sup>Jnr.</sup> The Wood, Grange, Fethard, at £9: 5: 0d and Andrew Power, Boley Hill, Duncannon, at £9: 7: 6d.

Egan's, the lowest tender, was accepted. Amount allowed £11.

No. 856. John Egan, Grange, Fethard, tendered at £9; John Foley, The Wood, Grange, Fethard, at £9: 5s. and Andrew Power, Boley Hill, Duncannon, at £9: 7: 6d.

The lowest tender - Egan's - was accepted. Amount allowed £11.

No. 869. Michael Neville, Haggard, Fethard, tendered at £18. This, which was the only tender, was accepted. Amount allowed £18.

No. 870. The only tender received was from John Murphy, Ballygow, Duncannon, at £16. Accepted. Amount allowed £16.

No. 871. Aidan Cusack, Lewinstown, Fethard, tendered and was accepted at £9 the amount allowed. This was the only tender.

No. 874. Michael Neville, Haggard, Fethard, tendered at £14, (The amount allowed).

Edward Banville, Haytown, Fethard, tendered at £12.

It was ascertained that Banville was a minor and the tender of Neville was then accepted.

#### HAULAGE TENDERS.

A considerable number of Haulage Tenders were dealt with.



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tendered at £215, amount allowed. This, the only tender, was accepted.

The County Councillors for Enniscorthy County Electoral area acting as Tenders Committee met at Courthouse, Enniscorthy, on 17th February, 1932, to consider Tenders for Roads and for Haulage.

Present - Messrs James Armstrong, James Clince, John Culleton, and James Shannon.

The Secretary, County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors Ennis, Cullen and Birthistle were in attendance.

Mr. Culleton was moved to the chair on the motion of Mr. Armstrong seconded by Mr. Clince.

TENDERS FOR ROADS

FROM 1ST APRIL 1932 TO 31ST MARCH 1935.

The following roads in respect of which no Tenders had been lodged were given in charge of County Surveyor.

Nos. 165, 167, 237, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 281, 282, 294, 295, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 490, 491, 1014, 1017, 1018 and 1019.

No. 165. Peter O'Hara, Ballingate, Carnew, lodged a tender at £19: 9s. (amount allowed) £20 but as he was not present the work was given in charge of the County Surveyor.

No. 166. Patrick Farrell, Ballycadden, Ferns, tendered at £34: 10s. (amount allowed £35) and was accepted his being the only tender.

No. 235. The only tender received was from John O'Connor, Mandoran, Buncloody, at the full amount £7: 10s.

Accepted.

No. 238. James Finn, Ryland, Clohamon, tendered at £22 the amount allowed. This was the only tender and was accepted.

No. 239. Patrick Kearns, Ballycrystal, Templeshambo, tendered at £22: 8: (amount allowed £29). This being the only tender was accepted.

No. 316. John Kavanagh, Clologue, Ferns, tendered



No. 242. Peter Murphy, Cloroguemore, Kilttealy, tendered at £15, amount allowed. This, the only tender, was accepted.

No. 243. The only tender received was that of James Nolan, Ballycrystal, Templeshanbo at £13: 19s. (amount allowed £18). Accepted.

No. 244. Andrew Skelton, Cloroguebeg, Kilttealy, tendered at £23 and Michael Kearns, Ballycrystal, Templeshanbo, at £30: 10s. the full amount allowed.

Skelton withdrew his tender which he said had been lodged under a mis-apprehension.

The tender of Kearns was accordingly accepted.

No. 245. James Kehoe, Killybeg, Bunclody, tendered at £37 the full amount allowed. This, which was the only tender, was accepted.

No. 261. The only tender received was from Wm. Doran, Thomona, Kilttealy, at £14: 18: (amount allowed £15). Accepted.

No. 262. John Breen, Ballybreen, Ballindaggin, tendered at £27. John Doyle, same address at £28, and John Doran, Tomona, Kilttealy, at £28: 15s. It was ascertained that Breen was a minor. Doyle's tender was accepted. Amount allowed £30: 10s.

No. 296. The only tender received was from Patrick Jordan, Bolachoir, Ferns, at £17: 10: 6d. Accepted. Amount allowed £18.

No. 297. The only tender received was from Robert Kinsella, Tinnashrule, Ferns, at £35, the amount allowed. Accepted.

No. 298. Edward McDonald, Kilbora, Camolin, tendered at £21, the amount allowed and was accepted.

No. 315. Patrick Kavanagh, Jnr. Forties, Ferns, tendered at £21, the amount allowed, and was accepted.

No. 316. John Kavanagh, Cloologue, Ferns, tendered



at £12: 10s. and James Kenny, Effernogue, at £13, the amount allowed. Kavanagh's tender was accepted.

No. 317. James Kenny, Effernogue, Ferns, tendered at £28 and John Kavanagh, Cloologue, Ferns, at £28: 10s. and Kenny's tender was accepted.

No. 366. Edward Leary, Cullentra, Killealy, tendered at £7: 2: 6d (amount allowed £7: 10s.) and was accepted.

No. 367. Edward Leary, Cullentra, Killealy, tendered at £13: 19: 6d (amount allowed £15) and was accepted.

No. 368. James Morrissey, Askinvillar, Killealy, tendered at £12 the amount allowed and was accepted.

No. 369. John Nolan, Springmount, Killanne, tendered at £5: 7: 6d. Martin Murphy, Rathduff, Killanne, at £7: 4s. and Michael Scallan, Askinvillar, Killealy, at £7: 7s. (Amount allowed £7: 10s.). Murphy did not respond to his name. The tender of John Nolan was accepted.

No. 370. Michael Cullen, Newtown, Grange, Killanne, tendered at £13: 7: 6d. Martin Murphy, Rathduff, Killanne, at £14: 4s. and Michael Scallan, Askinvillar, Killealy, at £14: 14s. (amount allowed £15).

The tender of Michael Cullen was accepted.

No. 371. Michael Cooney, Corrigeen, Rathmure, tendered at £7 and Michael Scallan, Askinvillar, Killealy, at £7: 7s. (amount allowed £7: 10s.) The tender of Michael Cooney was accepted.

No. 372. Michael Cullen, Newtown, Grange, Killanne, tendered at £6: 8s. and Michael Cooney, Corrigeen, Rathmure, at £7. The amount allowed was £7: 10s. The tender of Michael Cullen was accepted.

No. 374. The only tender received was from James Coady, Corrigeen, Grange, Rathmure, at £22 the full amount allowed. Accepted.

No. 376. The only tender received was from Patrick Doran, Glenglass, Killanne, at £9, the full amount. Accepted.



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No. 396. Laurence Dunne, Greenane, Killanne, tendered at £9: 19s and John Breen, Ballybreen, Ballindaggin, at £9. It was ascertained that Breen was a minor and the tender of Laurence Dunne was accordingly accepted - Amount allowed £11.

No. 420. Thomas Murphy, Coolgarrow, Enniscorthy, tendered at £9: 3s. John Doran, Kilcotty, Enniscorthy, at £9: 19s. and Joseph Kelly, Coolgarrow, at £11 (the amount allowed). The tender of Thomas Murphy was accepted.

No. 421. The only tender received was from Joseph Hayden, Monawilling, Oulart, at £29, the amount allowed.

Accepted.

No. 423. John Doran, Kilcotty, Enniscorthy, tendered at £13: 19s. and Richard Britton, Ballymurray, The Ballagh, at £14 (Amount allowed £15). The tender of John Doran was accepted.

No. 424. The only tender received was from John Doran, Kilcotty, Enniscorthy, at £24: 15s. (amount allowed £26).

Accepted.

No. 441. John Parle, Toberlamina, Blackwater, tendered at £9: 18s. and Thomas Brien, Ballinellard, Blackwater, at £10: 7: 6d (Amount allowed £10: 10s.) The tender of John Parle was accepted.

No. 442. Thomas Brien, Ballinellard, Blackwater, tendered at £10: 15: 9d and Willaim McGill, Ballingowan, Blackwater, and Michael Furlong, Ballyvaldon, Blackwater, at £11 each which was the amount allowed. The tender of Thomas Brien was accepted.

No. 444. William McGill, Ballingowan, Blackwater, tendered at £10. Thomas O'Brien, Ballinellard, Blackwater, at £10: 9: 6d and Ml. Furlong, Ballyvaldon, Blackwater, at £11, the amount allowed. The tender of William McGill was accepted.



No. 447. The only tender received was from Thomas Mangan, Ballyconnigar, Blackwater, at £15 - the amount allowed - and this was accepted.

No. 450. Thomas Walsh, Ballinaclash, Blackwater, tendered at £20 (amount allowed £22: 10s.). Accepted.

No. 515. The only tender received was from Wm. Waters, Raheenahoun, Bree, at £7: 9s. (Amount allowed £7: 10s.).

Accepted.

No. 516. The only tender was from William Waters, Raheenahoun, Bree, at £21: 14s. (Amount allowed £22: 10s.).

Accepted.

No. 517. John Brien, Ballyhogue, Macmine, who did not answer his name, tendered at £7 and William Waters, Raheenahoun, Bree, at £7: 4s. The amount allowed was £7: 10: 0d. The tender of William Waters was accepted.

No. 518. The only tender received was from Wm. Waters, Raheenahoun, Bree, at £10: 9s. This was accepted. The amount allowed was £11.

No. 533. The only tender received was from John Redmond, Craanroe, Edermine, at £29, the amount allowed.

Accepted.

No. 534. John Doran, Kilcotty, Enniscorthy, tendered at £9: 5: 0d. and Joseph Cullen, Ballyrannel, Glenbrien, £9: 19s. The tender of John Doran was accepted. Amount allowed £11.

No. 536. Joseph Cullen, Ballyrannell, Glenbrien, tendered at £29 the amount allowed. Accepted.

No. 537. Thomas Brien, Glenteigue, Edermine, tendered at £24: 19s. Peter Kehoe, Coolanick, Oylegate, at £25: 9: 0d. and Joseph Cullen, Ballyrannell, at £26: 9s. Amount allowed £27. The tender of Thomas Brien was accepted.

No. 538. Peter Kehoe, Coolanick, Oylegate, tendered at £28: 15: Thomas Brien, Glenteigue, Edermine, at £31: 14s. and Joseph Cullen, Ballyrannell, £33: 19s. Amount allowed £35.



The tender of Peter Kehoe was accepted.

No. 559. The only tender received was from Richard Britton, Ballymurray, The Ballagh, at £17: 4s. Accepted. Amount allowed £18.

No. 560. John Murphy, Ballyhought, Blackwater, tendered at £5: 8s. (Amount allowed £5: 10s.). Accepted.

No. 561. The only tender received was from Myles Sunderland, Kilcorral, Castlebridge, at £14: 19: Amount allowed £16. Accepted.

No. 1020. Michael Scallan, Askinvillar, Kiltaly, who did not answer to his name tendered at £4: 7: 3d. and Peter Nolan, Askinvillar, Kiltaly, at £4: 10s. The last mentioned was accepted. Amount allowed £4: 10s.

#### HAULAGE

A considerable number of Haulage Tenders were dealt with.



WEXFORD TENDERS COMMITTEE

The Wexford Tenders Committee met on 20th February, 1932, in County Council Chamber, Wexford,

The following Councillors were present:- Col. Gibbon, Miss O'Ryan, Messrs James Gaul and R. Corish T.D.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors J. Kehoe and J.F. Birthistle were also in attendance.

Col. Gibbon was moved to the chair on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Miss O'Ryan.

Col. Gibbon left after consideration of Road Tenders and Mr. Corish presided during the consideration of Haulage Tenders.

ROAD TENDERS.  
CONTRACTS FROM 1ST APRIL 1932 to 31ST MARCH 1935

The following Roads for which no tenders were received were given in charge of County Surveyor for a year:-

Nos. 649, 893, 912 and 1012.

No. 623. Thomas Walsh, Kereight, Kyle, tendered at £11: 10s. the full amount allowed and was accepted.

No. 624. John Furlong, Barmoney, Bree, tendered at £16: 15s. and Patrick Kennedy, Ballyvergin, Foulksmills, at £17: 13s. (Amount allowed £18). The lower tender was accepted.

No. 625. John Furlong, Barmoney, Bree, and Nicholas Fortune, Barmoney, Bree, tendered at £31: 10s. James Murphy, Ballinclay, Killurin, at £32: 9s. and William Clifford, Hayestown, Taghmon, who did not answer his name, at £31. The tender of John Furlong was accepted. (Amount allowed £33).

No. 626. John Furlong, Barmoney, Bree, tendered at £12: 15s. Martin Hanley, Blackhall, Glynn, at £13: 4: 6d. and James Murphy, Ballinclay, at £13: 5s. Furlong's



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tender was accepted (Amount allowed £13: 10s.)

No. 627. John Furlong, Barmoney, Bree, tendered at £14: 17: 6d. John Kiely, Blackhall, Glynn, at £15: 18s. Martin Hanley, Blackhall, Glynn, at £15: 10s. and William Clifford, Hayestown, Taghmon, at £15.

Furlong's tender being the lowest was accepted.

Amount allowed £16.

No. 628. The only tender received was from Thomas Barnes, Cools, Barntown, at £22: 13s. Accepted. Amount allowed £24.

No. 644. Edward Browne, Ballyhoo, Screen, tendered at £9: 12: 0d. This which was the only tender, was accepted. Amount allowed £11.

No. 647. Edward Browne, Ballyhoo, Screen, tendered at £13: 9s. and William Redmond, Kilmacoe, Curraclloe, at £14: 10s. Browne's tender was accepted. Amount allowed £15.

No. 762. Aidan Creane, Clonerane, Taghmon, tendered at £20, the amount allowed and was accepted.

No. 763. Thomas Barnes, Cools, Barntown, tendered at £31: 11: 6d. John Furlong, Barmoney, Bree, and Wm. Clifford, Hayestown, Taghmon, at £31: 10s. and Patrick Kennedy, Ballyvergin, Foulksmills, at £32: 18s. The tender of Thomas Barnes (the old contractor) was accepted. Amount allowed £33.

No. 764. The only tender received was from Patrick Cullen, Forrest, Taghmon, at £16: 10s. the amount allowed. Accepted.

No. 766. John Cullen, Greenlake, Murrintown, tendered at £8: 17: 6d. Patrick Stafford, Cools, Barntown, at £9: 15s. Richard Cleary, Shelmalier Commons, The Dirr, at £9. The tender of John Cullen was accepted. Amount allowed £10.

No. 778. Peter Long, Kingsford, Barntown, tendered



at £14: 19s. Patrick Stafford, Cools, Barntown, at £17. Henry Long, Seaview, Barntown, at £16: 17s. James Dowd, Junior, Kingsford, Barntown, £15 and John Merriman, Kingsford, Barntown, at £17. The tender of Peter Long, the lowest, was accepted. Amount allowed £18.

No. 779. The only tender was from John Merriman, Kingsford, Barntown, at £16: 18: 6d. Accepted.

Amount allowed £18.

No. 781. Patrick Devereux, Barntown, tendered at £6 and Patrick Stafford, Cools, Barntown, at £7: 5s. The tender of Patrick Devereux was accepted. Amount allowed £7: 10s.

No. 782. Patrick Devereux, Barntown, tendered at £9. This, which was the only tender, was accepted. Amount allowed £11.

No. 783. The only tender received was from John Dowd, Jnr. Kingsford, Barntown, at £6: 19s. Accepted. Amount allowed £8.

No. 785. James Dowd, Kingsford, Barntown, tendered at £6: 19s. Patrick Roche, Seaview, Barntown, at £7: 15s. and John Cullen, Greenlake, Murrintown, at £8. Dowd's tender the lowest was accepted. Amount allowed £9.

No. 786. Patrick Roche, Seaview, Barntown, tendered at £7: 15s. and James Dowd, Kingsford, Barntown, at £7: 17: 6d. Roche's tender, the lower, was accepted. Amount allowed £9.

No. 889. Patrick May, Ardinagh, Taghmon, tendered at £17: 10s. the full amount allowed. This was the only tender. Accepted.

No. 890. The only tender received was from John Doyle, Bridgetown, at £14: 14s. Accepted. Amount allowed £15.

No. 892. The tender of Patrick May, Ardinagh, Taghmon, at £20 the full amount allowed was the only one received. Accepted.

No. 910. James Wade, Danescastle, Bannow, tendered at £18: 19s. This was the only tender received. Amount allowed



£20.

No. 911. William Browne, Bannow, tendered at £6: 19s. and James Wade, Danescastle, Bannow, at £7: 7d. Browne's tender was accepted.

Amount allowed £7: 10s.

No. 913. The only tender received was from William Browne, Bannow, at £4: 19s. This was accepted. Amount allowed £5.

No. 914. Robert Sheridan, Bannow, tendered at £7, the amount allowed and was accepted. There was no other tender.

No. 915. Only one tender was received, that of Thomas White, Scotsland, Duncormack, at £9, the amount allowed. Accepted.

No. 916. Thomas White, Scotsland, Duncormack, tendered at £11, the amount allowed. This was the only tender and was accepted.

No. 917. John Furlong, Knockstown, Barntown, tendered at £9 the amount allowed and was accepted. This was the only tender.

No. 930. Richard Clear, Shilmalier Commons, The Dirr, tendered at £12: 10s. and was accepted this being the only tender. Amount allowed £14.

No. 931. Richard Cleary, Shilmalier Commons, The Dirr, tendered at £17: 5s. and Martin Sinnott, Heavenstown, Cleariestown, at £18, the amount allowed. Cleary's tender was accepted.

No. 932. Thomas Kelly, Skeeterspark, Cleariestown, tendered at £10: 18s. and was accepted. Amount allowed £12.

No. 933. Thomas Kelly, Skeeterspark, Cleariestown, tendered at £6: 10s. the full amount allowed and was accepted.

No. 934. Thomas Kelly, Skeeterpark, Cleariestown, tendered at £7: 14s. and James Duff, Corramacorra,



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Murrintown, at £8: 15s. Kelly's tender was accepted.  
Amount allowed £9.

No. 935. The only tender received was from James Murphy, Newbog, Taghmon, at £6: 17: 11d. Accepted.

Amount allowed £8.

No. 936. Thomas Kelly, Skeeterpark, Cleariestown, tendered at £10: 16s. and Martin Sinnott, Heavenstown, Cleariestown, at £11: 5s. Kelly's tender was accepted.

Amount allowed £11: 10s.

No. 937. Philip Connick, Bridgetown, tendered at £13: 9s. Patrick Kielthy, Sweetman, Bridgetown, at £15: 14s. Patrick Newport, Woodtown, Ballycogley at £13: 14s. and Thomas Pitt, Ballylibernagh, Bridgetown, at £14. The tender of Philip Connick, the lowest was accepted. Amount allowed £16.

No. 954. James Jordan, Reahouse, Duncormack, tendered at £10 and was accepted this being the only tender. Amount allowed £10: 10s.

No. 955. William Moore, The Hall, Grange, Kilmore, tendered at £16: 15s. and Walter Pierse, Rackardstown, Kilmore, at £25. Moore's tender was accepted. Amount allowed £27.

No. 956. William Delaney, Ballylibernagh, Bridgetown, tendered at £9: 5s. and Patrick Kielthy, Sweetman, Bridgetown, at £9: 19s. The lower tender that of William Delaney was accepted. Amount allowed £11: 10s.

No. 957. Philip Connick, Bridgetown, tendered at £11: 9s. and William Delaney, Ballylibernagh, Bridgetown, at £11: 10s. Connick's tender - the lower - was accepted. Amount allowed £13: 10s.

No. 972. The only tender received was from Patrick Byrne, Ballykillaine, Drinagh, at £8: 19s. Accepted. The amount allowed was £9.



No. 973. Patrick Byrne, Ballykilliane, Drinagh, tendered at £21: 19s. and was accepted, his being the only tender.

Amount allowed £22: 10s.

No. 974. The only tender was from Patrick Byrne, Ballykilliane, Drinagh, at £7 the amount allowed. Accepted.

No. 975. Benjamin Wilson, Ablintown, Ballycogley, tendered at £16, and James Boggan, Walshestown, Ballycogley, at £18, the amount allowed. The tender of Benjamin Wilson was accepted.

No. 977. John Harpur, Courtlands, Ballycogley, tendered at £17: 9s. 6d. and John Bail, Ballykelly, Drinagh, at £17: 12s. Harpur's tender was accepted. Amount allowed £19.

No. 978. John Harpur, Courtlands, Ballycogley, tendered at £15: 17s. and Benjamin Wilson, Ablintown, Ballycogley, at £16. Harpur's tender was accepted. Amount allowed £18.

No. 1010. James Bishop, Lake Big, Rosslare, tendered at £16: 10: 6d and Peter Barry, Lake Little, Rosslare, tendered at £21. The tender of James Bishop was accepted. Amount allowed £22: 10s.

No. 1011. James Bishop, Lake Big, Rosslare, tendered at £9: 15s. and Peter Barry, Lake Little, Rosslare, at £10: 15s. Bishop's tender was accepted. Amount allowed £11: 10s.

#### HAULAGE

A large number of Tenders for Haulage were then disposed of.



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Clince seconded by Mr. McCarthy:- "That the reports of Tenders Committees for the districts of New Ross, Enniscorthy and Wexford be confirmed. That Contract for Road No. 262 (Enniscorthy District) be approved subject to the Contractor, John Doyle, Ballybreen, Ballindaggin, submitting within 14 days from this date a baptismal Certificate to prove that he is over 21 years old. That in the event of Council ascertaining that Breen is a minor this road be given in charge of the County Surveyor."

The meeting then discussed the reference in County Surveyor's report as to the fact that although by directions of the Council offers were invited for the haulage of material from County Council quarries at a flat rate of 10d per cubic yard mile numbers of Contractors had put in offers at lower figures but that the Committees in view of the decision of the Council accepted tenders at 10d in all cases considering only the selection of the haulier and not the price provided it did not exceed the stipulated figure.

The Chairman said it was an extraordinary position that while Contractors were willing to do this work of haulage at a lower figure than 10d per cubic yard mile the Council said they would not pay less than the 10d. This was not economy for the ratepayers and should be altered.

Mr. Smyth said there was great disappointment in his district as to arrangements for haulage. The people could not see the use of tendering when it was at a flat rate.

Mr. D'Arcy said he would give notice of motion for next meeting that the County Council reconsider their resolution fixing haulage at 10d per cubic yard mile and revert to the practice of having competing tenders for this work.

The County Surveyor said that in ~~some~~ cases in which



there were extremely steep hills, and only half loads could be dealt with, it had not been found possible to have haulage done at the flat rate of 10d per cubic yard mile; they had to pay 6d extra in these cases.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That in haulage work for which offers have not been accepted by Tenders Committees the County Surveyor be empowered to make the best arrangement he can and that in cases in which abnormal conditions prevail the difficulties of hauliers be taken into consideration, by the County Surveyor when determining the amount of remuneration"

Mr. James Byrne, Clonmore, Bree, in a letter which was handed <sup>in</sup> at the meeting stated he had a mechanical hauling outfit which had been working in Ballybrennan quarry for the past ten years. This year he tendered at 6d per yard per mile but the Tenders Committee accepted the tender of Mr. Kavanagh, St. John's, Enniscorthy, at 5½d. The latter also got the work at Clonhaston and Cherryorchard quarries. He (Byrne) would be satisfied, if he got the work at Ballybrennan this year and on which he was depending. If not Mr. Kavanagh would have two engines working while he (Byrne) would be idle and he had a young family for which to provide. There was only a halfpenny per yard difference and in fairness he held he was entitled to some of the work. He thought the Council should have a fixed flat rate for mechanical as well as for horse haulage. Otherwise some hauliers who had mechanical outfits would have to dispose of them.

Col. Gibbon said that as regards this class of haulage it would be a bad precedent to accept any but the lowest satisfactory tender.

Mr. Shannon gave notice of motion for next meeting of the Council to have a flat rate per cubic yard mile fixed for mechanical haulage.

The Chairman said they were in a very anomalous and



inconsistent position. One Councillor had given notice to abolish the flat rate for horse haulage and a second Councillor to fix a flat rate for mechanical haulage.

MEETING OF COUNCIL AND BANK HOLIDAY  
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Gaul:- "That as 28th March, 1932, date fixed for meeting of County Council falls on a bank holiday this meeting be held on 29th March."

HOUSE AT BALLYCARNEY CROSS ROADS  
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Under date 19th February, 1932, Mrs. C.E.B. Swaine, Ballycarney School, wrote that she had purchased a small plot of ground at Ballycarney Cross Roads and on which she proposed putting up a small shop. She asked permission to proceed with the work.

Mr. Ennis (Assistant Surveyor) said he had inspected the place on 19th February: it was on a corner and within 30 yards of the centre of the road. He suggested the Co. Surveyor should see the place and report.

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

"That letter from Mrs. Swaine, Ballycarney School, for permission to erect a small shop at Ballycarney Cross Roads be referred to County Surveyor for report."

CONSIDERATION OF ESTIMATE OF RATES  
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Col. Gibbon:- "That L.G.D. be requested to extend the time for consideration of Estimate of Rate for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1932-33 from 1st March, 1932, to 14th March, 1932, the date of next meeting of the County Council."

SUPPLEMENTAL LOAN OF £1,600 FOR GOREY  
GARDEN CITY COTTAGE SCHEME.  
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The following motion of which he had given previous  
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notice and which had been circulated to members of the County Council on 8th January, 1932, was moved by Mr. Gaul:-

"That the Council consents to the borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of £1,600 for the completion of the Gorey Garden City Cottage Scheme."

Mr. Corish seconded the resolution which was adopted nem con.

#### MAINTENANCE GRANT - MAIN ROADS

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Under date 10th February, 1932, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (R.G.M./201/32) that a Grant of £11,678, 40 % of £29,195 amount passed by the Council for the upkeep of Main roads, had been provisionally allocated for the upkeep of Main roads in Wexford County for financial year 1932-33. One of the conditions attaching to the grant was that all tars and bitumens for use on all roads - grant aided or otherwise - are to be obtained from the official contractors.

The Secretary said that all proposed expenditure on main roads except £2,901, for repayment of Loans on roads and Public Works, had been taken into consideration by Local Government Department in fixing amount of grant.

#### AUDIT A/C'S ENNISCORTHY MENTAL HOSPITAL

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The Report of Local Government Auditor 3rd February, 1932, (No. 10023/32) on his Audit of the Accounts of Enniscorthy District Mental Hospital for the half years ended 30th September, 1930, and 31st March, 1931, respectively was read.

No order.

#### STATUS OF MACHINERY OVERSEER

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The L.G.D. (Roads) wrote under date 11th February, 1932, (R/RM/32) that the decision refusing to agree to appointment of Mr. William Murphy, Machinery Overseer, on



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the permanent staff could not be varied.

IRRECOVERABLE AND TEMPORARILY IRRECOVERABLE  
RATES.  
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Under date 16th February, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.74591/1932 Loch Garman) ~~wrote~~ that if by 29th February any Rate Collector was in a position to furnish an advance list on Form 53 containing satisfactory evidence that particular rates were totally irrecoverable or temporarily uncollectable, the Minister for Local Government and Public Health would raise no objection to such lists being then considered and dealt with by the Council or duly authorised Committee under Article 102 (3) of the Public Bodies' Order along with relative reports from Secretary under Sub-Article 2. Any rates so dealt with by the Council would not be eligible for the calculation of poundage in respect of the 1931/32 warrants and that the final examination of each Collector's record provided for by Article 102 at the end of the financial year will also be carried out if any other rates then remain unlodged.

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

"That the Finance Committee be empowered to consider advance lists of totally irrecoverable or temporarily uncollectable rates in conformity with letter from L.G.D. - 16th February, 1932 (G.7459/1932 Loch Garman)."

EXTENSION OF PERIOD OF OVERDRAFT  
ACCOMMODATION.  
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. McCarthy:- "That the L.G.D. be requested to extend period of overdraft accommodation to the extent of £20,000 from 29th February, 1932, to 30th June, 1932,"

FOOD AND DRUGS APPOINTMENTS  
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Under date 2nd February, 1932, the Department of



Local Government wrote (P.H. 7142/32 Loch Garman (H) that as regards the divergent findings of the Public Analysts in respect of samples of milk analysed in connection with the recent legal proceedings against Gregory Devereux, Ballyfinogue, Killinick, it was understood that as a result of enquiries in the matter the Authorities of the Garda Siochana were satisfied that the variations were due to the fact that the Sampling Officer did not properly mix the sample before dividing it into three parts. The necessary action had been taken in connection therewith and it was learned that fresh instructions had been issued to the Gardai, acting as Sampling Officers, drawing special attention to the procedure laid down for the taking of samples under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts.

The Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, wrote asking the Council to appoint Garda Peter Smith 5197, Wexford No. 2, as Food and Drugs Inspector for Wexford Garda District vice Garda C. Driscoll, 5433, the outgoing Inspector.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That Garda Peter Smith (5197) be appointed Ex-Officio Inspector of this County Council under Food and Drugs Acts vice Garda C. Driscoll (5433)."

#### RATES BANTRY AND BLACKSTAIRS COMMONS

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The following under date 12th February, 1932, (3201290-CS/M.) was read from the Valuation Department:-

"In reply to your letter of the 29th ultimo, enclosing a report of a conference representative of the County Councils of Carlow and Wexford with reference to the revision of the Valuation of Bantry and Blackstairs Commons, I am directed by the Commissioner of Valuation to state that, in order that the required apportionment of the Valuation may be made, it will be necessary for you to include the areas in the list of tenements requiring revision to be forwarded to this Depart-



ment in June next."

Under date 9th February, 1932, the Secretary Carlow County Council wrote that his Council had unanimously approved of the resolution passed by the representatives of the two Councils of Carlow and Wexford on 19th January, 1932, and had directed him to bring the matter to the attention of the Commissioner of Valuation for immediate action.

A memorial was received from 13 ratepayers protesting against the proposal of the Councils of Carlow and Wexford to have separate ratings made for each person concerned. This decision was most unjust as it would compel them to pay for a mountain which was now of no advantage to them and worse still which they did not intend to use. In years past a load of *turf* would pay the rates; coal was now more easily obtained and more economical. Why should they be separately rated for the mountain as all they could do was to look up at it. They held therefore they could not be legally compelled to pay rates. The Carlow men wanted them to pay the tax and to reap the advantage. The plan adopted at the Council's meeting was a wolf dressed in the clothing of a sheep.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Valuation Department be requested to state, if it be possible to secure the services of one of their Valuers now, in order to carry out the proposals of the County Councils of Carlow and Wexford as regards the ratings for Bantry and Blackstairs Commons and what would be the probable cost of his services. That the ratepayers, whose protest has been read at this day's meeting be informed they can make their case before Valuation Department Valuer and that the Council are certain they will be fairly treated in the matter."



HAGGARD - CAMPILE ROAD  
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At the last meeting of the Council a resolution was adopted that the County Surveyor present at meeting of 22nd February, 1932, a considered report on the state of the Haggard-Campile road.

The County Surveyor said he had estimated that it would take £150 to maintain this road but the Council allowed £70 only which was not enough to maintain the road with the class of traffic passing over it.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cooney seconded by Mr. Murphy:- "That we confirm the resolution adopted at last meeting to withdraw £50 from the appropriate Road Contingency Fund for next financial year, when available, in order to put the Haggard-Campile road in a fair condition."

MONAMOLIN (RATHNURE) ROAD  
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Messrs Brennan and Shannon reported that as requested by last meeting they had interviewed Mr. James Doyle, Rathnure, with a view to procuring a small piece of his land for the widening of above road and which was absolutely necessary for the safety of the public. Mr. Doyle refused to agree to the request of the Council unless compelled by law to do so.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, communicate with Mr. Doyle and point out to him as it was essential for the safety of the travelling public that the road at Monamolín (Rathnure) should be widened the Council would be obliged to acquire the necessary land from Mr. Doyle's holding by compulsion if he is not satisfied to have the matter dealt with by agreement.

RYLAND CROSS-CLOHAMON BRIDGE  
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The following under date 12th February, 1932, was read from Wm. Binions, Ryland Lr., Clohamon:-



"Referring to the wall, which was broken by floods, situate between Ryland Cross and Clohamon Bridge, I shall be glad if you will have it restored to its original condition at an early date, and I shall <sup>be</sup> ~~be~~ <sup>object</sup> ~~obliged~~ to a wire or similar fence being placed there. Also as from this date I shall hold your Council responsible for any damage which may occur to my stock resulting from the broken fence."

It was decided that the County Surveyor and Mr. Elgee should visit the place and report to the next meeting of the Council.

#### RAILING AT CAMOLIN

Under date 17th February, 1932, Mr. John Roche, Camolin, wrote asking permission to erect a railing outside the house occupied by Mrs. S. Carney, Camolin.

The County Surveyor said that the proposed railing would be an improvement.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That no order be made in connection with the application of Mr. John Roche, as regards the erection of a railing outside the house of Mrs. S. Carney, Camolin."

#### TRANSFER OF ROAD MONEY

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the sum of £46 be transferred from Road 272 to the repair of bridge at Ballinakill on the main road from Bunclody to Enniscorthy which is at present in a very bad condition, is in danger of falling and requires immediate repair."

#### SHANOULE LANE

Matthew Banville and seven other ratepayers Shanoule Foulksmills, wrote under date 15th February, 1932, that Shanoule Lane was in a very bad state and cut up. Only



for the dry weather a person could not travel on it owing to want of material. Before the War it got 25 yards of material; this year only 6  $\frac{1}{4}$  yards. If stones were not provided for immediately they would pay no more rates until this is done. The Contractor is John Carroll, Assagart, Foulksmills.

Mr. O'Byrne said they should not consider this letter owing to the threat at the end.

The letter was on the motion of Mr. Brennan seconded by Mr. D'Arcy referred to County Surveyor.

#### SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

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Under date 16th February, 1932, Rev. Br. J.C. Wilson, Superior Christian Brother Schools, Enniscorthy, wrote that he had missed the date of Entry for Secondary School Scholarships. This was the first time pupils from his school were entering and <sup>as</sup> he went to Enniscorthy last summer it could ~~be~~ be understood how the date slipped by unnoticed. For the sake of the poor boys who might benefit by the Scholarships he hoped his mistake would be overlooked.

The Secretary stated that he had communicated with Department of Education and pointed out that, in the circumstances, the County Council would be satisfied to accept entry forms for Scholarships, if, in order, provided this course would meet with the approval of the Department. The latter were asked for an early decision.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That we request the Department of Education to allow this Council to accept entries for Secondary Scholarship Scheme for current year from Christian Brothers Schools Enniscorthy, provided these are found in order."

#### NOTES ON ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

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



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"That consideration of notes of Mr. J. Bowen, B.E., County Surveyor, Waterford, on "Road Reconstruction" with resolution from Waterford County Council urging a Conference of Road Authorities be adjourned for a month."

TOWN TENANTS BILL  
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The following resolution of Cobh Urban District Council was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That knowing the views and necessities of the people of this town, we their representatives, request of the New Government that a Town Tenants Bill in keeping with requirements of the people in Urban areas be introduced at an early date."

*Wm. J. Corish*  
14/3/32



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.  
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MEETING HELD 14TH MARCH 1932  
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M I N U T E S  
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COUNTY HALL,  
WEXFORD.

N. J. FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY.

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 14th March, 1932.

Present:- Messrs James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Cline, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, James Gaul, Col.C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Michael Jordan, William P. Keegan, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Col.R.P. Wemyss Quin, M.M. Roche, James Shannon,

The Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor and Rate Inspector were also in attendance.

Col. Quin proposed and Mr. Cummins seconded a resolution moving Mr. McCarthy to the chair,

After the reading of the Minutes Mr. Doyle, Chairman, attended and presided during consideration of the rest of the business.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

ESTIMATE OF RATES FOR GENERAL AND SEPARATE CHARGES  
FOR YEAR 1932-33.

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Estimates of Rates for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1932-33 as approved by the Finance Committee were submitted:-

Particulars of same on Forms 42 and 43 with explanatory table had been furnished to Councillors with agenda paper.

The General Rate recommended by the Finance Committee is  $3/5\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £ on land and  $8/8\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £ on buildings, a reduction of  $4\frac{3}{4}$ d in the £ <sup>on land</sup> and an increase of 4d in the £ on other Hereditaments as compared with last year.

Col. Quin proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution:- "That the County Council adopt the Estimates of Rates for General and Separate Charges as recommended by the Finance Committee."

Mr. Cummins considered that the matter should be postponed until the Council could approach the new Govern-



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ment and see what could be done to help the people considerable numbers of whom were in a bad way.

Col. Gibbon urged that they should agree to the Rates that day. From the point of view of carrying on the Council and from the point of view of carrying out their legal obligations under the statutes the Rates were the lowest that could be struck.

Mr. Hall and the Chairman held that if they were going to get complete De-Rating no harm could be done by deferring for a short time consideration of the Estimates.

The Chairman said this would be an opportune time to see what was to be the outcome of the promises made at the last election, about the de-rating.

Miss O'Ryan said the amount of money necessary for full de-rating was to come through the retention of the land annuities and nothing could be done in that direction sooner than June next.

The Chairman said the late Government found the money for three-quarters of full de-rating without touching the annuities and he was of opinion the present Government should find the remaining quarter in a somewhat similar way. If the land annuities could not be retained were to they/have no de-rating.

Miss O'Ryan - That is not the case.

After further discussion the following amendment was moved by Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That consideration of Estimates of Rates for General and Separate Charges for forthcoming financial year be adjourned until the County Council meeting to be held on 29th March, 1932."

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

For: Messrs Brennan, Culleton, Cummins, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Keegan, McCarthy, Roche and the Chairman - 10.



Against:- Messrs Armstrong, Cline, Corish, D'Arcy, Gaul, Murphy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin and Shannon - 10.

The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the amendment which he declared carried.

The amendment was then put as the substantive motion and adopted without dissent.

MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEES

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 11th February, 1932, as follows, were confirmed on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cline:-



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A meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 11th February, 1932.

Present:- Messrs Sean O'Byrne, Thomas McCarthy and James Shannon.

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

Mr. Sean O'Byrne was moved to the chair on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. McCarthy.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £1,383: 16: 4d was examined and signed.

#### RATE ESTIMATE FINANCIAL YEAR 1932-33

The figures in connection with Rate Estimate General and Separate Charges were furnished members of Finance Committee but in consequence of the small attendance consideration was adjourned to Finance Committee meeting of 25th February 1932.

#### DAIL ELECTIONS

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That officials of the County Council who are acting as officials at Dail Election be granted leave therefor, provided same be deducted from annual holidays.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Mr. John Leacy, Inspector for N.S.P.C.C. wrote that he had been asked to report that Robert Kelly, late of Ballymore, Camolin, was committed to St. Kyran's Industrial School, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow, on 25th February, 1927, under Section 58 (1) (B) Childrens' Act 1908. His period of extension expired on 14th December last, but in view of the fact that the boy is an orphan the Minister for Education



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had directed that he be committed to a senior school until he was 16. Mr. Leacy asked if in the circumstances the Wexford County Council would be prepared to continue payments in the meantime.

The following resolution was adopted:- "That in view of the circumstances mentioned in application for the further detention of Robert Kelly in an Industrial School we recommend the County Council to inform Mr. Leacy, Inspector N.S.P.C.C. (Wexford Branch) that the Wicklow County Council should be held responsible for this boy's continued maintenance."



The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect  
of meeting held on 25th February, 1932, were submitted  
as follows:-



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A meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 25th February, 1932.

Present - Col. Gibbon, Messrs S. O'Byrne, James Hall, John Culleton, and Thomas McCarthy.

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

On the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. O'Byrne the chair was taken by Mr. Hall.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

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Treasurer's Advice Note for £1,456: 10: 1d was examined and signed.

#### ESTIMATE OF RATES FOR GENERAL AND SEPARATE CHARGES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1932/33.

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Under date 8th January, 1932, the following letter (G.988/1932. Loch Garman.) was read from L. G. D. :-

"With reference to this Department's letter of even date sanctioning continuance of overdraft accommodation not exceeding £20,000 on the Council's Accounts up to the 29th proximo, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the Council should provide amply for all their commitments for the year 1932/33 and allow sufficient margin to enable them to carry on their services pending the collection of the rates."

The Secretary stated that if the Finance Committee could see their way to include in Estimate an extra £8,000 to meet portion of advances required by Subsidiary Bodies it would help the Council's finances considerably by reducing overdraft accommodation required and consequent expenditure on debit interest.



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The meeting unanimously decided against the inclusion of this amount owing to the present poor financial position of the Ratepayers.

Proposed by Mr. O'Byrne and seconded by Col. Gibbon:- "That we recommend the County Council to adopt a Rate of  $8/8\frac{1}{2}$  in the £ for General Charges in respect of financial year 1932-33. That Rebate on Agricultural Land (in respect of Agricultural Grant) be  $5/2\frac{3}{4}$  in the £."

"That Separate Charges Estimates be agreed to as follows:-

No. of Separate Charge:	Particulars	:Amount to: :be raised:	Poundage Rate.
4	Arklow Harbour Loan	226:17:3	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ d
15	Loan Gorey Union	37: 0:0	$\frac{1}{4}$ d
20	Labourers Acts Enniscorthy	2950: 0:0	6 $\frac{3}{4}$ d
21	" " Gorey	2380: 0:0	7d
22	" " New Ross	1620: 0:0	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ d
23	" " Wexford	2250: 0:0	5 $\frac{3}{4}$ d
25	Loan Enniscorthy R.D.Charges Account	1328: 0:0	3d
28	Loan Wexford " " Account	2813: 0:0	7d
1A	Public Health Acts	870: 0:0	2d
2A	Lighting Newtownbarry town	35: 0:0	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ d
4A	Post Office Act Oulart Dispensary District	170: 0:0	1 $\frac{3}{4}$ d
5A	Sewerage Clonroche Dispensary District	145: 0:0	2d
6A	Public Health Acts Killanne D.D.	100: 0:0	2d
1B	Sanitary Works and Water Supply Gorey R. D.	700: 0:0	2 $\frac{1}{4}$ d
5B	Public Health Acts Coolgreany D.D.	150: 0:0	2 $\frac{1}{4}$ d
1-10C	Public Health Act New Ross R.D.	200: 0:0	$\frac{3}{4}$ d
1D	Water Supply Rosslare Wexford R. D.	630: 0:0	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d
3D	Public Health Act Broadway D.D.	140: 0:0	1 $\frac{3}{4}$ d
4D	Public Health Act Taghmon & Glynn D. D.'s	100: 0:0	1 $\frac{3}{4}$ d
5D	Public Health Acts Crossabeg D. D.	75: 0:0	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d
245	Criminal Injury Michael Maher E. D. Enniscorthy Rural	6: 7:6	$\frac{1}{4}$ d
246	Criminal Injury. Irish Sugar Manufg. Co. E.D. Clonroche.	15: 1:0	1d



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The amounts required to meet Criminal Injury Decree E. Supply Board £5: 9: 4d and David Donnelly, Enniscorthy, £8: 5s. are to be included in Demands on Enniscorthy Urban Council. The sum required to meet Criminal Injury Decree Annie and Margaret Kelly, Wexford, (£13: 18: 0d) will be included in Demand on Wexford Urban Council.

"That increments at the scale agreed to by the County Council and sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be granted to members of Co. Secretary's and Co. Surveyor's staffs, in view of certificates giving satisfactory service, having been received from Co. Secretary and Co. Surveyor. That same be included in Estimates for financial year 1932-33."

#### RATE COLLECTION

State of: Rate Collection up to date was submitted as follows:-

No.	Name of Collector.	Percentage of Warrant collected.
1.	J. Curtis	71.7 %
2.	E. J. Murphy	66.0 %
3.	J. Quirke (No. 1) ,	64.7 %
4.	J. Cummins	64.6 %
5.	J. Deegan	62.2 %
6.	P. Carty	62.0 %
7.	J. J. O'Reilly	61.6 %
8.	W. Doyle	61.2 %
9.	T. Rowe	61.0 %
10.	T. Bolger (No. 14)	60.8 %
11.	A. Dunne	60.0 %
12.	S. Gannon (No. 6)	58.6 %
13.	S. Gannon (No.10)	58.0 %
14.	M. McCarthy	57.0 %
15.	P. O'Byrne	56.9 %



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N <sup>o</sup> .	Name of Collector.	Percentage of Warrant collected.
16.	W. Cummins	56.5 %
17.	P. Nolan	55.8 %
18.	J.J. Sinnott	54.7 %
19.	P. Doyle	53.7 %
20.	T. Bolger (No. 12)	50.0 %
21.	J. Quirke (No. 2)	46.1 %

Under date 20th February, 1932, Rate Inspector reported that Collector P. Carty did not attend for checking on the 19th and had given no explanation. He had been written to in the matter.

On the 25th February, 1932, Collector P. Carty wrote that he was staying at Fethard the previous week for the collection of Fethard and Templetown Divisions, and did not get the notice in time to turn up for checking. On account of Campile Fair on 24th February he had remained in the district but his books had since been checked.

The meeting accepted the explanation of the Collector.

The following under date 16th February, 1932, (G.7459/<sup>which</sup> 1932. Loch Garman.)/was referred to the Finance Committee from County Council on 22nd February, 1932, was read:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 27th ultimo, forwarding a proposal from the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council subsequently adopted by the Council on the 8th instant concerning the examination of lists of uncollected rates submitted by Rate Collectors, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that, if by the 29th instant any Collector is in a position to furnish an advance list on Form 53 containing satisfactory evidence that particular rates are totally irrecoverable or temporarily uncollectible, the Minister raises no objection to such lists being then considered and dealt with by the



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Council (or duly authorised committee) under Article 102 (3) of the Public Bodies Order along with the relative reports from you under Sub Article (2).

It will be understood that any rates so dealt with by the Council will not be eligible for the calculation of poundage in respect of the 1931/32 warrants and that the final examination of each Collector's record provided for by Article 102 at the end of the financial year will also be carried out if any other rates then remain unlodged."

It was decided that the question of closing Rate Collectors' Warrants be considered at next meeting.

A resolution was adopted asking Collectors M. McCarthy No. 6 and S. Gannon for explanation as to why no lodgment of Poor Rate had been made by them since 13th February, 1932.

A letter was read from John Parker, Coolakip, stating that he had received a reply from the Land Commission allowing him to let his lands as usual. He wished to know if he did so would the County Council accept Part Payments of his rates, otherwise he would not be in a position to pay anything.

The Rate Collector concerned, W. Cummins, wrote that Parker was in poor circumstances and had practically no stock. It would be advisable, the Rate Collector stated, to make it clear to Parker that all lettings or sales of hay must be made through his auctioneer, as otherwise the stock on the lands would be liable to seizure.

The Rate Inspector agreed with recommendation of Collector.

It was decided that if rates up to 31st March 1930 amounting to £29: 1s. on Coolamain and Coolakip be paid immediately the letting of the lands should be approved.

Under date 23rd February, 1932, application was received from P. O'Byrne, Rate Collector, for payment of £26: 10s. being expenses in connection with seizure of sheep on Bantry Commons. It was now almost seven months



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since the seizure was made, and he stated the amount should be paid.

It was decided to refer the entire correspondence to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor for his advice.

#### PRINTING RECEIPT AND DEMAND NOTES

Three Tenders were received for the printing of Receipt and Demand Notes :-

Messrs J. English, Quay, Wexford - £28: 10s. Od.

The People, Wexford. - £32: 10s. 6d

The Free Press Wexford - £35: 10s. Od.

The Tender of Messrs English & Co. was accepted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Col. Gibbon.

#### ROAD GANGERS

In connection with the proposal made at the meeting of the County Council on 8th February, 1932, as to employment of Road Gangers to act as Caretakers of the sewerage systems in Clonroche, Bunclody, Ferns and Duncannon villages, which had been referred to the Finance Committee by the Council for recommendation, the County Surveyor stated that from the point of view of his work the employment of the Gangers as suggested would make no difference. It would be an advantage from the point of view of the Board of Health as they could not pay a full time caretaker. Provided the arrangements to be made would not interfere with the Road Work he (Co. Surveyor) would not raise any objection.

On the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. Culleton the following resolution was adopted :-

"That as regards proposal to employ Gangers as Caretakers for sewerage systems for villages, the Finance Committee would be glad to receive from the Board of Health a statement embodying definite duties to be carried out by the Gangers and would also suggest that when this has been received by the County Surveyor, Mr. Flood Engineer to the



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Board of Health, should be invited to attend the meeting of the Finance Committee at which this matter is to be further considered."

#### SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

Under date 24th February, 1932, a requisition for articles under above Acts required by Ex-officio Inspectors (Garda Siochana) was submitted from the Chief Superintendent. The requisition, he stated, was based on actual requirements and with every regard for the economical side.

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

"That requisition under Food and Drugs Acts submitted to this meeting be approved. That it be pointed out to the Chief Superintendent Garda Siochana that where small articles such as 29 sheets of blotting paper, and 50 foolscap envelopes are required, it might be found more economical to purchase these locally than from the Trade List of the Dept. of Local Government, owing to cost of postage, which would be involved by ordering from Trade List."

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The following applications for committals of children to Industrial Schools had been received and reported to Mr. Elgee for his attention on behalf of the Council:

Johanna Cummins, Templetown, Fethard; Bridget Power, do; Margaret and Annie Dwyer, Ramstown, Fethard (Sgt. A.J. Lee.)

Thomas Carroll, Byrne's Lane, Wexford, (Sgt. Murphy).

William and Bridget Torney, Green Street, Wexford, (John Leacy Inspr. N.S.P.C.C.).



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Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted without dissent:

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 25th February, 1932, as submitted to this meeting, be received and approved."

The Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 10th March, 1932, were submitted as follows:-



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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 10th March, 1932.

Present - Messrs James Hall, J. Shannon, Sean O'Byrne, John J. Culleton and T. McCarthy.

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

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Treasurer's Advice Note for £1,319: 19: 6d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

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State of: Rate Collection as follows was submitted:-

No.	Name of Collector.	Percentage of Warrant Collected.
1.	J. Curtis	78.5 %
2.	E. J. Murphy	74.4 %
3.	W. Doyle	70.8 %
4.	T. Rowe	68.2 %
5.	J. Cummins	68.1 %
6.	J. Quirke (No. 1)	67.7 %
7.	P. Carty	67.3 %
8.	J. Deegan	65.6 %
9.	T. Bolger (No. 14)	65.4 %
10.	J. J. O'Reilly	64.4 %
11.	A. Dunne	64.4 %
12.	M. McCarthy	62.0 %
13.	S. Gannon (No. 6)	61.0 %
14.	P. Doyle	60.7 %
15.	S. Gannon	60.0 %
16.	J. J. Sinnott	59.8 %



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No.	Name of Collector.	Percentage of Warrant collected.
17.	P. Nolan	59.3 %
18.	W. Cummins	58.4 %
19.	P. O'Byrne	58.0 %
20.	T. Bolger (No.12)	52.2 %
21.	J. Quirke (No. 2)	49.4 %

#### TEMPORARY UNCOLLECTABLE AND IRRECOVERABLE RATES

Advance Lists of Irrecoverable and Temporary Uncollectable Rates in respect of Collectors' Areas in the Rural Districts of Gorey and New Ross were submitted. The following were the principal items included in Irrecoverable Lists relating to land:-

E.J. Murphy	- 8	year's Rates on Bantry Commons	-	£175: 4: 1d
Do.	- 3	" " " Dwyer's Marshes	-	25:14: 1d
T. Rowe	- 2	" " " Bowes Land		
		Great Island	-	26:18: 2d
W. Doyle	-3	" " " Margt. White's Land	-	32: 0: 9d
J.J. O'Reilly	-1	" " " Wm. Breslaun's Holding Glenoge	-	19: 4: 2d
	1	" " " Kinsella's Ballyfad	-	8 : 8: 8d
T. Bolger	-1	" " " H. Sheridan's Land	-	19: 13: 8d
A. Dunne	-1	" " " A. Swaine's Land	-	27: 5: 11d
J.J. Sinnott	-1	" " " A. Kavanagh's Land Templederri	-	20: 15: 11d
	-1	" " " P. Rath's Land at Coolatrindle	-	12: 2: 7d
	-2	" " " Mary. H. Breen's Curraduff	-	54: 11: 8d

A discussion took place as to the advisability of postponing the question of striking off 8 years' rates due on Bantry Commons, amounting to £175: 4: 1d, but, in view of the fact that the Conference which was held at Enniscorthy between Reps. of Wexford Co. Council and Carlow Co. Council, had recommended this course, it was decided to have the amount struck off as Irrecoverable in view of the fact that two years' rates were being carried forward for collection with next year's warrant.

In the case of the recommendations of Rate Inspector



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that the Rates due on the holding of J. Redmond of Boira be struck off as Irrecoverable, the Finance Committee considered there was a possibility of obtaining at least some of the amount due and it was decided therefore that this amount be carried forward.

It was pointed out in all above cases two years' rates were being carried forward for collection with next year's warrant.

The following are the amounts in each Collector's District approved by the Finance Committee as Irrecoverable and Temporary Uncollectable:-

	Irrecoverable.	T. Uncollectable.	Total.
E.J. O'Reilly -	£43: 6: 3d	114: 4: 9d	£157:11: 0d
T. Bolger -	26:13: 2d	34 :17: 2d	61:10: 4d
A. Dunne -	64:13: 0d	516: 0: 7d	580:13: 7d
J.J. Sinnott -	95:19: 6d	426:13: 1d	522:12: 7d
E.J. Murphy -	201:16: 2d	62: 8: 6d	264: 4: 8d
T. Rowe -	31: 9: 5d	82:16: 1d	114: 5: 6d
W. Doyle -	35:16: 5d	144: 2: 1d	179:18: 6d
J. Curtis -	43: 2: 6d	116:10: 6d	159:13: 0d
P. Carty -	60: 9:11d	123: 6: 8d	183:16: 7d

#### BANTRY AND BLACKSTAIRS COMMONS

The following letter from the Secretary, Department of Valuation, under date 8th March, 1932 (No.3201290 S/M) was submitted:-

"I am directed by the Commissioner of Valuation to refer to your further letter of the 26th ultimo, relative to the difficulties which you have experienced in connection with the collection of rates on these Commons and to state that in the special circumstances he would like to give you such assistance as is possible.

"The Commissioner proposes to send Mr. McAuley, an experienced Valuer of this Department, to meet the Rate Collectors of each rating area concerned, and also the ratepayers, if you will be good enough to suggest a place and a date for such a meeting.



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It is obvious that Mr. McAuley should be given every possible assistance to enable him to come to a decision regarding the correct division of the holdings in question."

It was decided that the date of meeting with Mr. McAuley be fixed for Wednesday 6th April, 1932, at Rathmure Village Hall. That advertisements of notices of meeting be inserted in the local papers and notices posted at Rathmure, Templeudigan and Drummond Churches.

It was further decided that notification be sent by post to each person at present rated in respect of Bantry and Blackstairs Commons.

Mr. Culleton mentioned that it might be advisable for the Council to consider the question of having these Commons taken over by the Forestry Department.

COLLECTOR O'BYRNE'S COSTS - BANTRY COMMONS SEIZURE  
OF SHEEP.

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In reference to application from Mr. O'Byrne for payment of out-of-pocket expenses and which had been adjourned from a number of meetings, in connection with seizure of sheep from Bantry Commons, it was decided on the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. Shannon that the Co. Council be recommended to recoup Collector O'Byrne the amount of his outlay amounting to £26: 10s.

FAILURE OF COLLECTORS TO ATTEND CHECKING.

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The following explanation from two Collectors regarding their failure to attend checking were considered satisfactory:-

Collector M. McCarthy wrote:-

"In answer to yours of 2nd instant, re my failure for not making lodgments as from the 13th February. From that date until 19th February I was engaged in connection with the Elections, and from the 21st February until last Tuesday I was down with the flu', so I was not able to do any better. I am sorry that I overlooked not making a small lodgment, on my own so as to avoid this trouble. Please under the circumstances



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excuse me for this occasion as I am since Wednesday lodging  
£200: 0: 0d for this week ending 5th instant."

Collector P. Carty wrote:-

"I attended at Wexford for checking on Thursday 25th February and went back to my collection district from there. I remained collecting till the 4th March and when I came home there was a letter for me instructing me to attend for checking on the previous Tuesday 1st inst., that would be five days between the two checkings. Had I got the notice in time I would have attended promptly. I rang up Mr. O'Kennedy the next morning and explained that I had got his notice on the (previous) Friday night only and asked him might I attend at the County Council office on Monday morning for checking and he said yes. So I attended there at 10 o'clock this morning."

With reference to his failure to lodge rates within a specified period Collector Sean Gannon wrote:-

"In reply to yours asking for explanation as to why I did not make any lodgment in No 6 District from 13th February to 25th February, I beg to state that I had been collecting No. 10 district previous to 13th February and made a lodgment to No. 6 District by mistake which should have been credited to No. 10 with the result that I was overlodged in No. 6 and found that on the 19th Feb. (checking day) I was still over £2 overlodged and of course could not lodge any more.

I may add that for nearly a fortnight in February I was held up with a bad cold and money was slow in coming in.

I have always endeavoured to carry out the order re lodgments in the past and I will do my best in the future. Trusting this explanation will be satisfactory to your Committee."

COLLECTORS' LAW COSTS  
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The following letter was submitted from Department of Local Government under date 2nd March, 1932, (G.12906/32 Loch



Garman) regarding law costs incurred by Collector J. Cummins in obtaining payment of rates due on the holding of John Cooney Ballinerode, Oulart:-

"With reference to the Minute of the Wexford County Council of the 8th ultimo, regarding the payment by the Council of the sum of £7: 0: 6d, legal costs incurred by Collector J. Cummins in obtaining payment of the rates due on the holding of Mr. John Cooney, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to draw attention to the terms of this Department's letter of the 23rd June last (48992/31).

It is understood that the Rates were recovered without Court Proceedings and it should not be overlooked that the commission paid to a Collector covers the entire cost of collection. If a Collector employs a Solicitor to assist him in the collection of rates such employment is personal to the collector.

If the Council are thoroughly satisfied that the circumstances of this case were so exceptional that the usual remuneration of the Collector could not reasonably be regarded as adequate the Minister would not object if the Council were to make a small special contribution to the Collector in respect of the abnormal cost of recovery."

It was pointed out that the Account received by Mr. Cummins from his Solicitors, Messrs J.A. Sinnott & Co., Enniscorthy was as follows:-

Costs of Decree	-	£3: 17: 6d
Correspondence		
Fee	-	£3: 3: 0d
Total	-	<u>£7: 0: 6d.</u>

It was decided on the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Mr. Culleton that a contribution of £5 be made towards Mr. Cummins' expenses in the matter.

#### ROAD GANGERS AS CARETAKERS OF SEWERAGE SYSTEMS

The following letter under date 10th March, 1932, was read from Mr. T.D. Sinnott, Secretary Co. Board of Health, in



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reply to resolution adopted by Finance Committee at their last meeting:-

"With reference to previous correspondence and to yours of the 4th inst. in connection with the caretaking of Bunclody, Ferns, Clonroche Sewerage systems, I beg to inform you that the Board's Engineer, Mr. Flood, has been consulted in this matter. There are three systems of sewerage under the Board's control which would need caretaking; those of Bunclody, Ferns and Clonroche. Mr. Flood recommends that the Road Ganger in each of these areas be placed in charge of the sewerage systems in the area and that his work consist in (1) regular inspections of the system; (2) keeping all traps cleared; (3) clear any blocked sewers and generally seeing that the system is working properly and not being abused.

"In the case of Bunclody the Caretaker would have to divert the effluent from the septic tank over plots in the purification ground as directed by the Engineer. Should any serious block occur in the system or any difficulty arise that the ganger could not remedy in, say, one hour, he should report the matter to the Board's Engineer for the District, who could take the necessary steps to provide a man to do the work, the ganger acting as overseer. In this way the caretaking need not interfere with the ganger's duties on the roads to any considerable extent.

"Mr. Flood suggests that the Board of Health pay £8 per annum for the caretaking at Bunclody and £4 per annum for the caretaking at Ferns and Clonroche.

"If the Engineer's suggestions meet with the approval of your Council, I am quite sure that the Board will be prepared to ratify an arrangement on these lines."

The County Surveyor stated that the suggestion of the Board of Health could be carried out in the cases of Clonroche and Ferns sewerage systems, but he would not recommend the arrangement for Bunclody area.



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Mr. Flood, Engineer to the Board of Health, who was in attendance, stated he did not think that the carrying out of this additional work would interfere unduly with the Gangers' Work under the County Council. The reason he favoured the duties being carried out by the Gangers was *due* to the fact that ~~because~~ he considered them the most suitable men for the work.

After discussion it was decided that the Gangers acting for Ferns and Clonroche Districts be directed to carry out the caretaking of the sewerage systems in their districts on the lines set out in the letter from the Board of Health under date 10th March, 1932.

As regards the contribution payable to the County Council in respect of the Gangers' services for this work, Mr. Flood stated that the amounts mentioned were recommended by himself, but had not been considered by the Health Board.

After discussion it was decided to approve of a payment of £3 per annum for Clonroche and £3 per annum for Ferns Areas and to recommend the Board of Health to fix £10 per annum for Bunclody, caretaking of this work to be carried out by the Co. Board of Health.

#### RESIGNATION OF MISS M. FRIZELLE.

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The following under date 26th February, 1932, was read from Miss Monica Frizelle:-

"I beg to resign my position as Shorthand-Typist owing to my approaching marriage. In doing so I wish to thank the members of the Council for their kindness to me during my period of service.

"I would be grateful if Council could see their way to grant the gratuity they are empowered to allow me under terms of section 44 (4) of Local Government Act, 1925."

Proposed by Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:- "That we recommend the County Council to accept



with regret the resignation of Miss M. Frizelle, Shorthand-Typist in Co. Secretary's Office to take effect as from 14th March, 1932."

It was pointed out that Miss Frizelle had over 8 years completed service, and that the maximum gratuity authorised under Section 44 (4) of the Local Government Act 1925 amounted to £81: 0: 0d.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Hall to recommend the Co. Council to grant a gratuity of £50 to Miss Frizelle, under the terms of Section 44 (4) of Local Government Act 1925, this proposal to be subject to sanction of Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

The following conditions for appointment of Shorthand-Typist were approved.

Salary £90 per annum, rising by annual increments of £5 to £150. Minimum age 20 years. Appointment to be open to male or female applicants; qualifying examination to be held on the following subjects:-

Irish, English, Arithmetic, Shorthand (100 words per min.) and Typewriting (50 words per min.)

It was decided to request Mr. T. Fane, "The People" Newspapers, to conduct the examination in Shorthand and Typewriting and Mr. Myles Redmond, Secondary School Teacher, Christian Schools, Wexford, to conduct the examination in the other subjects."

50 % of marks to be regarded as qualifying pass mark for Irish, English and Arithmetic.

Advertisement for the vacant position to be inserted in the three local papers.

#### OVERDRAFT

The following letter from Local Government Department under date 2nd March, 1932, (No.G.14722/32 Fa. Loch Garman.) was read:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government &



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Public Health to state that he sanctions overdraft accommodation not exceeding £20,000 upon the Accounts of the Wexford County Council up to the 31st instant. Interest may be paid thereon at the agreed rate.

"A duplicate of this letter is enclosed for the information of the Council's Treasurer."

No order.

#### DISCHARGING BOAT AT COURTTOWN

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The following letter from Mr. K. McNeill, Chairman Courtown Harbour Commissioners was read:-

"We recommend that a new discharging boat be built for Courtown, as repairs to the old one would cost more than half the price of the new one.

"We, the Commissioners, have come to the conclusion that this place cannot get along without a discharging boat and she will be required immediately."

Letter as follows from Mrs. Kate Callaghan under date 27th February, 1932, was also submitted:-

"I beg to remind you and your Council of the necessity of providing the discharging boat in Courtown. The time is getting short and I would soon have to have the Boat going to sea as myself and the men are badly off to earn something at present."

It was decided to refer both communications to the County Council meeting of 10th March, 1932.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

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In reference to proposed committal of Mary E. Nolan, child of William Nolan, late of Yolegrove, Taghmon, whose address was at present unknown, it was decided as this man is in receipt of 45/- weekly army pension, that Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, communicate with Ministry of Pensions with a view to having pprtion of pension applied to the maintenance of his child in Industrial School.



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Rate Collection: The following is the State of the  
Rate Collection to 14th March, 1932:-

No.	Name of Collector.	Percentage of Warrant collected.
1.	J. Curtis	80.2 %
2.	E.J. Murphy	77.4 %
3.	T. Rowe	74.3 %
4.	W. Doyle	72.3 %
5.	J. Quirke (No. 1)	70.5 %
6.	J. Cummins	69.1 %
7.	T. Bolger (No.14)	68.8 %
8.	P. Carty	67.3 %
9.	J. Deegan	66.4 %
10.	M. McCarthy	66.0 %
11.	J.J. O'Reilly	65.6 %
12.	A. Dunne	65.0 %
13.	P. Doyle	63.0 %
14.	S. Gannon (No.10)	62.0 %
15.	J.J. Sinnott	61.5 %
16.	S. Gannon (No. 6)	61.1 %
17.	P. Nolan	60.6 %
18.	W. Cummins	60.0 %
19.	P. O'Byrne	60.0 %
20.	T. Bolger (No.12)	53.6 %
21.	J. Quirke (No. 2)	49.5 %

Collector's Law Costs: Mr. O'Byrne proposed the  
recommendation of the Finance Committee agreeing to make  
a contribution to the law costs of Collector J. Cummins  
in connection with recovery of rates on the holding of  
John Cooney, Ballinerode, Oulart,

Mr. Cummins seconded and the resolution was adopted.

Mr. McCarthy proposed and Mr. Clince seconded the  
following resolution:- "That the recommendation of the



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Finance Committee to pay £26: 10s. to Collector O'Byrne costs incurred by him in respect of abortive seizure of sheep at Bantry Commons be approved."

Mr. D'Arcy proposed:- "That a sum of £20 be paid Collector O'Byrne in respect of costs incurred by him in connection with abortive seizure of sheep at Bantry Commons."

This proposal was not seconded.

A poll on Mr. McCarthy's resolution resulted as follows:-

For: Messrs Armstrong, Brennan, Clince, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, Hall, Jordan, Keegan, Murphy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin and Shannon - 14.

Against: Messrs D'Arcy, Gibbon, Roche and the Chairman - 4.

Mr. Gaul (1) did not vote and Mr. McCarthy (1) was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted.

Road Gangers and Sewerage Systems: Mr. Murphy said that some time ago he had raised the question of having some attention paid to the flushing of the traps in Duncannon village.

The County Surveyor said that he had arranged that the Road Ganger when necessary would flush out the traps with a couple of buckets of water but the occasion for doing this had not arisen since the arrangement was made.

Mr. Hall said that so far as Ferns and Clonroche were concerned the gulley traps were taking the water off the roads and in that way were an advantage to the County Council.

The Chairman was of opinion that a very dangerous precedent would be set up if the County Council through their employees took charge of these sewerage systems. The County Board of Health was the proper authority to look after it.

After further discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by the Chairman:-



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"That the question of the employment of Road Gangers in connection with sewerage systems of Bunclody, Clonroche, and Ferns be referred back to the County Board of Health for further consideration."

Resignation of Miss M. Frizelle: The recommendation of the Finance Committee accepting the resignation of Miss M. Frizelle, Shorthand-Typist, County Council Office as from 14th March, 1932, was confirmed on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cline.

Mr. McCarthy proposed and Mr. Cline seconded the recommendation of the Finance Committee proposing to grant £50 to Miss Frizelle under Section 44 (4) of the Local Government Act, 1925.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For: Messrs Armstrong, Brennan, Cline, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, Gaul, Hall, Jordan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan and Shannon - 13.

Against: Messrs D'Arcy, Gibbon, Keegan, Murphy, Quin and the Chairman - 6.

Mr. Roche (1) was absent when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. Gaul:- "That the terms and conditions governing the appointment of Shorthand-Typist as recommended by Finance Committee be and hereby approved."

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following resolution:- "That the position of Shorthand-Typist in Co. Secretary's Office be confined to female applicants."

The Chairman declared the resolution lost and this ruling went unchallenged.

Mr. Murphy proposed:- "That the position of Shorthand-Typist in Co. Secretary's Office be open to transfer of any officer under County Council or Co. Health Board."



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Mr. Gaul seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For: Messrs Armstrong, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gaul, Jordan, Keegan, Murphy, and the Chairman - 8.

Against:- Messrs Brennan, Clince, Corish, Culleton, Gibbon, Hall, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin and Shannon - 11.

Mr. Roche (1) was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

The resolution of Mr. Hall to confirm the recommendation of the Finance Committee as regards new appointment was then put and passed nem con.

Discharging Boat at Courtown: Mr. O'Byrne said that by providing a discharging boat they would have a life boat at the place and the boat would be a help when the fishing boats were all out at sea. He proposed:- "That a discharging boat be provided for Courtown Harbour cost not to exceed £60."

Mr. Keegan seconded.

The County Surveyor said the present boat was not worth 30 pence. She could be patched for about £30 but the job would not be satisfactory. It was essential to have a boat in the harbour and a small fee could be charged for its use.

In reply to a query Mr. Elgee said that as there were discharging boats at Courtown when the harbour was taken over from Lord Courtown by the County Council it was quite in order for the County Council to provide the boat.

The resolution was adopted the County Surveyor to advertise for tenders.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee of 10th March, 1932, except in so far as same have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting be and are hereby confirmed."

HAULAGE WORK  
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Mr. Shannon moved the following of which he had given



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previous notice:- "That a flat rate of 6d per cubic yard mile be fixed by the Council for mechanical haulage."

Mr. Clince seconded.

Mr. Gaul said that the position of the Councillors in Wexford area was to oppose mechanical haulage wherever horse haulage was available.

The County Surveyor said that the Surveyors employed mechanical haulage only when essential - generally where the road could stand the haulage of a large amount of material which had to be got out quickly and over a long distance. He did not see the necessity for fixing <sup>a</sup> flat rate though 6d per yard mile was not unreasonable.

A poll was taken on the motion with the following result:-

For: Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, O'Byrne, O'Ryan and Shannon - 8.

Against: Messrs Culleton, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, McCarthy, Murphy, Quin, Roche and the Chairman - 9.

Mr. Keegan (1) did not vote and Messrs Brennan and Jordan (2) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

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

"That County Council reconsider their resolution fixing cost of horse haulage at 10d per cubic yard and revert to the practice of having competing tend<sup>e</sup><sub>r</sub>s for this work."

Col. Quin seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For: Messrs Brennan, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Murphy, Quin, Roche and the Chairman - 10.

Against: Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Corish, Gaul, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan and Shannon - 9.

Mr. Jordan (1) was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.



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PROPOSED LINK ROADS  
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The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. D'Arcy:-

"That the Local Government Department be requested to schedule the following as link roads:- "From Gorey Main Street via Dispensary Hollyfort, Wicklow Gap to County Bounds at Barnadown (Nos. pt.140, 120, 74, 73.)

Mr. O'Byrne seconded.      Passed.

Mr. Murphy moved the following of which he had given previous notice.

"That the Local Government Department be requested to schedule the following as link roads:- From turn, Horeswood Catholic Church via Campile to Main Road Ramsgrange Cross Roads (Nos. pt. 701, pt. 682, pt.789 and 790.)"

Mr. Cummins seconded.      Passed.

ROAD AT MONAMOLIN (RATHNURE)  
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Mr. Shannon said that repairs in some shape or form would have to be carried out on this road for the protection of the public. It was in a very dangerous condition at the moment.

The County Surveyor said there were three ways of dealing with the road (1) To put up a post and wire fence in the same way as on the lower part (2) a retaining wall and paling but the cost would be considerably more than for No. 1 (3) To widen the road. Mr. Brennan and Mr. Shannon saw the landowner with a view to getting sufficient land from him to permit of this being done but they were not successful the landowner saying he would not agree on any consideration. The widening of the road would be the proper thing to do but apparently they could get the land only by compulsion and the cost of this as the law stood put it out of the question. Consequently they would have to fall back on post and wire fence. At a recent Conference between the County Surveyors and the Government the former had called



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attention to the necessity of having some simple procedure for taking of land required for County purposes. There was no simple procedure by which they could obtain land for widening roads or altering corners, but eventually they were bound to have it. When it came they could widen the road they had under discussion. It would be a mistake to spend a lot of money now because it was almost certain the Council would be widening the road later.

After discussion it was decided to instruct the County Surveyor to submit to next meeting an estimate of the cost of the work he proposed to carry out on this road.

#### ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

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Under date 1st March, 1932, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (S.G.R. 201/32) that a sum of £14,134 had been provisionally allocated to the Council out of Road Improvement Grant 1932-33 for Main Road Improvement.

New-Ross Wexford Road £6,870; Enniscorthy-Bunclogh Road £6,090 and Rosslare Harbour to Jones Cross £1,174.  
Total - £14,134.

The conditions under which the Grant will be available as set out in communication of the Department were also read for the meeting.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That the L. G. D. (Roads) be requested to confirm in writing their approval to the proposals of the County Council to have the works referred to in their letter of 1st March, 1932, (S.G.K.-201/32) carried out by direct labour."

Under date 4th March, 1932, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote to County Surveyor stating that the authority of the Minister for Finance had been received for the making of a grant of £1,463 out of the Road Fund to Wexford County Council for the improvement of John Street,



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Maudlintown and Trinity Street, Wexford, on the usual conditions.

Under date 7th March, 1932, the Department of Local Government (Roads) (RGM/32) wrote that a payment of £2,164 in respect of Road Maintenance Grant had been made to the County Treasurer on 15th February, 1932.

#### ARTRAMON WATER SUPPLY

The Department of Local Government forwarded copy of sealed Order (P.H. 8212/1932) fixing Crossabeg Dispensary District as the area of charge for Artramon Water Supply.

The Department of Local Government forwarded Sealed Order (P.H. 11803/1932) fixing Broadway Dispensary District as the area of charge for Tacumshane Water Supply.

#### HOUSING (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1931

During the reading of Circular Letter (No.H.16171-1932 Ilgh) re above Mr. Corish said that it was unnecessary for the Council to listen to the document. The Act was most complicated and unworkable and the officials of the Government were beginning to find this out.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of the matter for a month.

#### TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS

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

"That application be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for the temporary closing of the following roads in consequence of Road Improvement work:-

1. Trunk Road (T.12 No.22.) from New Ross to Wexford, between Butlersland Cross Roads and Piggott's Turn, from the 1st day of May, 1932, until the 30th day of June, 1932.

Alternative route available for Public traffic is the County Road from the Urban Boundary near the Workhouse to Turn at Piggott's (No.650).



2. Trunk Road (T.12 No.21) from New Ross to Wexford between Ballinaboola and Raheenvarren Cross Roads, from 21st day of May, 1932, until the 21st day of October, 1932.

Alternative routes available for public traffic are the County Road via Old Ross (Nos. 590 and 591) or the County Road via Newbawn (Nos. 728 and 730.)

3. Trunk Road (T.6 No.24) from Bunclody to Enniscorthy between Coolattin Bridge and Tombrick Bridge from 1st day of May, 1932, until the 30th day of September, 1932.

Alternative route available for ~~the~~ public traffic is the road through Ballycarney and Clohamon (Nos. 284 and L33 No.47) on East Bank of River Slaney).

Any person interested may lodge with the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, Custom House, Dublin, not later than 26th March, 1932, an objection to the closing of any of the above roads."

#### NEW ROSS BRIDGE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That repairs to capping of New Ross Bridge be, as recommended by the County Surveyor, carried out by direct labour. That advertisements be issued for tenders for the painting of New Ross Bridge."

#### SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Under date 1st March, 1932, (L.5536-32) the Office of National Education wrote that as regards the request of the Christian Brothers, Enniscorthy, for a supply of application forms for admission to County Council Scholarship Examination, in view of the fact that the Scheme prescribed 5th February, 1932, as the latest date of receipt of such applications, it was not open to the Council to accede to the request.



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The Secretary stated that copy of this letter had been furnished Rev. Br. Wilson, Superior, Christian Bros. Schools, Enniscorthy.

The Examination would be held on March 30 and 31 and on April 1st. There were fourteen candidates, seven boys and seven girls.

#### EASTER COMMEMORATION

Mr. Seumas Rossiter, Hon. Secretary to Wexford Easter Commemoration Committee wrote inviting the County Council to take part in the Annual Commemoration Procession to Crosstown Cemetery, Wexford, on Easter Sunday.

Mr. Cummins proposed:- "That the full Council take part in the Annual Commemoration Procession to Crosstown Cemetery on Easter Sunday.

Mr. Keegan seconded.

Passed.

#### ROAD 262

Mr. James Doyle, Ballybreen, Ballindaggin, whose son, John Doyle, had been accepted as Contractor for maintenance of Road No. 262 wrote in regard to a statement at last meeting of the Council that John Doyle was a minor, admitting that his son was only nineteen and a half years old.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That Contract for maintenance of Road No. 262 with John Doyle, Ballybreen, Ballindaggin, who is a minor be cancelled and work given in charge of County Surveyor for a year from 1st April, 1932, to 31st March, 1933."

#### CLOHAMON BRIDGE

The following under date 27th February, 1932, re above from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, was considered in committee:-

"I attended at the above Bridge yesterday accompanied



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by Mr. Barry, the County Surveyor, and Mr. Ennis, the Assistant Surveyor, and inspected same, and the walls alongside of the Road leading thereto.

The walls in question extend along both sides of the Roadway leading from the Enniscorthy-Buncloody Road to the Bridge at Clohamon, the distance being approximately 80 perches.

The walls are in the Main, loose built without mortar except the top course which is built in.

In many places, the wall, especially on the North side of the Road, has fallen. This, I am informed, was caused by flood waters which come from the river on the North side of the Bridge across the adjoining lands.

The lands on both sides of the Road are on practically the same level of the Road itself, and there is no evidence of the Road being on an embankment. This being so I am of opinion that the County Council are not under any legal liability to maintain or repair the walls in question.

I have made enquiries as to whether the County ever repaired these walls, but I cannot find any definite information on the subject only rumours to the effect that some years ago small repairs were carried out by the County.

Accordingly, I am of opinion, that the County Council should repudiate all liability in respect of the walls in question or the repairs of same."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That as advised by our Solicitor, we repudiate liability for repair of walls situate between Ryland Cross and Clohamon Bridge."

#### RELIEF SCHEMES VOTE

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

"That easement of the following dangerous corners be carried out under Relief Schemes Vote, as recommended by



County Surveyor:-

Road No. 9. Three corners at Leap Cross, £30; Road No. 24. Ease corner and erect two post and wire palings near Tombrick £38; Road No. 49. Corner at Kildealy £20, and corner at Byrne's Cross £35; Road No. 62. Dangerous Corner at turn to Stokestown £15; Road No. 63. Two corners near Horeswood Church £14; Road No. 111. Corner and road widening at Loggan £35; Road No. 362. Three corners £24; Road No. 374. Two corners £20; Road No. 387. Corner at Monglass £15; Road No. 475. Two corners £10; Road No. 593. Two corners £12; Road No. 683. Corner at Dunmain Cross £10; Road No. 701. Move wall and erect post and wire fence corner at Portobello £10; Road No. 714. Turn at Gusserane £8; Road No. 797. Two dangerous turns at Shelbaggan £20; Road No. 980. Lower two corners and erect paling at Ballymore, Killinick, £18; Road No. 982. Lower four corners and erect paling at Greenfield, Killinick, £35; Road No. 984. Lower corner at Grageen £10 and do at Twelveacre £25; Roads Nos. 34 and 970. Randallstown Corner £45 and Roads No. 433 and 556, Crosslaghroe corner £25. Total £474.

TRANSFERRING ROADS : CONTRACT TO DIRECT LABOUR

In reply to query raised at last Co. Council meeting by Mr. D'Arcy as to why certain roads which had formerly been under Contract had been transferred without a notice of motion to the Direct Labour Section, the County Surveyor stated that when he prepared his Provisional Road Works Scheme for the forthcoming financial year he set out his opinion under Article 48 (b) of the Public Bodies Order 1925, that these roads should be carried out otherwise than by contract. When this scheme was under consideration by the Council it was open to them under Article 50 (5) to alter or amend the Scheme in any way which commended itself to them except by including therein any work of improvement and this resolution did not require any notice of motion. The Council could not make any change for the forthcoming financial year.



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NEW BUILDING ON PUBLIC ROAD  
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The County Surveyor submitted report from Mr. T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, under date 23rd February, 1932, that on 4th ult. he found a new building in course of construction at Red Pat's Cross Road No. 9, by Peter Kinsella, Tourduff, Enniscorthy. Kinsella was not at home but his wife was informed as was himself on 6th February, 1932, that no further work should be done but that application should be made to the County Council for permission to erect the building, within the prescribed distance from the road centre. The building was now practically completed.

The County Surveyor said that the building was an obstruction to traffic. It was erected at a very narrow place on the leading road from Enniscorthy to New Ross.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, be instructed to take the necessary steps with a view to having building erected by Peter Kinsella on Road No. 9 removed from its present objectionable position."

GOREY TENDERS COMMITTEE  
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Report of Gorey Tenders Committee meeting held on 24th February, 1932, was submitted:-



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GOREY TENDERS COMMITTEE  
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The County Councillors for Gorey Electoral Area acting as Tenders Committee met in Courthouse, Gorey, on 24th February, 1932, to consider Tenders for maintenance of roads and haulage.

The following were in attendance: Messrs T.F.D'Arcy, W.P. Keegan, Sean O'Byrne and Myles Smyth.

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

On the motion of Mr. Smyth seconded by Mr. Keegan the chair was taken by Mr. O'Byrne.

TENDERS FOR ROADS FROM 1ST APRIL 1932  
TO 31ST MARCH 1935.  
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The following roads in respect of which no tenders had been lodged were given in charge of the County Surveyor:

Nos. 87, 103, 107, 109 and 1015.

No. 84. Thomas Gaynor, Cumber, Tinahely, tendered at £5 (Amount allowed £6: 10s.) and Thomas Flynn, Ballinabarney, Tinahely, at £6: 10s. Gaynor's tender being the lower was accepted.

No. 85. Abraham Storey, Croghan, Inch, tendered at £15 (amount allowed £15). This being the only tender was accepted.

No. 86. Abraham Storey, Croghan, Inch, tendered at £15 (amount allowed £15) and was accepted.

No. 88. The only tender received was from Patk. Dunne, Tomathone, Kilanerin, at the full amount £18.

Accepted.

No. 89. The only tender received was from Patrick Dunne, Tomathone, Kilanerin, at the full amount £18.

Accepted.

No. 90. Michael Kilty, Ballinabarney, Tinahely,



tendered at £16: 8s. and Patrick Dunne, Tomathone, Kilanerin, at £17, the amount allowed. Kilty's tender, was accepted, being the lower.

No. 105. James Mills, Junior, Clone, Castletown, Inch, tendered at £9 and John Bergin, Clone, Castletown, who did not answer, at £8: 17: 6d. Mills' tender was accepted. (Amount allowed £9).

No. 106. James Mills, Junior, Clone, Castletown, Inch, tendered at £9, the amount allowed, and John Bergin, same address, at £8: 17: 6d. Bergin did not answer and Mills' tender was accepted.

No. 108. James Doyle, Tara Hill, Gorey, tendered at £27: 18s. and was accepted. Amount allowed £29.

No. 123. James Gethings, Cumner, Coolboy, Tinahely, tendered at £13 and Thomas Flynn, Ballinabarney, Tinahely, at £15 (the amount allowed). Gethings' tender was accepted.

No. 124. Michael Kilty, Ballinabarney, Tinahely, tendered at £20 : 18s. and was accepted. Amount allowed £21.

No. 142. Patrick Kinsella, Market Square, Gorey, tendered at £13: 10s. (amount allowed £13: 10s.). This being the only tender was accepted.

No. 143. Patrick Kinsella, Market Square, Gorey, tendered at £14: 10s., Patrick Doran, Ballycomclone, Gorey, at £15 and Michael Codd, Ballyscarton, Gorey, also at £15, the amount allowed. The tender of Patrick Kinsella was accepted.

No. 144. Michael Dwyer, No. 2 McCurtain Street, Gorey, tendered at £11: 19: 6d., Michael Kane, The Moor, Killena, at £13, Patrick Kinsella, Market Square, Gorey, at £12: 15s., John Kinsella, Ballyduff, Killena, at £13 and Thomas Sheehan, Ballyminane, Gorey, at £12: 10s. and John Duffy, Ballinagran, Gorey, at £12: 5s. Michael Dwyer's tender being the lowest was accepted. Amount allowed £13: 10s.



No. 182. Michael Loughlin, Drummond, Carnew, tendered at £28: 10s. and Edward Doyle, Kilcavan, Carnew, at £26 (Amount allowed £29). Edward Doyle having no experience and <sup>as</sup> it was stated that his father with whom he lived was unsatisfactory, as a Road Contractor, Loughlin's tender was accepted.

No. 184. The only tender received was from John McDonald, Clonee, Camolin, at £15 (amount allowed).

Accepted.

No. 186. The only tender received was from Patrick Higgins, Ballydarragh, Craanford, at £16: 10s. (the amount allowed). Accepted.

No. 187. Philip Wadding, Ballinacoola, Gorey, tendered at £20 and Patrick Fox, Knockbrandon, Gorey, at £21. Wadding's tender, being the lower, was accepted.

Amount allowed £21.

No. 203. The only tender received was from Patrick Higgins, Ballydarragh, Craanford, at £13: 10s. the amount allowed. Accepted.

No. 218. John Kinsella, Ballyduff, Killena, tendered at £13., Michael Dwyer, No. 2 McCurtain Street, Gorey, at £13: 10s., Michael Keane, The Moor, Killena, at £14: 10s., James Doyle, Grattan Terrace, Gorey, at £15: 0s., Thomas Sheehan, Ballyminane, Gorey, at £14: 8s., Patrick Kinsella Market Square, Gorey, at £14: 5s., Philip Wadding, Ballinacoola, Gorey, at £14.

John Kinsella's tender, being the lowest, was accepted. (Amount allowed £15).

No. 333. The only tender received was from Peter Doran, Monagrena, Boolavogue at £18 (the amount allowed). Accepted.

No. 334. The only tender received was from Nicholas Redmond, Ballinlow, Kilmuckridge, at £14: 19s. (amount allowed £16). Accepted.



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No. 354. John Kinsella, Ballyduff, Killena, Gorey, tendered at £10 and Patrick Hughes, Mangan, Killena at £11.

John Kinsella's, <sup>tender</sup> being the lower, was accepted. (Amount allowed £11).

No. 355. The only tender received was from David Doyle (Snr.), Ballinagam, Clonevan, Gorey, at £7. Accepted (amount allowed £9).

No. 356. The only tender received was from Myles Ennis, Cahore, Clonevan, Gorey, at £8. Accepted, (amount allowed £9).

No. 1016. William Murphy, Monasootha, Camolin, tendered at £30 (amount allowed). This, being the only tender was accepted.

#### HAULAGE

A large number of haulage offers were then disposed of.



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

"That the action of Gorey Tenders Committee in provisionally accepting various Contracts for roads and works be approved and that we hereby confirm on behalf of the County Council the acceptance of said Contracts."

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS  
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Clince seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:-

"That as recommended by Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Garda Martin Dwyer (4597) New Ross be appointed Ex-Officio Inspector under Food and Drugs Acts vice Garda Thomas Moylan (2320).

Miss Phyllis Ryan M.Sc., Co. Analyst, 12 Dawson St., Dublin, wrote asking that the following letter from L.G.D. under date 2nd February, 1932, (P.H. 7142/32 Loch Garman h.) should be published in order to clear up any doubt in the minds of the public as regards the competence of the Analysts who had analysed Milk samples in the case of the Co. Council versus Gregory Devereux, Ballyfinogue, Killinick:-

"With reference to the entry in the Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 23rd November last, and to previous correspondence relative to the divergent findings of Public Analysts in respect of samples of milk analysed in connection with the recent legal proceedings in the Wexford District Court against Mr. Gregory Devereux, Ballyfinogue, Killinick, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inform you that it is understood that as a result of enquiries in the matter, the Authorities of the Garda Siochana are satisfied that the variations in these samples of milk were due to the fact that the sampling Officer did not properly mix the sample before dividing it into three parts. The necessary action has been taken in connection therewith and it is learned that



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fresh instructions have been issued to the Gardai acting as Sampling Officers drawing special attention to the procedure already laid down for the taking of samples under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts."

KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE SCHEME  
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The following under date 7th March, 1932, was read from Major Barnewall, Kilmannock House, Campile:-

"Re my letter of December 14th, 1931, concerning "Drainage" Kilmannock, I have received a reply to my complaint from the County Surveyor, to the effect that the obstruction is not on the line of any of the drains the Co. Council are responsible for.

"That may be correct, but if it be, I should be thankful for an explanation from some responsible person as to why I am being charged under the Charging Order of 1927, the sum of £6: 13: 4d, per annum, as well as a proportional share of the Annual Cost of maintenance to the Main drain.

"The County Council has been collecting about £10 per annum from me for drainage which according to the County Surveyor they are not responsible for, and I am inclined to think the County Surveyor is right; as the drainage for which these charges were levied on me, has certainly not improved my lands, nor has any drain within one mile of my lands ever been cleaned by either the Board of Works or the County Council. Consequently I demand a refund of the sums I have been charged in error."

The County Surveyor said that Major Barnewall's land was inside the drainage area and he, therefore, had to pay for the maintenance of the General drainage Scheme. The drain complained of by him was between himself and another man who according to Major Barnewall had stopped the drain. But as this particular drain had nothing to say to the drainage system the Council could not comply with Major Barnewall's request to interfere .



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The County Surveyor was instructed to explain the position to Major Barnewall.

Under date 23rd February, 1932, the Commissioners of Public Works wrote that the matter of the future maintenance of the embankment and sluices on the E.M. Gallwey (Otherwise Power) Estate Rec. No. S.855 was receiving attention.

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES  
LTD.  
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Clince seconded by Mr. Cummins:- "That Mr. Sean O'Byrne M.C.C. be appointed as Nominee of this Council to attend and vote at General meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd and to exercise every other right or power incidental to this nomination."

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION  
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That the Seal of the Wexford County Council be attached to the agreement between said Council and the Irish Tourist Association relative to the rate contributions to be paid over to the Association."

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES  
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Brennan seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act issue to John Doyle, 22 North Street, New Ross,"

MONEY DISBURSED BY LABOUR EXCHANGES  
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It was decided to further adjourn for a month resolution from Kilkenny County Council asking the Minister for Industry and Commerce to formulate a Scheme under which there would be allocated to County funds the amount of money disbursed weekly at the various Unemployment Exchanges.

This in Kilkenny County amounted to £6,495 per annum.



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MEETING HELD ON 29TH MARCH 1932

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N.J. FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY.

COUNTY HALL,  
WEXFORD.

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 29th March, 1932.

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 McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Col.R.P. Wemyss Quin, James Shannon, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor, Rates Inspector and the six Assistant Surveyors were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

#### PAYMENTS

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Treasurer's Advice Note for £2,000: 6: 7d was examined and signed.

#### AGREEING TO RATES FOR GENERAL AND SEPARATE CHARGES 1932-33

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In connection with the above, consideration of which had been postponed from County Council meeting of 14th March, 1932, the following under date 23rd March, 1932 (G.19009/32/ Fa. Loch Garman.) was read from Local Government Department:-

"In reply to your letter of the 15th instant, regarding the consideration of the Estimates of Rates for General and Separate Charges for the financial year 1932/33, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that in order to avoid dislocation of the Council's finances with consequent administrative embarrassment and possibly increased expense on interest for overdrafts the Minister would strongly urge that an adequate rate for 1932/33 be made and apportioned without further delay.

"In the circumstances which have arisen the Minister



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consents to a further departure from the terms of the Public Bodies Order to enable the necessary meeting for the purpose to be held not later than the 29th instant.

The Estimates for the forthcoming financial year do not admit of any further relief from rates than the grants already announced."

In connection with this matter the Secretary called attention to the following statement made in the Seanad on 22nd March, 1932:-

"Any local Authorities who were so foolish as to anticipate the Budget proposals, as far as de-rating was concerned, must bear the responsibility themselves."

After discussion the following resolution was adopted unanimously on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Gaul:-

"That we approve and confirm the figures in regard to rates for financial year 1932-33 as recommended by meeting of Finance Committee held on 25th February, 1932. That rate for General Charges for financial year 1932-33 (in conformity with figures appearing on Form 42) be and is hereby agreed to at 8/8½d in the £. That holders of Agricultural Land receive a rebate on the Valuation of said land representing a poundage rate of 5/2¼d in the £ being the poundage rate represented by the Agricultural Grant. That rates for Separate Charges for financial year 1932-33 (in conformity with particulars appearing on Form 43) as presented to this meeting be also agreed to.

"That the following amounts be fixed as the sums to be demanded from the three Urban Districts of the County:-

Enniscorthy	--	£2,881: 14: 4d.
New Ross	--	£2,726: 0: 0d
Wexford	--	£6,132: 18: 0d.

"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, amount £83:7:10d be agreed to and that the several amounts be levied on the persons whose names are set out on Schedule of said Charging Order or their Successors in title, and in addition we agree that a sum of £40 be raised for maintenance of Kilmannock Drainage Area said amount to be levied on the persons named in the above mentioned Charging Order or their Successors in title in the same proportion as the amounts leviable under Charging Order."

#### COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT

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The following Report was submitted from the County Surveyor:-

"As the Local Government Department has now sanctioned carrying out by Direct Labour the three Road Improvement jobs, I have put the quarry work in hands. I ask for full authority from the County Council to deal with all matters connected with the work, i.e., hire or purchase of plant, purchase of materials, haulage and employment of labour, etc. I have already got quotations in regard to some of these, and will make best terms on receiving your authority.

I have prepared specification for painting of New Ross Bridge and have advertised in local press asking for tenders. Regarding the repairs of capping of piers I have to report that on the 25th instant I made a close inspection of the old caps, and am satisfied that their repair is not advisable. The work could not be done in a sound permanent manner, and, moreover, the cost of repair will be altogether out of proportion. The caps are not essential to the Bridge, but their removal would leave the Bridge in an unsightly and unfinished condition. I recommend that the present caps as they stand be now painted with the rest of the structure, and that new caps be gradually substituted. The new caps could be made in our workshop during next Autumn and Winter, when there would be less demand on the time of the Machinery



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Overseer and blacksmith. As the new caps be completed, a couple at a time, they can be put in place of the old ones, and painted to correspond with the piers, etc. There are in all twelve caps over the piers and also two half caps, one at each abutment under the centre of Bridge. I estimate that the cost of each cap will be about £25, for materials, making and placing in position, and that the total cost will be £350.

I now have particulars of the discharging boat for Courtown Harbour, and shall advertise for tenders as directed by the County Council at meeting on 10th instant.

The new sluice gates at Courtown, though in position, are not effective, and I have, on a couple of occasions, called upon the Contractor to complete the job. No payment has been made the Contractor up to the present.

At a former meeting of the County Council permission to build a house adjoining the Public Road at Tomgarrow Cross, Ballycarney, was applied for, and on the 26th February last I inspected the site, with Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, and Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor. We met a representative of the Owner, and arranged about the site, pointing out that the face of building must be 30 feet from centre of concrete road. The house has now been built, and is within the 30 feet (only 26' 4"). I have notified the owner, and ask for your instructions.

At Golf Hotel, Rosslare, an addition has recently been built, and is within 30 feet of road centre (only 14 feet). Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, notified the owner, just as the work was commenced, but the work has been proceeded with. I recommend that the matter be put in the hands of the County Solicitor.

There is an application from Mr. Michael Kelly, Rosslare, for permission to build. Some time ago the County Council, on the advice of a Committee, allowed a building to remain



though within 30 feet, and this application now is for an extension on the same frontage line."

As directed by the County Council I report on the Monamolin Road. The existing fence at the lower end of Road should be repaired at a cost of £22.

"To fence the upper length in similar manner to lower length I estimate will cost £86: 10: 0d. In default of widening the Road at a cost of £210 I consider the road should be fenced.

"Some time ago I called on the Railway Company to make good the walls on the Road Diversion adjoining Newtown Railway Bridge, Ferrycarrig, and I now have letter stating that "arrangements have been made to have this work carried out."

"I submit list of allocations to be made for Public Works, and also out of Contingency Fund for Roads.

"I submit my recommendations for Machinery and Quarry Charges for the coming year."

PUBLIC WORKS ALLOCATION 1932-33

Courtown Harbour.....	£100:	0:	0d
Poulduff.....	£ 25:	0:	0d
Carne.....	£ 10:	0:	0d
Kilmore.....	£100:	0:	0d
Fethard.....	£ 20:	0:	0d
Slade.....	£ 20:	0:	0d
Duncannon.....	£ 20:	0:	0d
Arthurstown.....	£ 20:	0:	0d
Ballyhack.....	£ 20:	0:	0d
Courthouses.....	£100:	0:	0d
County Buildings.....	£100:	0:	0d
Total =	£535:	0:	0d.

MACHINERY AND QUARRY CHARGES.

I recommend the following charges for Machinery and Road Material for the year ending 31st March, 1933 :- Minister's (SGL) of the 1st March, 1932.



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Steam Drill.....	£3 Per day
Engine and Granulator.....	£4 per day for 16 x 9
Engine and Granulator.....	£3 per day for 12 x 8
Engine and Stonebreaker.....	£3 per day
Compressor Drill plant.....	£4 per day
Roller.....	45/- per day
Lorry.....	50/- per day
Tar Boilers or Sprayers.....	£1 per week each
Concrete Mixer.....	30/- per week

FOR MATERIAL A FLAT RATE AS UNDER

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Rubble Stone.....	4/- per cubic yard
Broken Stone.....	7/- per cubic yard
Chippings screened from Broken Stone.....	7/- per cubic yard
Granulated chippings.....	10/- per cubic yard

The rate charged to Contractors shall be that set out in the Specification."

Improvement Works and Direct Labour: The County Surveyor explained that he would have to procure some extra plant and some steel screens which he intended using instead of wooden ones, as the latter he considered useless. The steel ones could be utilised on other works of the same kind.

The following letters from L. G. D. were read under date 22nd March, 1932 (R/SGK/32):- "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 works under this year's Improvement Grant and to state that no objection will be raised to having the works in question carried out by Direct Labour."

"With reference to forms No. 11 (Roads) received here on the 16th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has approved of the Scheme of road improvement proposed to be carried out by the Wexford County Council under the terms of the Minister's Letter (SGK) of the 1st March, 1932.



The following works numbers have been assigned to the sections of the scheme submitted and should be quoted in Requisitions (Form No. 97) for instalments of the Grant and in correspondence.

<u>Works No.</u>	<u>Route No.</u>	<u>Grant.</u>
K.851.	T.12.	£ 6,870.
K.852.	T.16.	6,090.
K.853.	T.8.	1,174.
		<u>£14,134</u>

As to the conditions regarding men to be employed see Circular Letter SR/1 of the 19th March, 1932.

A statement will be required in due course giving the total number of men employed on the work."

The Chairman asked what quarries would be used in connection with the improvement of the roads.

The County Surveyor said that for New Ross Road, Carrigbyrne quarry and for the Bunclody road Brownswood Quarry would be used. He could work Brownswood quarry cheaper than Cherryorchard quarry though Brownswood was a little further away. There would be one run on a concrete road from Enniscorthy and they would avoid the very steep hill to Cherryorchard.

Mr. D'Arcy - You are getting no stuff out of Ryland Quarry ?

The County Surveyor said that Ryland quarry would not suit at all. He would have to be present at every blast there.

In reply to a further query, the County Surveyor said that the material for the Rosslare Road would mostly come from St. Helen's.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed the following resolution:- "That the County Surveyor be empowered to make the necessary arrangements to allow of the road improvement work already agreed to by the Council to be carried out."

Miss O'Ryan seconded the resolution which passed nem con.



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Caps New Ross Bridge: The County Surveyor said there was only one cap missing and unless a person was close up the others looked all right. The difficulty about repair was that the caps originally were put in before the girders. The bridge was on a main road so they would receive 40 % of the cost from the Government and of the remainder Co. Kilkenny would pay half leaving Wexford 's contribution £105.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That we approve of expenditure on New Ross Bridge as recommended by the Co. Surveyor, also to the issue of advertisements inviting tenders for the painting of this structure."

Discharging Boat for Courtown Harbour: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. D'Arcy: "That we approve of Co. Surveyor inviting tenders for construction of discharging boat for Courtown Harbour."

Courtown Harbour Sluice Gates: The Co. Surveyor in reply to query said he believed the Contractor would carry out the work though he failed to start on the date stipulated. The gates were hung but were not water tight. The cill would have to be dried out and the <sup>run</sup> ~~road~~way under the gates could then be made all right.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Contractor for erection of sluice gates at Courtown Harbour be called upon to finish - within one month from this date - the necessary work thereat according to specification."

House at Tomgarrow Cross: The following under date 26th March, 1932, was read from Mrs. C.E.B. Swaine, Ballycarney, School:- "In reply to your letter re house I beg to state that the house is about 2 feet further back than the stump of the tree on which Mr. Ennis was standing while you were viewing the road, and said that would do. When we were agreeable enough to go as far up from the corner, we should get a little concession.



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"If we have to move the present construction, we intend placing it 30 feet from each road, which will place us very near the corner and much nearer the road as the road near the cross is much wider than where we have the house erected.

"Trusting to hear your decision at your earliest convenience, as I have two men employed, and must pay them even if they cannot work."

The County Surveyor stated that Mrs. Swaine said if compelled to re-erect the house she would put it within 30 feet of the two roads below but she could not do that as the Council could control up to 30 yards with the approval of the Minister in any case in which the structure would obstruct the view. The 30 feet from the centre of the road was absolutely prohibitive.

Col. Quin who said the structure was in the nature of a shed roofed with corrugated iron proposed that steps should be taken to have structure at Tomgarrow Cross removed and that the Council refuse to allow of its re-erection except on a site to be approved by the Co. Surveyor and which will be at least 30 feet from the centre of the road.

Mr. Hall seconded the motion which passed nem con.

Extension of Golf Hotel Premises, Rosslare: The following report from Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, was submitted:

"Mr. James Sinnott, proprietor of above Hotel, called on me with regard to above. I visited the site this day and advised him to apply to the Council before going further.

"I attach full particulars for your information, and hope the matter is clear. As shown on sketch his premises are situated on the wider part of the road, and the extra width of the road at this point is largely due to the fact that in erecting his boundary wall some years ago Mr. Sinnott kept in from the old fence."

"The new premises will be used as a Bar and grocery with entrances as shown."



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The following under date 26th March, 1932, was read from Mr. Sinnott:-

"I wish to obtain from your Council the necessary permission for a building I am erecting within the Hotel Grounds at Rosslare.

"This building shall contain my Spirit and Wine stores together with a fancy Goods and Souvenir Shop, and shall be the first of its kind to be erected in Rosslare, this resort being minus any establishment solely devoted to Souvenirs and Seaside Novelties, being practically the only place in Ireland from which such is absent.

"The situation of the site upon which the Building is being erected is absolutely the only place within the Hotel Grounds that could possibly be selected, and be accessible to the General public, and there shall be no projection of the building whatsoever beyond the boundary wall and railing adjoining the Public Road, and is therefore strictly speaking within the Hotel Grounds."

The County Surveyor said he had pointed out to Mr. Sinnott that it did not matter whether the proposed building was inside or outside his own boundary it would have to be at least 30 feet from the centre of the public road, The concrete road there was only 16 feet wide and the building was only 14 feet from the centre of the road.

Mr. F.M. O'Connor, Solicitor, appeared for Mr. Sinnott.

Col. Gibbon said they should have some definite plan for buildings in Rosslare. Applications of this nature should be considered by the Rosslare Development Association.

The Chairman was not in favour of delegating their powers to any outside body.

The County Surveyor said that the County Council had no powers as regards the details of the structure but had as regards its position.

Mr. O'Connor pointed out that Mr. Sinnott had given four or five feet to the County Council in straightening the



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boundary fence.

The County Surveyor said that Mr. Sinnott did this for his own convenience.

Mr. O'Connor said that Mr. Sinnott was quite willing to do what the Council wanted. He was not aware of the regulation regarding the 30 feet and did not wish to do anything behind their backs. The structure would be of great benefit to Rosslare.

The County Surveyor said that Mr. Sinnott had a big plot at the other side of the gateway on which he could put up the building.

Col. Gibbon said that this would spoil the outlook of the hotel.

Mr. Keegan considered the Council should facilitate a man who had spent £5,000 in Rosslare.

The County Surveyor said if this application was agreed to there was no reason why any houses erected on the sites below Turner's would not follow on the same line. In his opinion it would be a mistake to agree to Mr. Sinnott's application.

Col. Quin proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following:

"That Mr. James Sinnott be directed to remove structure at Golf Hotel which is within 14 feet of the centre of the road, and that proceedings be taken against him unless said structure is removed within a reasonable time."

Mr. Birthistle, in reply to Mr. Corish, said that Mr. Sinnott had only half a day's work done when his attention was called to the regulation and in spite of this Mr. Sinnott continued to build.

The resolution was then put and passed the Chairman stating that Mr. Gaul was the only dissentient.

Application from Mr. Michael Kelly:- The following application was read from Mr. Michael Kelly, Chemist, Rosslare, under date 8th March, 1932:- "I wish to continue my building at Rosslare to a distance of about twenty-six feet. May I have permission to do so."



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The County Surveyor said that the present premises of Mr. Kelly had been erected within 30 feet of the centre of the road. A committee had seen the place and recommended that no proceedings be taken. The building was allowed to remain one reason being that the road there was very wide and besides the house was really replacing a high bank.

Col. Quin proposed :- "That Mr. Michael Kelly, Ross-lare, be informed that any new structure which he erects must be at least 30 feet from the centre of the road and on a site approved by Co. Surveyor."

Mr. O'Byrne seconded.

Mr. Birthistle in reply to a query said that the road was certainly 20 feet wide and the "Burrow" was on the other side of the road.

The Chairman said that if this application was agreed to they could not refuse similar applications from other people in the same locality.

Mr. Gaul proposed as an amendment that the necessary permission be given but the proposal was not seconded.

The resolution was then put and passed.

Repair Monamolin (Rathnure) Road: Mr. D'Arcy proposed and Mr. Cummins seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That a sum of £22 and £86: 10s. be expended in repair of road at Monamolin (Rathnure) as it is absolutely necessary this work should, for the safety of the public, be carried out.

Mr. Brennan thought the matter could remain as it was until they were in a position to widen the road.

The County Surveyor said that 25 % of the material used could be utilised for other works if they were in a position to widen the road.

The resolution was then put and passed.

Public Works' allocations: Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr.

D'Arcy seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-



"That the various allocations for Public Works as recommended by the County Surveyor be and are hereby agreed to."

Contingency Fund: Mr. Brennan proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following: resolution which was adopted:-

"That the payments out of 1932-33 Contingency Fund, £131, as recommended by the County Surveyor be and are hereby agreed to as follows:

Main Roads: Clohamon Bridge (47) £45; Wall at Camolin (4) £22.

County Roads: Morriscastle Gap (353) £14 and Campile-Haggard Road (790) £50."

Quarry and Machinery Charges: Mr. Hall said he thought the cost allowed for the material was very high. The Council believed they were going to get cheaper material this year. Was there any chance of reducing the cost? The County Surveyor replied that after this coming year they would probably be able to reduce the costs. In most of the quarries at the present time the cost of the machinery jaws was very high. The average was one set of jaws every five days, and they cost £12 a set. The Council had a breaker hired out to the Tipperary Co. Council and the one set of jaws did them for five months. The Pioneer Road Co, when getting the material from Brownswood Quarry had only to use the one set of jaws for the whole period of working and for that reason he (County Surveyor) would use that quarry again for the remainder of the Bunclody Road. Another matter that increased the cost was the fact that there was double handling of the material at present. They had to get the material out of the quarries and bank it outside for breaking and that added another 1s. a yard to the cost.

Mr. Culleton said that Contractors thought that 7s. a cubic yard was very dear.

The County Surveyor said the Contractors lost nothing by that. The money was allowed to them and they had only to calculate on haulage and dealing with the material.

Mr. Culleton - They say that if they were allowed to procure the stones themselves they could do it cheaper.



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Mr. O'Byrne proposed the approval of the charges recommended by the County Surveyor.

Mr. Brennan seconded.

The Chairman asked if there was any amendment.

Mr. Keegan said the only economy possible would be to break by hand and let the 7s. a cubic yard be spent in giving employment to men instead of machinery.

Co. Surveyor - There are a few quarries where we could break by hand, but it would cost more.

Mr. Keegan - I am not asking it to be done where it costs more.

Co. Surveyor - Except in a few cases where we do not want chippings and where it is easy to break by hand.

Mr. Keegan - Wherever it is possible to employ men at 7s. a yard it should be done. It would be more in line with the present conditions in this country to have the men hand-breaking than to be paying £12 every five days for a set of jaws for the breaker to a foreign country.

Mr. Culleton - The contracts would cost less if the Contractors were allowed to get the stones themselves.

Chairman - Will the material be from the same quarries.

Mr. Culleton - They claim it would.

Co. Surveyor - We have a set of quarries now with very good material, and the only point is that unfortunately, we have extra haulage compared with the other counties, because we have comparatively fewer quarries. The material we used to get before was either ground to dust or in wet weather made into mud by the traffic. We had to reject a lot of quarries on that account.

Mr. Hall said he saw roads made of sea stone that were better than from some of the quarries.

Mr. Hayes said the question of employment was the burning question today. It was not economy to have rubble stone broken by machinery when men were idle. The men would be very glad to do the breaking by piecework.



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The Co. Surveyor said the stone was broken by hand wherever possible. In steamrolling they could use the hand-broken material, but with the modern traffic this material would not do, and they had to use small gauge material and chippings. To use the coarser hand broken material they had to make special arrangements, and in one instance to get a special grant and to do a couple of hundred yards to use it up.

The Chairman said the only thing was to leave it to the discretion of the County Surveyor.

The Chairman's suggestion was adopted, and the resolution was passed.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That the report of Co. Surveyor submitted to this meeting be and is hereby approved."

#### BLASTING GOREY HILL QUARRY

Under date 22nd March, 1932, Messrs Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, New Road, Gorey, wrote on behalf of Miss Harriet J. Palmer, claiming £5 as compensation for damages to her field caused by Co. Council blasting road material at their quarry in Gorey Hill.

The matter was considered in committee after which the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. McCarthy:- "That Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, be instructed to defend any proceedings which may be taken on behalf of Miss Harriet J. Palmer as to alleged damage caused on 9th March, 1932, by blasting in Gorey Hill Quarry."

#### STREET OBSTRUCTION

Col. Quin complained that a Mr. Toole of Arklow who was building a house in St. Michael's Place, Gorey, for Mr. Kavanagh was causing a serious nuisance by allowing sand and building materials on the road. He (Col. Quin) understood the Contractor had a yard in which he could have mixed cement etc.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, said the building was to replace a house which had been burned down. The Contractor had asked for permission to put some stuff on the footpath which he



could have had blocked up to allow the building to be erected. He had placed stuff on the road also but this was removed on his (Mr. Treanor(s) directions. The work would be finished in a fortnight and the Contractor had been working under great difficulties.

Mr. Keegan said no one had made any complaint in the matter but Col. Quin.

The Chairman suggested that Mr. Treanor should use his influence with the Contractor to create as little obstruction as possible.

Mr. O'Byrne said the Contractor had made very good progress and as the work would finish in a fortnight he considered no action should be taken.

Col. Quin proposed:- "That the Contractor for erection of house in St. Michael's Place, Gorey, be directed to remove all building material etc from the footpath."

Mr. Hall seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Brennan, Culleton, Gibbon, Hall, Quin and Walsh - 6.

Against: Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Shannon and Smyth - 15.

The Chairman (1) did not vote and Mr. Murphy (1) was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

LOAN FOR SUPPLY OF SEED OATS AND SEED POTATOES.

Under date 21st March, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote stating that upon representations received from the Minister for Agriculture regarding a shortage of seed oats and seed potatoes in several districts and the necessity of farmers who being ratepayers were unable to obtain suitable supplies at the present time it was considered advisable that Co. Councils should at once consider whether there was any



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immediate need for introducing a seed supply scheme for their area or any part thereof. If Co. Council's were satisfied on considering the position that the need existed for enabling farmers to obtain seed supplies they should make arrangements to obtain suitable supplies by way of loan repayable at the end of the harvest season or in any case not later than December 31st, 1932. The Minister would be prepared to facilitate County Councils in such steps as they deemed necessary ~~for~~ by sanctioning a requisite loan for the purchase of seeds. The necessary legislation ~~to~~ to validate the procedure would be introduced at a later date. In carrying out any scheme to be decided upon Councils would no doubt be able to arrange for the co-operation of Committees of Agriculture and their officers. It would be necessary for the Councils to make arrangements for the supply of seed through local merchants on the best terms possible.

Accompanying this circular letter were forms to be completed by applicants for seeds and undertakings for the repayments of the amounts advanced by the Co. Council for the payment of the seed.

The Secretary pointed out that there was nothing in the Circular as to whether interest was to be charged to the Councils or the farmers. He had seen in the Press a reference to the matter which stated that presumably the loan was free of interest as far as applicants and councils were concerned, but the matter was cleared up by the following telegram from the Local Government Department:- "Seed supply Circular of 21st inst. appropriate share of Overdraft interest of financing of scheme that may be decided upon to be charged to each recipient of seeds."

Chairman - We ought to look at the financial side of the proposal. Is it the County Council who are to be responsible for the loan?

Secretary - Yes.

Col. Quin - I think the whole thing is a bit of a gamble.



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Who are going to recoup you ? We may lose a lot more in trying to recover the money paid for seeds supplied to the applicants.

Miss O'Ryan said it was very important that the land should be tilled and not left idle.

In reply to a query as to whether barley would be included in the scheme, the Secretary stated it was confined to oats and potatoes.

Chairman - We are not going to be responsible for the loans. We are already responsible for enough and the rates are sufficiently high already. They are abnormally high without going to pledge the credit of the ratepayers as well for this scheme. The scheme has come a bit late this year. I don't know if we should embark upon it.

Mr. D'Arcy - I had two or three people with me about this scheme.

Chairman - You will have dozens of applicants. If the Government want to formulate a scheme we'll administer it, but do not let us have the job of collecting the money.

Mr. D'Arcy - If the Government would allocate the loans themselves it would be better.

Mr. Corish - That would alter the situation.

Mr. O'Byrne - The Government are giving absolutely nothing in this case.

Chairman - They are giving nothing only their sanction. As far as I can see it is a most dangerous matter. I remember we had a scheme like this before.

Mr. Culleton said he considered the Government should be responsible for the finances of the scheme as in the case of schemes for the relief of unemployment.

Chairman - We are quite agreeable to have the Government financing a scheme, and we are prepared to administer it, but I certainly say we are not going to pledge the rates for it.

Mr. D'Arcy - We should ask the Government to allocate the money on their own and we will do the remainder.

Chairman - It would be an imposition on the ratepayers.



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Col. Quin - Absolutely.

Col. Gibbon said that with the tariff on oats the price of seed oats was going to be high, but that would not be the case in the matter of potatoes because there was no tariff on them. Referring to the scheme he asked what was to prevent a man from getting a quantity of seed and instead of sowing it disposing of it at a ready money price.

Chairman - Nothing whatever.

Col. Gibbon further stated that he did not think in the existing state of the law there was anything which permitted a chattel mortgage under which a loan could be given for the produce of agriculture. Deductions were made in the case of supplies of seed for beet but in that case the growers had only one market for their produce, but in the case of seed oats and potatoes the grower was free to sell in any market he chose. If the oats or potato crop were a failure how was the money to be recovered from the persons to whom the seed was supplied? In the present financial position of the Council and with some rates irrecoverable, whilst it might be desirable that farmers should get some help he did not see how the Council were going to carry out the scheme.

Mr. Corish said the scheme was an admirable one if it was properly financed, but as it was now proposed he did not think the Council could undertake it. They did not know what the extent of their liability might amount to. The Secretary of the Council had no power to discriminate as to whether an applicant was a suitable person to whom seeds could be given. If money was to be advanced it should be done through the Agricultural Credit Corporation which was established for the purpose of making advances to farmers. The Corporation made a thorough investigation into all the circumstances of applicants for advances. There would be considerable difficulty in obtaining decrees against defaulters on the scraps of paper suggested in the procedure and he feared the whole



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thing would end in chaos.

Mr. D'Arcy - Let the Government go security for the money themselves.

Chairman - Can't they authorise the Agricultural Credit Corporation to finance the scheme ? I remember a seed scheme being put into operation through the Board of Guardians and I say that one-fourth of the money was never paid and the ratepayers were at the loss of it. We would have a repetition of the same thing if the Council were responsible for this scheme. If the Government are anxious to help the seedless men they should make all their arrangements themselves and we would be prepared to administer them if they give us the money.

Mr. Hall said he agreed with Mr. Corish that the scheme should be carried out through the Agricultural Credit Corporation otherwise it would not be of any use.

Mr. Hayes expressed the opinion that if the scheme were carried out through the Agricultural Credit Corporation the rate of interest might be high.

The Chairman replied that the persons to whom loans were given by the Corporation got seven years to repay them.

Miss O'Ryan said that they should show that they were in favour of the scheme and ask the Government to put it into operation immediately.

Mr. Murphy expressed the opinion that the scheme should apply to barley as well.

Secretary - The scheme says seed oats and potatoes specifically.

Mr. Culleton - There is no use in supplying a man with seed without manure. A man who cannot get seed cannot get manure.

The Chairman remarked that it was the silliest scheme which he ever heard propounded. There was neither head nor tail upon it.

Mr. Hayes also referred to the difficulties some farmers experienced in obtaining supplies of manure, notwithstanding



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which the agricultural instructors were advising them as to the manuring of their land.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr Corish :-

"The Council cannot see their way to provide funds for the granting of loans for the purchase of seed oats and seed potatoes by Ratepayers, but if the Government allocate immediately money from the Agricultural Credit Corporation or other Department of State for the purpose of providing supplies of cereals and potatoes for seed the Council would be prepared to administer such a scheme and facilitate the Government in every way in this matter."

#### OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

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On the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne it was decided to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction extension of period of present limit of overdraft accommodation of £20,000 until 30th June, 1932.

#### EMPLOYMENT OF DEMOBILISED ARMY MEN

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The L. G. D. wrote under date 19th March, 1932 (SR/1) that any regulations or directions hitherto issued by the Department requiring Local Authorities to give a preference to demobilised men of the National Army as such in the matter of employment had been withdrawn. Where additional men were required for the purpose of carrying out works financed in whole or in part by State Grants such men are to be sought through the Employment Exchange.

The following resolution was read from the Army Comrades Association:-

"That we protest against the action of the Government in withdrawing the preference which existed for ex-army men for employment as temporary officials and workers in the various services, and call on all members of Dail Eireann to have the preference re-established.



"We feel that we are not asking for anything unreasonable as in all countries there is a very definite preference in employment extended to all ex-soldiers who served their State in time of danger."

The Secretary read an extract from the Press of a discussion at Limerick Co. Board of Health in which it was suggested that all able bodied recipients of Home Assistance should be employed in view of their heavy cost on local rates.

The Chairman said he believed the suggestion that ex-army men should be given preference came from the late Government. Public Bodies had to obey <sup>this</sup> mandate. It was no worse to obey the mandate of the new Government. He concurred with the suggestion made at Limerick.

Miss O'Ryan asked if the order of the Ministry would apply to men on direct labour.

Mr. Corish - It only deals with the employment of men who are to work under Government grants.

The Co. Surveyor said the unemployed were being advised to register at the Exchanges. Only the most suitable men were selected by the Council for employment.

Chairman - It ought to be an advice to the Surveyors to get the men to register.

Mr. Hayes - Will the County Surveyor be content with a list of the names of the unemployed submitted to him ?

Co. Surveyor - We are only bound to take on those who are suitable.

It was decided that men on Home Assistance should be advised to register at the Unemployment Exchange and that where possible such men should be employed on grant work.

#### HOUSING (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1931

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The following extract of Minutes of Finance Committee of 24th March, 1932, was submitted:-

"In connection with grants under above attention was directed to Memorandum A.H.A.I. prepared by Local Government



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Department in which it was stated there are no restrictions on sale or letting in respect of houses erected under Act and for which grants had been made available. The County Council had by resolution limited their grant only to houses which were to be used as residences by the applicants.

The following recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That in view of Article 3 of Memorandum furnished by Local Government Department in connection with grants for houses erected under Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1931, that there are to be no restrictions as to the sale or letting we request the Co. Council to reconsider their resolution making their grants applicable only to houses which are to be used by the applicants as residences

"As Government Grant is not payable unless the Co. Council make a grant of an equivalent amount and as the Co. Council have full control over the selection of applicants the Finance Committee would be glad to have the Council review the position in the light of Memorandum of Local Government Department (A.H.A.I.)"

Mr. Corish said he had had a conference with the Minister for Local Government and discussed with him the matter of recent housing legislation. He had pointed out that it would be useless unless altered in certain directions. The Minister had sent out a Circular to all public bodies and was waiting their recommendations before proceeding further. In view of that he (Mr. Corish) thought the Council should condemn the provisions of the Act in so far as they applied to housing in rural districts. Under the Act they could only build labourers' cottages to let at the uneconomic rent of 5/- per week. This showed that in rural areas the Act was absolutely unworkable. He then proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. D'Arcy and adopted nem con:- "That we condemn the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1931 as being entirely <sup>unsuitable</sup> ~~unworkable~~ to present needs, and call upon the Government to have its financial provisions so altered as to enable houses to be built at a figure within the power of



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the agricultural labourer to pay as rent without any undue strain on local rates."

Application under date 18th March, 1932, was read from Mrs. N. O'Callaghan, Sea Verge, Rosslare Strand, asking for the grant of £20 by County Council under new housing scheme.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That we agree to pay over to Mrs. O'Callaghan, Sea Verge, Rosslare, Strand, the grant of £20 under Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1931 on receiving intimation that the Local Government Department approve of plan and Specification of building and when appointed officer certifies that the building has been properly erected."

Mr. W. Orr, Ballyduff, Killena, Gorey, wrote that he was going to build a house and had been sanctioned for the Government Grant. He asked the Co. Council to sanction their grant to him.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That Mr. W. Orr be asked to supply the County Council with plan of house which he proposes to erect and with any information in his possession as to Government Grant for which he states he has been sanctioned."

Mr. Thomas Whitty, Kilmannon, Cleariestown, asked for award of Co. Council grant of £20. The walls of his house were ready for roof and he had no money to finish the structure.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall :- "That the Examining Officer appointed under Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1931 be requested to inform the Council if he considers house erected by Thomas Whitty, Kilmannon, Cleariestown, is one in respect of which the Co. Council could pay over their subsidy of £20."

#### PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF SHORTHAND TYPIST

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Under date 24th March, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (No.G.19646/32 Sc. Loch Garman.) that the Minister raised no objection to the conditions proposed in connection with above appointment except that examination should be



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competitive, the post going to the candidate getting first place if in other respects suitable. A qualifying standard of 50 % should be stipulated for.

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

"That the Minister be asked to reconsider his decision in letter of 24th inst. (No.G.19646/32 Sc. Loch Garman.) as to competitive examination for Shorthand-Typist, and agree to the request of the Council to have it made on a qualifying examination basis."

#### TENDERS FOR COUNTY PRINTING

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The following extract from Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 24th March, 1932, was confirmed on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "Tenders for printing for Co. Offices for financial year 1932-33 as follows were submitted.

Messrs J. English & Co.	£83: 4s. Od.
The "Free Press"	£106: 6s. 6d.
The "People".	£116: 13s. 6d.

The tender of Messrs English & Co. at £83: 4s. Od. was accepted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton:

#### PROPOSED ERECTION OF HAY SHED

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John Redmond, Poulshone, Courtown, applied under date 21st March, 1932, for permission to erect a hay shed on his land beside the road at Poulshone Cross Roads. It was a bit too near one of the roads according to regulations but did not obstruct the view. The shed would be in a line with the other sheds and he believed if Co. Surveyor saw it he would not offer any objection to its erection.

The County Surveyor said the place was on a by-road between Ballygarrett and Courtown going down to the sea. The shed would be in a line with others which had been there for years, and would be 20 feet from the centre of the road. It



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would be 52 feet from the main road and personally he (Co. Surveyor) had no objection to its erection.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Brennan seconded the following resolution:- "That no action be taken by Wexford Co. Council in connection with proposed erection of hay-shed at Poulshone Cross road by John Redmond. " Passed.

#### LIBRARY HEADQUARTERS

The following resolution passed by the Wexford Rural Library Committee was submitted:- "That we ask the Co. Council to renovate the right wing of the County Hall, so that the County Library Committee may obtain one floor for their headquarters' accommodation. For this purpose the Committee will be prepared to contribute £1,000 towards the cost of reconstruction."

Mr. O'Byrne gave the following notice of motion for consideration at meeting of County Council on 9th <sup>May</sup> ~~March~~, 1932:

"That the Wexford County Council apply to their Treasurer for loan of £2,000 for development of right wing of old Jail premises the middle floor of which to be set aside for accommodation of County Rural Library Service."

#### RATE PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT COURT

Miss O'Ryan stated she was approached by Mr. Patrick Lacey, Bolgerstown, who informed her that he received a Civil Bill for rates in which a decree was obtained at last week's district court in Wexford. The civil bill was for the rates for the period ended 31st March of the present year, and he said that if he had known it was to be heard at last week's court he would have been there. The man considered it was rather sharp practice to go on with the proceedings when he had until 31st March to pay. He also said that he had an interview with Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, from whom he understood that the proceedings were not to be on at the Court.



Mr. Elgee said he wrote to Lacey for the rates which he refused to pay. The rates should be paid by 31st March and the civil bill was served. Lacey told him that he never paid his rates until March 31st. He pointed out to Lacey that the rates became due on October 1st and that on 1st October last a civil bill could be issued for non-payment. Lacey said he would not pay until the usual time he paid. He told Lacey that he could not give him time without seeing Mr. Quirke, the collector. He might have told Lacey that he need not be in Court and if Lacey said he made that statement he accepted it. <sup>Mr.</sup> He (Mr. Elgee) saw/Quirke, who stated he was being pressed to close his collection by March 31st and that he could not give any time. The case came on last week in the Court and a decree was given.

In reply to a query, Mr. Elgee stated the costs in the proceedings were £1:19: 6d. which was the amount in accordance with the scale in operation in the court.

The Chairman said he also considered the action taken in the case was fairly sharp. Lacey was mistaken as to the time he should pay the rates.

In reply to Mr. Hall, Miss O'Ryan stated the amount of the rates was £12: 19s.

Mr. D'Arcy stated the amount of the costs was scandalous.

Mr. Elgee - It is the scale in the district court.

The Chairman said he thought that Mr. Lacey's principal grievance was that the proceedings would be more or less injuring his credit. Lacey informed him that a lot of people thought the decree was granted for old rates, whereas it was for the current rates.

Mr. Elgee said that Lacey had been given ten days to pay and if he had any grievance/<sup>he</sup> should have come about it between the time he was written to and the expiration of the ten days.

Mr. D'Arcy - How was it this man was singled out for one



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half-year ?

Miss O'Ryan remarked that she would say there were people who owed more than one half-year's rates and were not brought into Court on that day.

Mr. Elgee asked if he were to take it that no civil bills were to be issued where only one half-year's rates were due.

Chairman - No; the thing has been more or less rectified now.

#### POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That Licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 issue to Michael Furlong, Ironmonger, South St. New Ross, whose application for said licence has been approved by Garda Siochana authorities."

#### RETURN FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT

The following resolution was submitted from Kilkenny Co. Council:- "That we, the members of the Kilkenny Co. Council, having considered the great amount of money paid out in this County as unemployment benefit, which the ratepayers at large have to pay without any productive return to the county, request the Minister for Industry and Commerce to formulate a scheme which will have the effect of giving the ratepayers a return and give employment to the men who are idle, and for this purpose to allocate to the county funds the amount of money disbursed weekly at the different Labour Exchanges in this county, which amounted to something like £6,495 paid in this county for that year. We suggest an arrangement can be made by which this sum if spent on roads, reclaiming waste land and planting, etc., or drainage can be carried out by the co-operation of the County Council and the responsible Department through their officials."

The Secretary said the resolution had been brought before the Council several times and adjourned.

On the proposition of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Brennan the resolution was adopted.



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## ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

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Waterford County Council submitted the following resolution under date 7th January, 1932:- "That a copy of the part of Co. Surveyor's report dealing with requirements and finance of road reconstruction be forwarded to each Co. Council in the Free State and to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and to our County T.D.'s and if the other councils agree with it, a conference of representatives of the various councils be convened, with a view to getting the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to agree to the borrowing of the loan on the terms suggested by the Co. Surveyor or on similar terms."

Chairman - We can't possibly deal with the scheme at the moment, and I think you should adjourn it further.

On the proposition of Mr. Hall consideration of the matter was further adjourned for six months.

## POSITION OF THE RAILWAYS.

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The following resolution from Cavan Urban District Council was read:-

"Resolved, that we, the Cavan Urban District Council, in view of the conditions of grave economic peril to which the railways of Saorstát Éireann have been reduced owing to the unfair competition of badly organised road service, appeal to the Oireachtas to take immediate steps to save for the Saorstát the valuable national asset represented by the existing railway system, and the Council also appeal to the manufacturers and traders to distribute their custom with due regard to the present position."

Mr. D'Arcy - The Dail could deal with that, I think that's their business.

Consideration of the resolution was adjourned to next meeting.

*Michael Doyle*



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MEETING HELD 11TH APRIL 1932

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COUNTY HALL  
WEXFORD

N. J. FRIZELLE  
SECRETARY

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 11th April, 1932.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman) presiding:  
also Messrs 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, James Shannon, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor and Rate Inspector were in attendance.

The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEES.

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 24th March, 1932, were submitted as follows:-



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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 24th March, 1932.

Present:- Messrs J.J. Culleton, James Hall, T. McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Solicitor and Rate Inspector were also in attendance.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5,691: 16: 9d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

State of: Rate Collection to date was submitted as follows:-

No.	Name of Collector.	Percentage of Warrant collected.
1.	J. Curtis	87.7 %
2.	E.J. Murphy	84.5 %
3.	T. Rowe	81.2 %
4.	W. Doyle	80.0 %
5.	J. Cummins	75.3 %
6.	P. Carty	74.0 %
7.	J. Quirke	74.0 %
8.	J. Deegan	73.0 %
9.	T. Bolger	72.1 %
10.	S. Gannon	70.0 %
11.	A. Dunne	69.0 %
12.	J.J. O'Reilly	69.0 %
13.	P. Doyle	68.5 %
14.	J.J. Sinnott	68.0 %
15.	W. Cummins	67.0 %
16.	M. McCarthy	66.6 %



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No.	Name of Collector.	Percentage of Warrant collected.
17.	S. Gannon (6)	66.2 %
18.	P. O'Byrne	66.0 %
19.	P. Nolan	63.3 %
20.	T. Bolger (12)	55.7 %
21.	J. Quirke	52.2 %

The first four Collectors on above list were concerned with New Ross Area.

The Rate Inspector stated that the rest of the County was not making the same effort as the Collectors in New Ross.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That the Department of Local Government & Public Health be requested to consent to the payment of full poundage on the basis of Warrant for 1931 as already agreed to by Wexford County Council, to all Rate Collectors who lodge the full amount of collectable Rate for current year by 31st March, 1932."

In connection with No. 2 District it was decided that a Scheme as to its apportionment between Collectors J. Curtis, William Doyle and James Quirke be considered at next meeting of the Committee.

The following statement of Irrecoverable and Temporarily Uncollectable Rates for Wexford and Enniscorthy Districts was submitted and approved:-

<u>Wexford:</u>	Irrecoverable Rates.	Temporary Uncollectable.	Total.
J. Quirke	64: 13: 7d	146: 0: 2d	210: 13: 9d
do.	209: 13: 5d	1153: 10: 0d	1363: 3: 5d
P. Boyle	67: 4: 5d	223: 1: 10d	290: 6: 3d
M. McCarthy	72: 11: 7d	392: 6: 7d	464: 18: 2d
P. Nolan	209: 13: 2d	883: 7: 0d	1093: 0: 2d

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<u>Enniscorthy:</u>	Irrecoverable Rates.	Temporary Uncollectable	Total.
S. Gannon	296: 8: 3d	397:15: 0d	694: 3: 3d
J. Deegan	98: 1: 3d	95: 0:10d	193: 2: 1d
J. Cummins	24: 2: 8d	399:10: 1d	423:12: 9d
P. O'Byrne	171:10: 0d	243:15: 1d	415: 5: 1d
Sean Gannon	136:19:11d	129: 9: 4d	266: 9: 3d
W. Cummins	165: 5:11d	694:13: 8d	859:19: 7d
T. Bolger	133:13: 3d	286: 8: 3d	420: 1: 6d

Letter under date 10th March, 1932, was read from Mr. James J. O'Connor, Solicitor, Wexford, asking that the collection of rates in the case of Mrs. Mary Lambert, Newtown Upper, and Deeps, should be held over for the present, as the release of the sale of the lands had to be signed in Australia.

It was decided to inform Mr. O'Connor that the Finance Committee could not see their way to interfere with the discretion of the Rate Collector in this matter, to whom it was decided a copy of Mr. O'Connor's letter should be furnished.

Ex-Collectors Philip Furlong and J.J. Fitzpatrick: In connection with fees unpaid to Ex-Collector Furlong for his work in respect of the preparation of Voters' Lists in 1928 the following was read from Messrs Little O'Huadhaigh and Proud, Solicitors, 12 Dawson Street, Dublin, under date 12th inst:-

"On 1st August, 1931, you wrote the Managing Director of the New Ireland Assurance Co. Ltd., pointing out that £30:17:9d had been lodged to the credit of the County Council on 24th July, 1929, by the County Registrar, representing the fees unpaid to Ex-Collector Furlong in respect of the preparation of the Electors' Lists in 1928. Our clients, who have had to pay up the amount which was due by Furlong when he absconded, on foot of their Fidelity Guarantee, have not been given credit for this sum of £30:17:9d, and we would ask you to have a Paying Order issued to the New Ireland Assurance Co. Ltd., for this amount, as we propose to have Furlong adjudicated a Bankrupt as an absconding Debtor with a view to getting at his lands for the balance which will then remain due to our clients.

"Our clients have also drawn our attention to the fact that on 22nd May, 1931, when you were forwarding the poundage



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unpaid to Furlong, by way of part recoupment to our clients, a sum of £90: 0: 0d was deducted on the basis of a letter from the Secretary of the Department of Local Government and Public Health to the County Council of 9th January, 1931, ostensibly as representing the amount of overdraft interest incurred by the Wexford County Council owing to default of Furlong. Kindly let us know what contract existed between the County Council and ex-Collector Furlong under which ~~the~~ ex-Collector Furlong was liable for overdraft interest incurred by the County Council. It seems to us that unless there was such a contract, no deduction as against our clients would be in accordance with the agreement come to.

"We are anxious to have these points cleared up before instituting the Bankruptcy proceedings."

This communication was submitted to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, who wrote that he did not think it advisable for the Council to comply with Messrs Little O'Huadhaigh & Proud's request. They could defer dealing with the matter until Furlong had been actually adjudicated a Bankrupt, when the Council would be quite safe in lodging the money to credit of the Bankruptcy matter. With regard to the sum of £90 deducted from Furlong's poundage, it would be well to inform Messrs Little O'Huadhaigh & Proud that having regard to the fact that Furlong had not closed his Warrant, the County Council could only pay such sums for poundage as were authorised by the L.G.D. and as this Department had required the £90 in question to be deducted from the poundage the Council could not now make any lodgment of same to Insurance Company.

Proposed by Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon and adopted:- "That Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, explain to Messrs Little O'Huadhaigh & Proud the position of the Council as regards application for payment of £30: 17: 9d for Electors' Lists and £90 poundage claimed by New Ireland Assurance Co. as Guarantors of Philip Furlong, ex-Rate Collector."



Under date 12th March, 1932, Messrs Little O'Huadhaigh & Proud wrote asking for payment of £33: 0: 11d, amount of fees payable to Ex-Collector Fitzpatrick for preparing Electors' Lists and Jurors Lists, which they stated seemed to be payable to their clients, the New Ireland Assurance Co. Ltd., in reduction of their loss as Guarantors for this Ex-Collector.

Under date 23rd March, 1932, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that it would not be advisable to pay over the sum in question until the Council had a Court Order directing them to hand over the money to the Insurance Company.

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

"That as regards claim made by Messrs Little O'Huadhaigh & Proud for payment of £33: 0: 11d fees payable to Ex-Collector Fitzpatrick Messrs Little O'Huadhaigh & Proud be informed that as advised by our Solicitor, the Insurance Co. should obtain Order from a competent Court to have the money paid over to them."

#### INSURANCES

Quotations for Insurances for Workmen's Compensation and Public Liability were received as follows:-

The Ocean Accident and The Hibernian Insurance Companies - £676: 2: 0d each - Workmen's Compensation.

Public Liability - Ocean Co. - £55: 10: 8d; Hibernian Company - £100: 0: 0d.

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

"That Quotations for Insurances (Workmen's Compensation and Public Liability) from the Ocean Company as submitted to this meeting be recommended to the County Council for acceptance."



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NEW BUILDINGS ORDER.  
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Under date 10th February, 1932, letter (G.1026/1932 Fa. Loch Garman.) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health as to the inclusion of Munster & Leinster Bank premises at Buncloody on New Buildings List.

This letter pointed out that according to the statement of Messrs O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, for the Bank, work of reconstruction and renovation had been carried out to the value of £3,036 between 7th June, 1920, and 2nd December, 1921. If, on inquiry, it was found that the work of reconstruction was not commenced before 1st April, 1920, the premises should be reinstated on the New Buildings List.

On the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. O'Byrne the following resolution was adopted:- "That in view of letter from L. G. D. under date 10th February, 1932 (G.1026/1932 Fa. Loch Garman), correspondence from Messrs O'Flaherty & Son and from inquiry from Messrs J. Browne & Co., Building Contractors, the Council is recommended to reinstate the premises of the Munster & Leinster Bank at Buncloody on the New Buildings List."

TENDERS FOR COUNTY PRINTING  
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Tenders for printing for Co. Offices for financial year 1932-33 as follows were submitted.

Messrs J. English & Co.	- £83: 4s. Od.
"Free Press"	- 106: 6s. 6d.
"The People"	- 116: 13s. 6d.

The Tender of Messrs English & Co. at £83: 4: Od. was accepted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton:

HOUSING (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1931  
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In connection with Grants under above attention was directed to memorandum A.H.A.I. prepared by Local Government Department, in which it was stated there are no restrictions



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on sale or letting in respect of houses erected under the Act and in respect of which grants had been made available.

The County Council, by resolution, had limited their Grants only to houses which were to be used as residences.

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

"That in view of Article 3 of Memorandum furnished by L.G.D. in connection with Grants for houses erected under Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1931 that there are to be no restrictions as to sale or letting, we request the Co. Council to reconsider their resolution making their grants applicable only to houses which are to be used by the applicants as residences."

"As Government Grant is not payable unless the County Council make a Grant of an equivalent amount and as the County Council have full control over the selection of applicants, the Finance Committee would be glad to have the Council review the position in the light of memorandum of L.G.D. (A.H.A.I.)."

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

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

"That in view of the circumstances explained in letter of Mr. W.J. McDonald N.T. Kilmuckridge, Gorey, as to his financial position we recommend the Council to accept the application of his daughter Rita McDonald for University Scholarship."

Mr. O'Byrne stated he would serve notice of motion if necessary in this case.

Miss K.M. Kickham, University Scholarship Holder, wrote that she intended, if successful at the forthcoming examination for B. Comm. Degree to continue her University Studies for another year in order to obtain the Higher Diploma in Education.

Proposed by Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:-

"That, as provided by University Scholarship Scheme, the Council be recommended to approve of the application of Miss



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K.M. Kickham, University Scholarship Holder, for a year's extension of her Scholarship in order to obtain the Higher Diploma in Education."

#### REVALUATION OF RAILWAYS

Under date 9th March, 1932, (3201083) the General Valuation Department wrote, forwarding copy of the "Railways (Valuation for Rating) Act, 1931."

The Chairman mentioned that the Administration of the Act would mean further reduction in the amount received in rates from the Railway Company.

#### MISSING PAY ORDER

Under date 15th March, 1932, Edward Savage, Gorey Hill, Gorey, wrote that he had lost Pay Order for 6s. for haulage and requested that a Duplicate should issue to him.

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

"That Duplicate for Pay Order No. 2352 (Subsidiary Account) for 6s. payable to Edward Savage, Gorey Hill, Gorey, (and who has lost original) be issued and that our Secretary estop original with Co. Council Treasurer."

#### APPLICATION FOR USE OF GOREY COURTHOUSE

Thomas Forde, Gorey Hill, applied on behalf of the Fainne Organisation for the use of one of the rooms in Gorey Courthouse on Sunday nights once a fortnight, from 8 to 10 o'clock.

The purposes and objects of the Fainne Organisation were the propagation of the Irish language by means of local Irish speakers, assembled in a spirit of fraternization, participating in debates and offering their views in lectures etc.

The following resolution was adopted:- "That while approving very strongly of the objects of the Fainne Organisation, the Finance Committee in view of the precedent



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which would be created, are reluctantly compelled to refuse Mr. Forde's application."

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES

Application from Sergeant Lee, Fethard, as to committal to Industrial School of Thomas and Annie Mallon, Adamstown, Fethard, were referred to County Solicitor.

SURETIES OF ROAD CONTRACTOR.

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

"That we approve of Edward Furlong, Barntown, and Edward Keyes, Gibberwell, Duncormack, <sup>being</sup> ~~he~~ accepted as Sureties of John Furlong, Knocktown, Duncormack, Contractor for Road No. 917, and execution of Bond for which had been adjourned from meeting of Wexford Tenders Committee, owing to the Contractor's illness."



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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 24th March, 1932, be received and considered."

Rate Collection: The Secretary submitted the following table showing the percentage of collectable rate outstanding on 7th April, 1932:-

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Thady Bolger (No.12 District).....	25 %
J. Quirke (No. 2 District).....	20 %
J.J. O'Reilly.....	14 %
Thady Bolger (No.14 District).....	14 %
A. Dunne.....	14 %
J.J. Sinnott.....	14 %
P. Doyle.....	13 %
P. Nolan.....	12 %
J. Deegan.....	12 %
P. O'Byrne.....	12 %
S. Gannon (No. 10).....	12 %
M. McCarthy.....	9 %
W. Cummins.....	8 %
S. Gannon. (No.6. District).....	7 %
J. Cummins.....	5 %
P. Carty.....	5 %

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The Chairman said that people in his district said they never saw the Rate Collector. Though they had the money he never called.

Col. Quin considered it was the fault of those who told the public they were unable to pay.

Mr. O'Byrne said they should impress on the Department the necessity of agreeing to the payment without delay of full poundage to those Collectors who had closed to date.



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He (Mr. O'Byrne) could prove that items remained outstanding in Gorey District which should have been collected.

Preparation of Rate Books etc: The Secretary stated ~~that~~ in reply to Miss O'Ryan that the Finance Committee had selected the temporary staff who were engaged in writing up the Rate Books. There were over 100 applicants and only about 20 places.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded:

"That the list of those employed at writing up Rate Books be examined by a small Committee with a view to making recommendations to the Council."

Mr. Murphy, as an amendment, proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following:-

"That no change be made in the temporary clerical staff, appointed to write Rate Books and Receipt and Demand Notes this year."

After a long discussion a vote was taken on the amendment with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Clince, Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Maylor, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Quin and Smyth - 13.

Against:- Messrs Breman, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Keegan, O'Ryan and the Chairman - 6.

Messrs Cooney, Hall, Shannon and Walsh were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

On being put as the substantive motion it was adopted without dissent.

The following resolution was proposed by Miss O'Ryan and seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That in future years a small Committee of the County Council be appointed for each Electoral Area to recommend to the Council the names of those who are to be appointed on the temporary clerical staff."



A poll was taken with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Brennan, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Shannon, Smyth and the Chairman - 16.

Against:- Col. Gibbon, Messrs Maylor, Murphy and Quin - 4.

Messrs Cooney, Shannon and Walsh (3) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

University Scholarship Scheme: After discussion a poll was taken on the recommendation of the Finance Committee that Rita McDonald, daughter of Mr. W.J. McDonald, N.T. Kilmuckridge, be regarded as eligible to compete for University Scholarship, with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Clince, Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, Gaul, Gibbon, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne and Shannon - 13.

Against:- Messrs Brennan, D'Arcy, Maylor, Murphy, O'Ryan, Quin, Smyth and the Chairman - 8.

Messrs Cooney and Walsh (2) were not present when poll was taken.

Revaluation of Railways: It was decided that the Finance Committee should at their next meeting consider the provisions of the "Railways (Valuation for Rating) Act 1931" and report to the Council.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That the minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 24th March, 1932, be and are hereby confirmed."

The minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 7th April, 1932, were submitted as follows:-



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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 7th April, 1932.

Present - Messrs James Hall, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor and Rate Inspector were in attendance.

The chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### MAY MEETING OF COMMITTEE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That as 5th of May (ordinary meeting of Finance Committee) falls on Ascension Thursday the meeting be held on the previous day - Wednesday."

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3,078: 0: 1d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

The following Report was submitted by the Secretary:

"Rate Collection to 31st March, 1932. Warrant - £106,805."

"Of the £26,088: 14: 7d outstanding on 31st March, 1932, the Finance Committee struck off £2,253: 3: 9d as Irrecoverable leaving net outstanding £23,835: 10: 10d. A sum of £6663: 8: 4d has been passed as temporary uncollectable and will be carried forward for collection with 1932/33 warrant.

"Collectors must therefore lodge £17,172: 2: 6d, collectable rate subsequent to 31st March, 1932, before collection for 1931-32 can be regarded as closed.

"As regards individual collection Mr. Quirke lodged all collectable rate by 31st March, 1932. The amount of temporary



uncollectable rate unlodged being £146: 0: 2d. This sum will be carried forward for collection with 1932-33 warrant.

Collectors J. Curtis, W. Doyle, T. Rowe and E.J. Murphy lodged balance of collectable rate on 1st April, 2nd April, 4th April and 6th April, 1932, respectively. The amount of temporary Uncollectable rate unlodged in each case being £116: 10: 6d, £141:13: 2d, £82: 16: 1d and £62: 8: 6d. These sums will be carried forward for collection with 1932/33 warrants.

The lodgments by the four collectors above mentioned were made in New Ross Branch of National Bank the day previous to that on which they could be credited by National Bank in Wexford, Treasurer of the Council.

I set out below the sums to be lodged subsequent to 31st March, 1932, by the remaining Collectors. These figures do not include Temporary Uncollectable rates ~~which~~ (which amount to £6,663: 8: 4d., for County) and which Collectors are not called upon to lodge.

No.	Collector.	Amount.	
2.	J. Quirke (Sutton)	- £1,817: 13: 2d.	To be lodged subsequent to 31/3/32.
3.	P. Doyle	- 898: 9: 1d	"
4.	M. McCarthy	- 787: 12: 1d	"
5.	P. Nolan	- 1,224: 18: 3d	"
6.	S. Gannon	- 447: 4: 6d	"
7.	J. Deegan	- 1,415: 5: 1d	"
8.	J. Cummins	- 676: 8: 4d	"
9.	P. O'Byrne	- 838: 11: 5d	"
10.	S. Gannon	- 778: 2: 5d	"
11.	W. Cummins	- 647: 12: 9d	"
12.	T. Bolger	- 1,215: 13: 9d	"
13.	J.J. O'Reilly	- 1,266: 0: 0d	"
14.	T. Bolger (own)	- 997: 18: 3d	"



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No.	Collector.	Amount.
15.	A. Dunhe	- £1,466: 2: 9d To be lodged subsequent to 31/3/32.
16.	J.J. Sinnott	- 1,004: 4: 11d "
21.	P. Carty	- 387: 3: 10d "

Since 31st March, 1932, to date a sum of £6,275, had been lodged by Collectors.

The following under date 6th April, 1932 (G.22704 - 32 Fa. Loch Garman) 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 showing the position of the rate collection on the 31st ultimo and to draw the Council's attention to the large sum of rates outstanding at the close of the financial year, £23,835. In view of the present financial position of the Council this state of affairs is most unsatisfactory and is viewed by the Minister with apprehension. It represents an increased percentage of Rates outstanding on a smaller total warrant than that of last year and the natural conclusion to be drawn therefrom is that some of the Collectors are not discharging their duties with reasonable energy and efficiency."

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

"That we request the Local Government Department to agree to the payment of full poundage on the basis of last year's warrants to the following Collectors who have lodged all Collectable rate by the 6th April, 1932:- James Quirke, J.J. Curtis, W. Doyle, T. Rowe and E.J. Murphy."

As regards position of the remaining Collectors' Districts it was decided to go through the Rate Books at next meeting of the Committee and examine the various outstanding items to 6th April, 1932, also to obtain from the



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Collectors concerned a full explanation in all cases in which the Committee are of opinion that Rates should have been collected prior to the close of the financial year.

#### PROPOSED DIVISION OF DISTRICT NO.2

The meeting considered the advisability of dividing District No. 2 as follows:- Ardcolm to be allocated to No. 12 District. Artramon, Ardavan and Kilpatrick to be transferred to No. 1 District. Killurin, Glynn, Whitechurch and Kilbride to No. 19 District. Two divisions to be agreed on to be transferred from No. 19 to No. 20 District, the views of Collectors W. Doyle (19) and J.J. Curtis (20) to be ascertained as regards the transfer of Districts by next meeting.

#### SMALL SALTEE ISLAND

Collector M. McCarthy (No.4) wrote asking that if he takes proceedings against Wm. White, owner of Small Saltee Island for £51: 2: 11d, rates and arrears, would the Finance Committee guarantee payment of his costs. He does not see much chance of succeeding as owner is in bad health and had no other property.

It appeared that four years' rates were due on the place and Mr. McCarthy had been advised by his Solicitor he would not succeed if he took proceedings.

After discussion the Committee decided to inform Mr. McCarthy that the Finance Committee would favourably consider his application for payment of his law costs should he be unsuccessful in obtaining the rates due on Small Saltee Island.

#### DEDUCTION FROM AGRICULTURAL GRANT

Under date 29th March, 1932, letter was read from the Department of Local Government that a deduction of £13,255: 13: 2d had been made from the amount of agricultural Grant due to Co. Wexford for financial year ended 31st March, 1932, on account of land and buildings.



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

"That we protest against the deduction of £13,255:13: 2d from Agricultural Grant for arrears of Land Purchase Annuities. We call upon the Government to repeal Section 6 of 54 and 55 Vic Chap. 48 (Purchase of Land - Ireland - Act 1891) mulcting Ratepayers through County Councils for losses sustained by the failure of Land Purchase Annuitants to meet their obligations."

#### ADDITIONAL OVERDRAFT

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon the following resolution was adopted:- "That in consequence of deduction of £13,255 from Agricultural Grant application be made to Treasurer for additional overdraft Accommodation of £13,000 until such time as full Agricultural Grant has been reinstated. That the Minister for Local Government & Public Health be requested to sanction this proposal."

#### COURTOWN HARBOUR MASTER'S HOUSE

The Courtown Harbour Committee recommended that a new range or stove should be installed in Harbour Master's Cottage as the old one was completely burned out.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

#### FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

Under date 26th March, 1932, the District Superintendent, Enniscorthy, wrote that on the 25th February, 1932, Garda Maurice O'Carroll, Food and Drugs Inspector, Enniscorthy, purchased a sample of new milk from Mrs. Mary Callaghan, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy. On analysis it was found to be adulterated but the analyst did not forward certificate necessary for prosecution as the adulteration was slight. Accordingly no proceedings were instituted.



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 7th April, 1932, be received and considered."

Rates on Small Saltee Islands: In reply to the Chairman Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, said that in his opinion it would be a mistake to take proceedings in this case. The costs would run to £5 or £6.

The Chairman said the man had nothing and he could not see by what ~~means~~ the Council were going to recover the Rates.

Mr. O'Byrne considered it was worth the Council's while to go on with the proceedings in order to make an example. They were being bested all over the County and they should stand out against it.

The Chairman was opposed to the proceedings.

Miss O'Ryan considered that the assessment should be wiped off the Rate Book.

Col. Gibbon said he landed on the Island within the past year. The land was covered with weeds and the only thing on it was a few rabbits in the rocks. It was a nesting place for wild birds but the public who were interested in these confined their visits to the Big Island.

Mr. Culleton proposed and Mr. Brennan seconded the following resolution:- "That we dissent from the recommendation of the Finance Committee to agree to pay the law costs of the Rate Collector in the proposed proceedings to recover the arrears of Rates due on Small Saltee Island."

Mr. Elgee said the landlord had not got anything out of the place for the past 30 years.

Col. Gibbon said there was a rumour that both Saltee Islands were about to be taken over as a bird sanctuary by the Government.

Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution:- "That the circumstances of non-payment of



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Rates for Saltee Islands be placed before the Government and that they be asked to take immediate steps to put the Council in such a legal position as will enable them to recover amount of rates due or have the Islands taken over as a bird sanctuary."

" Pending reply to this resolution that consideration of the recommendation of the Finance Committee to indemnify the Rate Collector in the matter of law costs should he fail to recover amount of rates due, be adjourned." Passed.

Deduction from Agricultural Grant: Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. McCarthy seconded the adoption of the recommendation of the Finance Committee:-

Mr. D'Arcy - When we had this under consideration last year we were told by the late Government Department that we were something in the neighbourhood of £18,000 or £19,000 of accumulation fund from year to year deducted. It seems very extraordinary now if this one year is going to equal the last number of years. I think there is something wrong.

Chairman - In Limerick they have a deficit of £72,000 in the Agricultural Grant.

Col. Quin - It is the effect of what we were told-not to pay the annuities. They will have to pay their annuities just the same as to any Government. No Government can do without money. The more we talk about this the more they wont pay it. They were promised all sorts of things which are impossible to carry out.

Chairman - Is it to be taken that the poor people who are paying their rates and taxes are to go on paying this deficit and the debts of people who are not paying.

Col. Quin - As far as I can see you cannot help that. You have got to grin and bear it.

Chairman - If everybody adopted that line of action



and not pay any annuities -

Col. Quin - You have to pay the annuities and the thing is to go on paying as the decent thing.

Chairman - Will we go on paying other people's annuities ?

Col. Quin - I am afraid I will have to.

Chairman - It is all very well for you, you have it to pay.

Miss O'Ryan - I think we should draw the attention of the Department to the conditions in the county. You have the Department forcing us to collect the rates and we certainly experience more hardship than the Land Commission in looking for rates. Why does not the Land Commission show the same assiduity in collecting their share of the money ?

Chairman - Because they have an indemnity which we have not.

Miss O'Ryan - I think we should draw their attention to the matter. The Land Commission are very backward in the state of their collection and we bear the expense of it. We should draw the attention of the Department to the fact that they were not very diligent in the matter.

Mr. O'Byrne - In the resolution submitted by the Finance Committee it is pointed out that we don't see why the grant should be withheld. One reason is that we have no control over the collection of the annuities and another that it has been stated by the Government that they won't pay the annuities themselves. This grant is withheld then to make up the deficiency in the annuities. Why withhold the grant ?

Chairman - That is one of the soundest reasons why the grant should not be stopped. If the annuities are going to be held by the Government and there is no obligation on them to find the money to send away why should



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the county councils be responsible for any deficit, in the three millions of annuities. I cannot understand why a lot of people who are trying to pay their own debts should be ~~taxed~~ with the debts of others of the community who refuse to pay or wont pay or, for some reason or other won't make any attempt to pay. I have the greatest sympathy for those in adverse circumstances, who through loss of cattle, are unable to pay, but taking the general bulk, who are not paying annuities all over the country, it is certainly not due to adversity with money. I don't think they will improve their position and there are people who are trying to pay, and, if they are going to continue in this country and pay their own debts, I think it is time they should strike against the payment of debts for others.

Mr. Cooney → I am glad to see you are converted. When I brought this matter on some time ago of people who did not pay and mentioned about high power motors you told me that anyone who was not paying annuities could not pay them and attributed it to the poverty of the county. Now you say these people can pay.

Chairman - I never said they could pay. Don't take it from me as saying so. I said I had the greatest sympathy with men in adverse circumstances who could not pay. I say so still and that people, who are not paying and could do so, are not going to improve their position by paying for them.

Mr. Cooney - You should have said that when the last Government was in power too.

Mr. McCarthy said the deduction created a very serious position ~~for~~ the County council as they had in making up their grants calculated on recovering the Agricultural Grant in full.

The result was that they would have to apply for an extension of their overdraft by the amount of the deduction. For years past they had succeeded in reducing their overdraft



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year by year but this would send it up again.

Mr. Cummins said the Land Commission were in a much better position to collect the Land Annuities than the County Council were in to collect the rates.

Mr. Cooney held that if the same pressure was brought to bear on the annuitant as on the ratepayer the annuities would be paid.

Chairman - We have nothing to say to the collection of the annuities. You have only to pay up for any deficit. The resolution of the Finance Committee demanding the repeal of the guarantee should go to every Co. Council in the Saorstát and a deputation from the General Council of Co. Councils should go to the L.G. Department and put the case of the Councils before them. This matter was certainly more important than some of the cases deputations had been received about for the past three weeks or a month.

Col. Gibbon said he felt very strongly on the subject as it meant an addition of £20 to his rates. The Government did not want to incur the odium of putting pressure to bear on people and took the simple way out by deducting the amount from the Agricultural Grant and in that way shirking their responsibility. The County Council had no power whatever in the matter.

Miss O'Ryan agreed that the matter should be taken up by the General Council of County Councils.

Mr. Corish - They are certainly rubbing it into the man who is doing his best to pay.

Mr. O'Byrne then added the following to his resolution, Mr. McCarthy seconding:-

"And that copy of resolution of Finance Committee be furnished to each Co. Council in An Saorstát and to the General Council of Co. Councils with a request to the latter that no time should be lost in summoning a meeting to con-



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sider it with a view to approach the Government to urge the repeal of the Section of the Act of Parliament making County Councils responsible for defaulting land annuitants."

*Passed.*

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 7th April, 1932, except in so far as same have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting be and are hereby confirmed."

PROPOSED LOAN FOR ERECTION OF TECHNICAL SCHOOL  
GOREY.  
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The Secretary stated he had received query form for loan in connection with Gorey Technical School. The Co. Vocational Education Committee had considered obtaining a loan directly themselves but did not succeed, and it was their desire now that the Co. Council should proceed with the matter.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That copy of resolution adopted by Wexford Co. Council on 23rd June, 1931, re loan for Gorey Technical School be furnished Department of Education (Technical Instruction Branch) and that they be asked if they are prepared to pay half annual repayment of Principal and Interest and if they can inform the Council if the loan would be advanced through the Public Works (Ireland) Acts 1831-1886."

WATER SUPPLY - COURTLANDS EAST  
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Under date 24th March, 1932, Sealed Order (No. P.H. 8.211 - 1932) fixing the area of charge for Courtlands East Water Supply as the Bridgetown Dispensary District was received from Local Government Department.

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT - SHORTHAND-  
TYPIST.  
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Under date 5th April, 1932 (G.21705/1932/se.Loch Garman.) was read from Local Government Department:-



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"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government & Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo regarding the proposed appointment of a Shorthand-Typist and to state that the Minister considers that it is important, in view of the candidates being invited to enter for an examination, the position should be filled by appointment of the person who obtains first place provided the conditions as to age, health, and character are fulfilled."

Col. Quin - That's very sound.

The Chairman explained that at the last meeting the Co. Council asked the Department to reconsider their decision to have the examination a competitive one. The Council wanted it to be a qualifying examination.

Col. Quin - It's very much cleaner by having it competitive as the first will get it.

Mr. Gaul proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution:- "That the Minister for Local Government & Public Health be again asked to agree to the appointment of Shorthand-Typist in Co. Council Office being made through qualifying Examination."

Col. Quin said that the qualifying examination could lend itself to jobbery.

Secretary - You asked to have it qualifying twice already and the L.G.D. refused.

Mr. Cooney - We always had a grievance about the competitive examination, but I agree with Col. Quin, because when there are three or four candidates you are harrassed by them.

Col. Quin - I did not think that would rankle with you, Mr. Cooney.

Mr. Corish - If we put it up twice to the L.G.D. what is the use in putting it up again ?

Mr. McCarthy - I would be very glad to have it a



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qualifying examination, but what's the use of pressing it ?

Mr. Gaul - If that's the general feeling I will withdraw my motion.

Chairman - Then does it fall through.

Miss O'Ryan said she was against the competitive examination.

Mr. Cummins - We should stick to our resolution, and this Council has integrity and honesty enough to put the best candidate in after a qualifying examination.

Mr. Gaul - If the Minister for Local Government does not sanction it our time is wasted.

Mr. Cummins - I proposed we stick to our resolution and have a qualifying examination. I do not care what the L.G.D. says. There is a change of Government now.

Mr. Corish - Does that mean to make the appointment after a qualifying examination.

Mr. Cummins - Yes, and stand by our appointment the same as the men in Mayo. Let them put us out if they like. It's all bosh with their d----- tricks.

Mr. Corish - Is the effect of the resolution that we ignore the L.G.D. and go ahead with our appointment ?

Miss O'Ryan - Mr. Cummins proposes that we make the appointment at the next meeting whether we are sanctioned or not.

Mr. Cooney - And get out like Mayo.

Chairman - Get where you like.

Mr. Cooney - And climb down at the next meeting.

Mr. McCarthy → I don't think it's wise for Mr. Cummins to go ahead. Ask the Department to reconsider it.

The following resolution was then moved by Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That the appointment of Shorthand-Typist for County Council Offices be filled at the next meeting of the County



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Council through qualifying examination and on the terms and conditions agreed to by the Finance Committee. And that our Secretary be directed to advertise the position."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Brennan, Clince, Colfer, Culleton, Cummins, Gaul, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, O'Byrne, Smyth, Shannon and the Chairman - 13.

Against- Messrs Cooney, Corish, D'Arcy, Gibbon, McCarthy, O'Ryan, Quin and Walsh - 8.

Messrs Maylor and Murphy (2) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted.

Secretary - Am I to understand now that the position is to be advertised and a qualifying examination to be held in spite of the L.G.D. ?

Chairman - Yes.

Mr. Cooney - What will happen if they don't sanction it.

Chairman - You have the decision of the Council now.

#### ROAD GRANT -----

Under date 6th April, 1932, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (R/RG/32) approving<sup>of</sup> the proposals for the expenditure of Road Grant of £1,463 on Maudlintown, Trinity Street, and John Street, Wexford.

#### DRAFT ORDER - WATERFORD AND NEW ROSS PORT SANITARY AUTHORITY -----

Under date 6th April, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (P.H.75609/1932) enclosing draft of an Order which the Minister for Local Government proposed to make adopting the provisions of the Waterford and New Ross Port Sanitary Authority Order 1904 and asking to be furnished with the observations of the Council in the matter.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Mr. Walsh:- "That we approve of Draft



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Order (No.P.H. 75609 - 1930<sup>2</sup>) which the Minister for Local Government proposes to make for the adapting of the provisions of the Waterford and New Ross Port Sanitary Authority 1904." <sup>Order</sup>

RATES BANTRY AND BLACKSTAIRS COMMONS  
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The following was read:-

"On Wednesday, 6th April, 1932, Mr. J.J. McAuley, Valuer from the General Valuation and Boundary Survey Department attended at Rathnure Village Hall in connection with the Ratings for Bantry and Blackstairs Commons.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, and Co. Secretary appeared for Co. Council.

The following persons rated for Bantry Commons were represented by Mr. H.J. Frizelle, Solicitor, Enniscorthy:- Messrs Joseph Rowe, Patrick Brennan, James Brennan, Hannah Dunne, George Rowe, James Forrestal, Garret Leary, John Nolan Senr., John Nolan, Jun., Henry King, Thos. Pender, Thos. Cowman and Patrick Hanrahan.

Mr. McAuley said he attended at the request of the Wexford Co. Council, the object of his visit being to ascertain who were the occupiers or who had the right of commonage, on Bantry and Blackstairs Commons. There was a considerable amount of rates due but he had only to ascertain who were to be rated. So far as he could understand from the Local Government Department they were going to insist on the rates being collected by the Co. Council in future. He understood there was a proposal from the Co. Council to wipe off a very substantial amount of the arrears but he was not in a position to say if the Local Government Department would agree to the proposal.

Rate Collectors E.J. Murphy and P. O'Byrne were examined as to each person rated for the two Commons, and as to the area of their holdings adjoining or adjacent.

Mr. Frizelle, Solicitor, examined each of his clients



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who stated they had never grazed the Commons and did not claim any grazing rights there.

Mr. McAuley said it had been held that if people had rights of commonage - even if not exercised they were liable for rates under 15th and 16th Vic. Chap. 63 Section 12.

With the exception of about half a dozen all those rated were in attendance and disclaimed having ever grazed the commons or stated they had no stock on them for a number of years.

Mr. McAuley at the conclusion of the Inquiry stated he would inspect the holdings adjoining both Commons after which he would report to the Commissioner of Valuation.

DISQUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES  
OF AGRICULTURE  
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Under date 1st March, 1932, Circular Letter E.2282-32 as to above was read, from Department of Agriculture.

COURTOWN HARBOUR  
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The following under date 10th April, 1932, was read from the Harbour Master, Courtown:-

"At a special meeting of the Courtown Harbour Committee held on Sunday 10th April, 1932, Mr. K. McNeill in the chair, also present Messrs Wafer, Fitzpatrick and M'Garry., the following resolution was proposed by Mr. Wafer, seconded by Mr. Fitzpatrick and passed:- "That we desire the Co. Council to take the necessary steps in speeding up the Contractor for the Sluice Gates to have the work completed as soon as possible as the boats are all ready for fishing and cannot get in or out owing to the silted condition of the bar. We are also of the opinion that there is so much silt accumulated in the bar mouth at the present time that it will require a suction dredger for three or four days to remove it before the gates will be really effective."



The County Surveyor said he had a letter from the Contractor for erection of the gates Mr. William Lee, 21, Upper Main Street, Arklow, under date 29th March, 1932 that he had been very ill and was not yet better so if the County Surveyor could arrange to meet him at Courtown Harbour in about a fortnight's time they could go into the matter.

Col. Quin said he had been asked by Mr. Kearon of Arklow if he would be allowed to remove the sand which was blocking the entrance to the Harbour. He had been getting sand at Arklow for sale in Liverpool but had been lately prevented from taking it from the beach.

The County Surveyor said he would be ohly too pleased if anyone would remove the bad bank there. It would be to the advantage of the Council if this was cleared and he (Co. Surveyor) would be prepared to make a bargain with Mr. Kearon in the matter.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That the question of entering into an arrangement with Mr. Kearon, Arklow, for removal of sand bar at the mouth of Courtown Harbour be left in the hands of the County Surveyor."

Mr. Keegan said they had expected the sluice gates would have been put down in September last. They were not a success; in fact they were worthless at the moment. If they had been erected properly in September last the bar would not have been in its present deplorable condition. The boats were now locked up in the harbour which was peculiarly hard on the fishermen as the herring fishing had been very poor.

The County Surveyor said the Contractor had promised to carry out the work at the gates but it had not been done up to the present. He had not been paid anything. The gates could not be made right until the lock chamber was run dry. He (Co. Surveyor) proposed to meet the Contractor this week.

Mr. Keegan said they should ask the Government to do some-



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thing to clear out the inner basin. A suction dredger for a few days would finish the work.

The County Surveyor said the Council had put up a proposal for £600 to cover half the cost of this work.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne that Messrs Allen and Corish T.D.'s should interview the Minister with a view of obtaining a grant of £600 half estimated cost of dredging inner basin and that they would be accompanied by the County Surveyor.

TARRING GOREY AVENUE  
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Mr. D'Arcy objected to the work of the surface tarring of Gorey Avenue. This was the principal place for the fair and owing to the manner in which in the past cattle had been falling over it the people of the district were very much opposed to the work.

Mr. Smyth supported Mr. D'Arcy. When the lower part of Gorey town had been tarred the people from his district had to get into town by a different route, owing to the manner in which their animals were falling. They were now, owing to the same cause, bringing their pigs to Monamolin and Inch instead of to Gorey. He strongly objected to any extension of the area tarred at the lower end of Gorey town.

Mr. Keegan said that if gravel was spread there animals would not fall.

Mr. D'Arcy - It is quite all right as it is and I do not see any necessity for doing anything there.

Mr. O'Byrne said the tarring was only being done over the area which had been treated before and it was necessary that the tar should be renewed.

Mr. Hall - Do away with the Gorey Fair.

The County Surveyor said he would put coarse material and a limited amount of bitumen on the place and it would not then be slippery. But something should be done to keep the



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road in good order.

Mr. D'Arcy proposed and Mr. Smyth seconded the following resolution:- "That no tarring be carried out on Gorey Avenue Road."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Gaul seconded:-

"That the work of repair on road at Gorey Avenue be carried out as arranged by County Surveyor."

A poll was taken on Mr. O'Byrne's motion with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, O'Byrne, Shannon and Walsh - 9.

Against:- Messrs Brennan, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Hall, Keegan, Meyler, Murphy, Smyth, O'Ryan and the Chairman - 11.

Messrs Gibbon, McCarthy and Quin were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared Mr. O'Byrne's motion lost.

Mr. D'Arcy's motion was then put and passed nem con.

#### HOUSES ON PUBLIC ROADS -----

In connection with the building erected by P. Kinsella, Tomduff, Enniscorthy, within 30 feet of centre of road the following under date 2nd April, 1932, was read from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor:-

"With reference to the resolution of the Co. Council directing that proceedings should be taken to compel Mr. Kinsella to remove the house above mentioned.

I write to say that the section of the Summary Jurisdiction Act 1851 which deals with the matter, only gives the District Justice power to impose a fine not exceeding £10 and a further sum of ten shillings per week, from the time of the conviction until the House shall be pulled down. But he has no power to order that the house shall be pulled down or removed."

Under date 5th April, 1932, the Co. Surveyor submitted



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the following letter forwarded to him by Mr. P. Kinsella:-

"With reference to the building at Tomduff when Mr. Cullen called I stopped the work. I also called on Mr. Cullen in Enniscorthy Courthouse, and I told him I was sorry if I had done anything wrong. He told me to apply for leave. Three days afterwards Mr. Flood called I was not there, and he left word if I could meet him at Enniscorthy. I met him at a meeting of the Health Board and he enquired if the building was going to be very high. I said not. He asked me if I'd put on a cement roof. I said I was willing to do so, but I had already the roof bought, timber and ruberoid. He said in that case I could roof it. Mr. Connolly was present. You have accused me of persisting, but this is what really happened, whatever the consequences be I did not break the law."

The County Surveyor said that Mr. Flood was the engineer to the Health Board and only acted as regards the erection of the structure on the labourer's plot but he had nothing whatever to say to the building as affecting the road. Mr. Flood had no authority in the matter from the Co. Council and Mr. Cullen stopped Kinsella when he only had the foundations in.

No order.

#### FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That as recommended by Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Guard H. Doherty, 445, Gorey, be appointed Ex-Officio Inspector under Food & Drugs Acts for the sub-districts of Gorey, Courtown Harbour, Coolgreany and Camolin vice Garda John O'Brien."

#### HOUSING (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1931

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Applications for Grant of £20 were received from James Doyle, Whitewell, Camolin and Thos. Fenelon, Moortown, Ballymitty.



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Gaul:-

"That we agree to pay to James Doyle, Whitewell, Camolin, and Thos. Fenelon, Moortown, Ballymitt, £20 each under the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1931 on receiving intimation that the Local Government Department approve of plan and specification of houses and when the appointed Officer has certified that the buildings have been properly erected also that applicants will use the houses as residences."

Chairman - People pay as much as £100 for a site on which to build. Would the Council think they were entitled to the grant.

Mr. D'Arcy said such people could not be considered badly off.

#### PAINTING NEW ROSS BRIDGE

The County Surveyor stated that although he had had enquiries from three firms in connection with this work the only tender he received was from Messrs M. O'Connor & Co., Builders, Wexford, for £598: 10s. The price was rather high the estimate being between £500 and £600. It was not possible to carry out the work by direct labour.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That the tender of Messrs M. O'Connor & Co., Builders, Wexford, for painting New Ross Bridge at £598: 10s. be accepted on condition that paint of Irish manufacture be used in the work."

Mr. Cooney considered that local painters should be employed.

The County Surveyor said they could not make a stipulation that Mr. O'Connor should employ New Ross men and leave his own tradesmen idle. But so far as local unskilled labour was concerned he would mention the matter to Mr. O'Connor.



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Mr. Murphy said the County Surveyor could ask O'Connor & Co. to employ local labour as far as possible.

THE PLIGHT OF THE RAILWAYS

The following resolution from Cavan Urban Council was submitted:-

"Resolved that we, the Cavan Urban District Council, in view of the condition of grave economic peril to which the Railways of Saorstat Eireann have been reduced owing to the unfair competition of badly organized road services, appeal to the Oireachtas to take immediate steps to save for the Saorstat the valuable national asset represented by the existing railway/system; and the Council also appeal to the Manufacturers and Traders to distribute their custom with due regard to the present position."

Mr. Corish proposed the adoption of the resolution with the following addendum:-

"And that the Government be asked to set up a Commission to deal with the whole transport problem."

Mr. Hall seconded and the resolution with addendum was adopted unanimously.

*Michael Doyle*



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MEETING 25TH APRIL 1932

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COUNTY HALL,  
WEXFORD.

N. J. FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY.

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 25th April, 1932.

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, Col.C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Michael Jordan, William P. Keegan, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Col.R.P. Wemyss Quin, James Shannon, Myles Smyth, and James E. Walsh.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

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Treasurer's Advice Note for £29,589:10s. Od. transfer to Public Bodies and £5,794: 3s. Od. Ordinary payments were examined and signed.

#### THE LATE MRS. PEARSE

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Mr. Cummins said that before the business of the meeting began he wished to propose a vote of condolence with the family of the late Mrs. Pearse, St. Enda's College, Rathfarnham, Dublin. It was not necessary to inform the Council of what the Pearse family had done to secure the emancipation of Ireland. Their first duty should be to sympathise with her relatives in their great bereavement.

Mr. O'Byrne in seconding the resolution said that the country would never forget the sacrifices made by Mrs. Pearse for the welfare of the country. No other woman in Irish History had ever given more and there was sincere regret by every true Irishman that she had been called to her reward.

The Secretary on behalf of himself and staff associated



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himself with the resolution which was adopted in silence.

THE LATE CAPT. REDMOND T.D.  
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A vote of condolence to Mrs. Redmond, widow of Capt. Wm.A. Redmond T.D., and friends, was moved by the Chairman who said that Capt. Redmond came from a noted Wexford Family, a family which had been political leaders in the County for generations. He (Chairman) knew Mr. Redmond's grandfather and father as they came from his parish and had resided there for a long time. He knew the late Capt. Redmond intimately. In fact he acted as his Counsel on several occasions and he also knew Capt. Redmond for several years in the Dail and knew him to be a thoroughly good Irishman who never refused to do a good turn for the country. It was a melancholy pleasure to him to propose this vote of condolence and to see such a noble career cut short under such tragic circumstances. It was with the greatest regret he moved that the Wexford County Council tender their sympathy to Mrs. Redmond and friends.

Mr. McCarthy in seconding the vote said that Capt. Redmond came from a distinguished Wexford family and was a patriotic and talented Irishman. He certainly fulfilled all the traditions of his ancestors in his patriotic work. His death came with a tragic suddenness which shocked not only the people of Wexford by whom he was so highly esteemed but the whole of Ireland. He was cut off in the prime of life and at a time when he could certainly have given valuable help in shaping the future destinies of the country. No matter how some of them had differed with some of Capt. Redmond's actions in the past they certainly admitted that whatever course Capt. Redmond took he was perfectly sincere and was always guided by a deep love for Ireland. The Redmond's loved Ireland and Capt. Redmond lived up to the best traditions of his name. Here in Wexford they had



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material and artistic monuments to the Redmond name. In the material monuments they had those ~~erected~~ by the Redmond family in the years gone by to develop the trade and prosperity of the town of Wexford and artistic monuments erected by a grateful people as a token of ~~action~~<sup>esteem</sup> for the work which this grand old family had carried out. The County Council in expressing their sympathy with Mrs. Redmond and her family were speaking for the people of the County Wexford.

The resolution was adopted in silence.

THE LATE MR. MICHAEL BYRNE EX-CO. COUNCILLOR  
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Mr. Brennan proposed a vote of condolence with the family of the late Mr. Michael Byrne, Ballynabearna, Ballywilliam, who had been a member of the County Council for several years during troubled times.

Mr. Cummins seconded the motion which was passed in silence.

#### COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT -----

The following Report was submitted from County Surveyor:-

"During the past week Mr. Quigley, Local Government Engineering Inspector visited Wexford, and was over a number of roads and works in my company. He discussed with me existing road improvement Grants and the Relief Grants already in progress. With reference to the further allocation of £500 for relief works he went through the lists I made out, and varied the last suggestions to some extent. There is now a communication from the Local Government Department sanctioning the works as selected by Mr. Quigley.

"When inspecting the improvement Grant work on the New Ross Road Mr. Quigley discussed with me the question of having a very bad corner in Ballinaboola improved. We interviewed the owner of the premises, Mr. Sutton, and he was not at all inclined to agree to the removal of his out office building. There is no doubt that when we are laying a concrete road at



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this place we should certainly look to have it carried through in the best manner, and it is essential that this blind corner should be removed. Mr. Quigley suggested that a small committee of the Council should be able to deal with the owner, and that if the existing grant funds did not allow sufficient for compensation that it could be dealt with in next year's grants, but that the work should be done now. Personally, I consider this a really essential improvement work.

On the 19th instant I visited Courtown Harbour and found Mr. Lee's men at work preparing to lay dry the sluice gate chamber. On the same date I met by appointment at Courtown Mr. Kearon, and discussed with him the matter of shipping gravel and so forth, but as he points out until the gate chamber is made good we cannot come to any definite understanding in the matter. He has a great deal of experience of this class of work, and carefully noted the suction dredger in Arklow. Unfortunately, the dredger had just left Arklow, or we should have had an opportunity of having the Captain of the dredger with us. I shall be in a position to deal with this matter when the County Council deputation meets the Minister of Fisheries.

I have only one tender for the discharging boat at Courtown, and consider that the suggested scantlings and sheetings are insufficient. I purpose inviting further offers, and do not recommend the acceptance of the tender put in.

"On the 21st instant I made an inspection of Carne Pier with reference to the reported cracks appearing in the structure at the end. I had a good opportunity of examining the work formerly carried out as I was present at dead low water of spring tide, and I am satisfied that the work is perfectly sound, and that the small cracks are of no material consequence. I shall, as opportunity serves, keep the Pier Head under



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obsefvation.

On the 22nd instant I made an inspection of the gearing of the opening span of New Ross Bridge in company of the Care-taker and -our Machinery Overseer. The link chains working the swivel span are badly stiffened up with old paint and so forth, making it very difficult to work the gearing, and I shall make arrangements later to have the chains taken out and thoroughly freed. In the future I shall not allow any painting to be carried out on these.

At a former meeting you ordered the removal of several houses built within 30 feet of the road centre, and up to the present this has not been done. I recommend now that the County Solicitor be ordered to take immediate proceedings. In connection with this matter of houses, the Secretary has received a letter from Mrs Mangan, Kilmuckridge, in regard to a lean-to built on to the end of her house. This is within 30' feet of the road centre of the narrow by-road adjoining, but as there is a very wide space opposite it on the leading road there is no material obstruction to the view, and I do not press to have this house removed.

"Questions have been raised regarding employment in Curr<sup>x</sup>anduff and Carrigeen Quarries, and I shall have particulars for the meeting, and the Assistant Surveyor for the district will be in attendance."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That report of County Surveyor as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

Relief Grants: Under date 22nd April, 1932, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (R/RU/32) that the Minister had approved of the proposal <sup>for</sup> ~~XXXX~~ the exepnditure of £500 out of the Relief Grant of £900 on the improvement of dangerous corners. Labour was to be recruited through the Employment Exchange.

The following is the list of approved works:-



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- (1) Crosslaghroe 5 Roads near Blackwater.....£50
  - (2) L. 29 Randalstown between Wexford and Kilmore.£60
  - (3) T.7. Leap about 3 miles from Enniscorthy ....£40
  - (4) T.16. Tombrick two corners Enniscorthy-  
Newtownbarry.....£38
  - (5) L. 127. Near Kildealy.....£20
  - (6) L. 127. Byrne's Cross, Glenglass South of  
Kildealy.....£35
  - (7) L. 159. Stokestown 2 miles south of New Ross £30
  - (8) L. 159. Horeswood, north of Campile..... £33
  - (9) No.111 County Road at Loggan near Wicklow Gap £35
  - (10) No. 362.Three Corners on County Road at  
Rathnure..... £24
  - (11) No. 387.Monglass between Enniscorthy and  
Killarne..... £15
  - (12) No. 982 Greenfield between Wexford and Tom-  
haggard.... £45
  - (13) T. 7. Arnold's cross in Enniscorthy Urban.... £36
  - (14) No.980 Ballymore South of Killinick..... £18
  - (15) No.984 Twelve Acre between Killinick and  
Lady's Island.....£21
- £500

Mr. Cummins and Mr. Colfer considered that  
New Ross District had not been given its share of the  
expenditure.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted  
on the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That  
we approve of the allocation of £500 for easement of dangerous  
corners as set out in list which accompanied letter from L.G.D.  
(Roads) under date 22nd April, 1932 (R/RU/32)."

Mr. Colfer dissented.

Shed at Ballynabola: This matter was considered in committee.

The County Surveyor said the shed was 43 ft by 16 ft. with  
an average height of ten feet. The walls were masonry, floor  
concrete and roof galvanised iron. An alternate structure  
would probably cost about £170. He had offered to build a shed  
for the owner when they had the concrete mixer at the place  
but Mr. Sutton said he preferred to build it himself.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded a resolution  
for appointment of a small committee as suggested by the County  
Surveyor.

Mr. McCarthy proposed and Mr. Clince seconded the follow-  
ing :- "That the negotiations for acquiring shed at Ballyna-  
bola be left in the hands of the officials of the Council and  
that they report result to first available meeting."



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The County Surveyor pointed out that when he was building the concrete road if the shed was not removed it would be necessary to spend an extra £100 in banking the opposite side of the thoroughfare.

Col. Quin proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following amendment:- "That owing to the probable exorbitant cost no further action be taken towards acquiring shed at Ballynabola."

After further discussion Mr. O'Byrne withdrew his resolution to have a Committee appointed and Col. Quin withdrew his amendment to take no action.

Mr. McCarthy's proposal was then put and passed nem con.

In connection with the concreting of road on which shed is situate Mr. Murphy said he had a letter from Mr. Neville, Ballynabola, that sand for the work was being drawn from the Slaney 16 miles away while suitable sand was available at Ballynabola. The Pioneer Co. which carried out the concreting of the road in 1931 were prepared to use the Ballynabola sand but they fell out with Mr. Neville about the price.

The County Surveyor said he did not believe the sand was suitable. Any sand he saw at Ballynabola was not suitable.

Mr. Murphy read a letter from Mr. Neville in which it was stated that the Pioneer Road Construction Co. had been prepared to take the sand but they disagreed with Mr. Neville about the price. He was now prepared to sell at a reasonable figure.

The County Surveyor said he did not believe any pit sand was as good as that obtained from the Slaney.

Col. Gibbon suggested that the County Surveyor should procure a sample of the Ballynabola sand and have it tested in the ordinary way.

The County Surveyor said he had already made a bargain for the supply of river sand.

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, said he knew the pit at Ballynabola and it was impossible to get the sand out. That was



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the reason why the Pioneer Co. did not agree to take it.

Mr. Cummins said there was a sand pit at Ballykerogue which contained material better than that which could be procured from the rivers Nore and Barrow.

The Co. Surveyor said it was possible to get pits here and there but there was no uniformity of quality and no guarantee of a decent supply. They might get a couple of hundred yards in these pits but he would want at least 2,000 yards. As for the stuff at Ballykerogue he declined to use it for work at Ballygarvan Bridge.

Mr. Cooney said it had been found good enough for the concreting of New Ross quays.

It was decided to adopt Col. Gibbon's suggestion and have a test made of the Ballynabola sand.

Mr. Cooney asked when would the concreting of the Wexford-New Ross Road be completed.

County Surveyor - It won't be open for four months but it will be open in the meantime in part for local traffic.

Mr. Cooney said that judging by the progress made to the present the work would not be finished for 14 months.

County Surveyor said the work was going ahead well and quite to his satisfaction.

Mr. Walsh said that New Ross had been shut off for the Christmas markets and it was now to be shut off for the Eucharistic Congress which would be a bad thing for the town. He suggested it should be done in sections.

The County Surveyor, in reply to a query, said he proposed to start the work on the first of May. It would take three and a half weeks to lay the concrete and four weeks after that to season.

Mr. Cummins said the Eucharistic Congress would be over before the road would be open to traffic.

The Chairman suggested that the work should be deferred until after the Congress.



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County Surveyor - That would be better than having a piecemeal job. The Road was partly blocked at present by distribution of sand for concreting.

Mr. O'Byrne said a postponement would mean that the men employed on the work would be thrown out of employment.

Mr. Colfer proposed that the work be carried out as already arranged. The men had been hungry and waiting for this work and there was no use in agreeing to a proposal to disemploy them.

Mr. O'Byrne, in seconding, said it was a hardship to disemploy men who had been promised work.

A show of hands was then taken when 15 to 5 voted in favour of proceeding with the work immediately.

Courtown Harbour: Under date 9th April, 1931, the Department of Lands & Fisheries wrote (D/5/2) enquiring as to the progress of the work of repairing etc of sluice gates and the approximate date when it would be completed. The payment of the State Grant towards the work was contingent on the issue by the Office of Public Works of a certificate that the work had been done to the satisfaction of the Commissioners.

Mr. Corish said that he and Mr. Allen T.D. had interviewed the Minister in this matter. The Department were not at all satisfied that the work at the sluice gates had not been completed before now. However the Council was now making an effort to have it finished. The Minister was to write to the Board of Works to have the suction dredger sent to Courtown as soon as possible provided the Co. Council would put up a moiety of the cost. He proposed a resolution that the Co. Secretary write to the Department that the Council was prepared to do this and that the attention of the Department be called to the fact that the Council had included in the Public Works Estimate a sum of £600 for Courtown Harbour Dredging provided the Department was prepared to put up a similar amount.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded the resolution which was adopted.



In reply to Mr. Keegan the County Surveyor said he could not say when the gates would be finished. The Contractor had to run the gate cill dry and might have more trouble in the matter than was anticipated.

In connection with tenders for providing discharging boat the Co. Surveyor said the structural work proposed was too light. He would invite further offers.

It was decided to postpone this matter to next meeting.  
Removal of Houses within 30 feet of the road: Under date 20th April, 1932, Mary Mangan, Kilmuckridge, wrote that before she put up the shed the road man saw it and reported it as a by-road. She considered the shed was not in anyone's way.

Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, said that the shed had been erected on a very wide space opposite the Protestant Church.

The County Surveyor said the building was 50 or 60 feet from the centre of the leading road, but only 15 or 16 feet from the centre of the by-road. It did not obstruct the view.

Mr. Smyth proposed and Mr. Brennan seconded the following resolution which was adopted Col. Quin dissenting:- "That no action be taken by this Council as respects shed erected in the village of Kilmuckridge by Mary Mangan."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Col. Quin:- "That Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, be instructed to proceed against Messrs James Sinnott, Golf Hotel, Rosslare, and Ml. Kelly, Chemist, Rosslare, in respect of having erected buildings within 30 feet of the centre of the road."

In connection with house at Tomgarrow Cross erected by Mrs. C.E.B. Swaine, Ballycarney, School, letter was read from Mrs. Swaine in which she stated that Mr. Elgee, the Co. Surveyor, and Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, marked out the site of the house and by consenting to go a certain distance from the corner she was permitted to go nearer the road with the structure. They erected the house two feet further back from the stump on which Mr. Ennis stood and where it was decided they could put the front



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wall. When the house was more than half completed they received a letter from the County Surveyor that it was too near the road. She wrote to the Co. Surveyor on 25th March but did not receive a reply until the 9th April. In consequence concluding the matter was all right they re-started work. It appeared there was some misunderstanding about the matter. If the structure had to be removed the greater part of the iron and timber would be **reined**. If some of the members of the Council would see the structure it might settle matters.

Mrs Swaine who was in attendance said that no work had been carried out at the place since the receipt of the letter from the County Surveyor.

Col. Quin said he passed the house every day and work had been to his knowledge carried out since the letter of the Co. Surveyor.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, in reply to the Chairman said that no considerable amount of work had been carried out in the meantime.

Col. Quin said he regarded it as very necessary to have the structure removed as it was on a very bad corner.

The County Surveyor said the structure was 26 ft. 4 ins. from the road centre. Mr. Swaine had been distinctly told that the ~~fact~~ of the house should be 30 feet from the road centre.

Col. Quin - If the house was placed five feet further back it would mean a great difference to visibility.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, said when he was present Mr. Swaine was plainly told where he could go as regards the erection of the house.

The Chairman said it was evident Mrs. Swaine took the stump as the guiding mark for the erection of the house and believed that the surveyors were satisfied if she went two feet behind that.

Mrs. Swaine said she could have built the house as readily five feet back as in its present position.



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Mr Hall suggested the Co. Councillors for Gorey Electoral area with the Co. Surveyor and Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, act as a Committee to see the place and report to next meeting.

Mr. D'Arcy proposed that the matter be left as it was.

Mr. Culleton seconded.

The Chairman said that as the Council had already decided the house should be removed Mr. D'Arcy's motion was not in order. It would require notice of motion to rescind the previous resolution.

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

"That the following Committee be appointed to visit the house at Tomgarrow Cross recently erected by Mrs. Swaine and report to next meeting Messrs Hall, Quin, Armstrong, Jordan and D'Arcy. That the Co. Surveyor and Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, attend with the Committee and that the Co. Surveyor fix the day and hour of meeting."

Carrigeen Quarry: The following extract from the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 21st April, 1932, was submitted:

"Mark Kearns, Tobergal and Wm. Doyle, Carrigeen, came before the meeting and complained they could not get employment at Carrigeen quarry.

"Kearns said there were 11 men idle in the neighbourhood of the quarry in which seven men were employed, only two of whom were from the locality. The others came from a distance of from three to eight miles. A vacancy in the quarrymen occurred about a year ago and had been filled by bringing in a man from outside the district. Of the 11 idle men in the district 9 were married. Kearns had formerly worked in Rock-spring quarry and Doyle had helped his father who was a road-contractor.

The matter was referred to Co. Surveyor for report."

The following report under date 22nd April, 1932, was submitted by Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor:-



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"All the men in Carrigeen Quarry have been working for the County Council for a considerable time. I do not see any reason for dismissing them to make room for others. The men at present employed have been idle for 10 or 12 weeks and have almost exhausted their Unemployment payments.

"It is of course desirable that the men employed in a quarry should be drawn from a fairly wide area. Otherwise it would be impossible to be sure of getting suitable men for the roads in the winter. They can come on bicycles to the quarry but must use a donkey and cart on the road work."

Mr. Hall said it was extraordinary that he found local men employed in every Co. Council quarry except Carrigeen where brothers and brothers-in-laws were employed. It was the one party got all the work there.

The County Surveyor said when direct labour was agreed to he had met groups of men in various districts of the County and also the Labour Union representatives. Men were selected at these meetings.

Mr. Hall said he would be satisfied if Mr. Ennis would employ local men in the quarry as vacancies occurred.

Mr. Ennis said that he would be able to employ a certain amount of local labour on roads for which no tender had been received, and which were now under the Co. Surveyor's charge.

Curraduff Quarry: The following letter under date 18th April, 1932, was read from Mr. Clince, Co. Councillor:-

"Complaints have been made to me by men from Kiltalea district as to Curraduff Quarry. They complain they are idle though living close to the quarry while men from Bunclody came four miles to work there. When the quarry was opened it was for the purpose of serving the local men and he (Mr. Clince) knew the men were idle in the district."

The following under date 22nd April, 1932, was read from Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor:-

"I generally work this quarry with about three men. One lives quite close to the quarry, the other about 2 ½ miles



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away. These men work on the roads in the winter. I see no reason for dismissing them to make room for others. As a matter of fact the quarry is not being worked at the moment, and the three men are idle.

"The breaker usually works in this quarry about 8 to 10 days each year. I take on 2 or 3 men from the district. These with the Foreman and a couple of men from Ryland Quarry attend the breaker."

Mr. Clince asked if some of the material at the quarry could not be broken by hand.

Mr. Ennis said that hand breaking in this quarry would produce a material which would be entirely too rough and there would be endless complaints about it. The rough stones which came from the breaker could be steam rolled. Hand broken material would be very costly and would not be suited for the road. He would have some roads in his charge in this district and he would take on a man or two for their maintenance later on in the year.

Mr. Shannon said the Council should endeavour to give all the employment possible on the roads. Otherwise <sup>men</sup> ~~they~~ would have to be relieved through home help. There were 25 to 30 men out of employment in his district.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That the report of Co. Surveyor as submitted to this meeting be and is hereby approved."

PAYMENT TO GANGER  
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Mr. Cooney asked if James Wilkinson, Ballywilliam, Road Ganger, had been employed at masonry work.

The Co. Surveyor said he had: Wilkinson was a mason.

In reply to Mr. Corish the Co. Surveyor said that the man was not paid mason's wages when working as a mason.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Corish and seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That James Wilkinson, Road Ganger,



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be paid Mason's wages for the period at which he was engaged at masonry work for the Co. Council."

On a poll the voting resulted as follows:-

For:- Messrs Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, O'Byrne and Shannon - 7.

Against: Messrs Brennan, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Keegan, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Ryan, Quin, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman - 15.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

GOREY AVENUE  
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The following resolution of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That the resolution of Co. Council not to carry out tarring work at Gorey Avenue, Gorey, be rescinded, and that the County Surveyor be instructed to carry out this work in the ordinary way."

In moving his motion Mr. O'Byrne said that this street had been surfaced and tar sprayed a couple of years ago and the work now required renewal. There had been no complaint of the work when it had been first carried out and he believed the surface from the point of view of the live stock fair was more satisfactory than the former surface of some years ago. This was an important road and it was essential that it should be kept in a decent condition.

Mr. Cline seconded.

Mr. Keegan said that cattle were slipping on this road under existing conditions and the position would be far worse when the Co. Council made it a skating rink. He suggested that the money should be transferred to the repair of the road from office of Warren, Auctioneer, to Bates' Coach Factory via Railway station which was in a wretched condition, and which was subject to very heavy traffic details of which were given by Mr. Keegan.

The County Surveyor said that such a transfer was not possible as Gorey Avenue was a main road and the road by the



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railway station was a county road. He (Co. Surveyor) had brought forward proposals for the repair of the last mentioned thoroughfare but they had been turned down.

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

For: Messrs Armstrong, Clinee, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Jordan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin, Shamon and Walsh - 12.

Against: Messrs Brennan, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Hall, Keegan, Murphy, Smyth and the Chairman - 9.

Col. Gibbon (1) was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

HOUSING (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1931

Under date 1st April, 1932, the L. G. D. wrote (H.25878/1932 - Ilgh) that intimation had been received from the Minister for Finance that the Local Loans Fund was now available for the purpose of making advances for financing operations under the Housing of the Working Classes Act 1890-31, the Labourers (Ireland) Acts 1883 to 1931 and Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts 1899 to 1931. Interest would be charged on such advances at the rate of 5½d per cent per annum.

Under date 19th April, 1932, Daniel Kavanagh, Ballina, Curraclloe, wrote applying for grant under the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1931.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:-

"That we agree to pay to Daniel Kavanagh, Ballina, Curraclloe, the sum of £20 under the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1931 on receiving intimation that the Local Government Department approve of plan and specification, of house, and when Appointed Officer has certified that the building has been properly erected and that Mr. Kavanagh proposes to reside therein, and provided the building is not erected within 30 feet of the road centre."

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded an amendment



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that the application be adjourned for further information as to the financial position of the applicant.

Mr. Culleton said that the applicant held between 60 and 70 acres of land but he was a poor man living with his brother and would not be able to erect the house without some assistance.

Mr. Corish said he was prepared to accept the assurance of the local councillor as to Mr. Kavanagh's means and withdrew his amendment.

A vote on the resolution resulted as follows:-

For:→ Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Hall, Jordan, Keegan, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Shannon, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman - 19.

Against:- Messrs Brennan and Quin (2)

Col. Gibbon (1) was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 71 OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
ACT 1925.  
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Under date 20th April, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (B.27415/1932 - Ilgh (Sg) that the Minister intended at an early date to introduce legislation to annul the provisions of Section 71 of the Local Government Act 1925 requiring local officers to make a declaration on appointment or on obtaining an increase of remuneration. It was intended to ~~make~~ <sup>recommend</sup> the Legislature to make the operation of the repealing Bill retrospective so that failure to subscribe to the declaration will not militate against officers whose appointments were otherwise in order. Particulars of any specific cases which present difficulty might be forwarded the Department.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That particulars of the case of Mr. Stephen Hayes, Clerical Assistant, Co. Council Office, who did not make declaration under Section 71 of the Local Government Act 1925 and was not in consequence paid



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increments of salary, be referred to the Department of Local Government for favourable consideration."

#### COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

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Under date 13th April, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (Circular No. 85/32) that Co. Council Elections would not be held in 1932. The annual meeting for this year is to be held on such hour and day not earlier than 23rd August nor later than 1st September.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That meeting of County Council fixed for 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 1932, be dropped and that instead meeting be held on 29th August, 1932, as fixed by the Council."

#### ROAD GRANTS

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The Secretary reported that the following road grants had been received from Local Government Department since last meeting viz., £800 Wexford Urban; £2,900 Improvement Grant; and £280 Unemployment Grant (Letters from L.G.D. (R.G./32 - 20th April, 1932), (R.A.- 32 - 9th April, 1932) and (S.G.K./32 - 12th April, 1932).

#### GRATUITY TO FORMER SHORTHAND-TYPIST

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Under date 21st April, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.26232/32/Se) that the Minister had accorded his assent pursuant on Sub-Section 4 of Section 44 of the Local Government Act 1925 to the grant by the Wexford Co. Council of a marriage gratuity of £50 to Miss Monica Frizelle, formerly Shorthand-Typist in the Council's Office.

#### SHEEP DIPPING ARRANGEMENTS

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Under date 12th April, 1932, (L.1141-32) the Department of Agriculture wrote asking particulars of the sheep dipping Arrangements which Co. Council had made with a view to ensuring the effective dipping of all sheep in their area during the dipping periods of the current year.



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Under date 15th April, 1932, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L.1291/32) that the Garda Síochána would give the same assistance in having the Sheep Dipping Order carried out as in past year.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Murphy seconded by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That the following be re-appointed lay Sheep Dipping Inspectors for the same areas as last year viz:-

Gorey District: Patrick Ormonde, Ballyellis, Carnew.  
Thomas Prendergast, Knockskimolin, Oulart.

Enniscorthy District: James Murphy, Coolbawn, Ferns.  
Myles Roban, The Moyne, Enniscorthy.

New Ross District: M.J. Hennessey, Monamolin, Rathnure.

Wexford District: James Hayden, Corlican, Killurin, *at*  
£1 per week and refund out-of-pocket postage.

Appointments to be subject to the sanction of the Minister for Agriculture."

#### MENTAL HOSPITAL COMMITTEE

The Resident Medical Superintendent, District Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, wrote under date 15th April, 1932, that at the meeting of the Committee on 13th April the resignation of the Revd. R. Talbot was accepted.

The Chairman proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following resolution which passed nem con: "That the District Mental Hospital Committee be requested to recommend the appointment of a member vice Rev. R. Talbot resigned."

#### NEW ROSS BRIDGE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Clinck:- "That the contract with Messrs M. O'Connor, Wexford, for the painting of New Ross Bridge be sealed and signed on behalf of the Wexford Co. Council."

#### ANALYST'S REPORT

It appeared from Analyst's report for quarter ended 31st March, 1932, that she had analysed 165 foods, 24 drugs



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and 1 water - Total 190. Of these four samples of new milk and 1 of butter were found to be adulterated.

#### COURTOWN HARBOUR COMMITTEE

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Mr. Brennan proposed and Mr. Murphy seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem con: "That the following be appointed ~~at~~ <sup>or</sup> Courtown Harbour Committee to hold office for three years ~~and~~ until their successors have been appointed:- Rev. John O'Grady, C.C. Riverchapel; Rev. Mr. Verschoyle, Rector, Ardamine; Earl of Courtown; Kieran McNeill, Courtown; Thomas McGarry, Do; Richard Garland, do; Ml. Fitzpatrick do; Sean O'Byrne M.C.C.; Michael Wafer, Middletown; Sean O'Byrne, Courtown; W.P. Keegan M.C.C., Esmonde St. Gorey and Myles Smyth M.C.C., Glasscarrig, South Clonevan.

#### OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

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The following under date 23rd April, 1932 (G.26233/32. Loch Garman (Fa). was read from L.G.D.: - "I am directed by the Minister for Local Government & Public Health to state that he sanctions overdraft accommodation not exceeding £13,000 in addition to the limit of £20,000 already sanctioned, on the accounts of the Wexford County Council up to the 1st June next. Interest may be paid thereon at the agreed rate.

A duplicate of this letter is enclosed for the information of the Council's Treasurer."

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

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The Secretary, Department of Education, wrote that with reference to the admission to the Leaving Certificate Examination of candidates for University Scholarships who do not satisfy the conditions of the Department's regulations the latest date for accepting applications in the case of such candidates had been fixed for 30th April.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That our Secretary report to the Department of Education that ~~their~~ Council approves of Miss



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Winifred Murphy, Clonmore, Ballycanew, a candidate for University Scholarship being admitted to the Leaving Certificate Examination."

TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF CO. COUNCILLORS

The following resolution from Waterford Co. Council was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Hall, Col. Quin dissenting:-

"That we, the members of the Finance Committee of the Waterford County Council, protest against the present procedure regarding the payment of travelling expenses to members of the County Council and other Bodies, and appeal to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to amend it by allowing expenses to Members for every meeting they attended since the passing of this Act, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to all County Councils in Saorstát Éireann."

*Michael Doyle*



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MEETING 9TH MAY 1932

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M I N U T E S

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COUNTY HALL,  
WEXFORD.

N. J. FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY.

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford, on 9th May, 1932.

Present Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman) presiding, also Messrs John Brennan, James Cline, Patrick Colfer, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, 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, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Col.R.P. Wemyss Quin, James Shannon, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor and Rates Inspector were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £15,084: 15: 2d was examined and signed.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That quarterly payments to Road Contractors amounting to £2,308: 0: 9d as recommended by Finance Committee and as certified by County Surveyor be and are hereby agreed to."

#### SYMPATHY WITH MR. ROCHE M.C.C.

The Chairman in proposing a vote of condolence with Mr. Roche M.C.C. in the death of his infant son and only child said that the County Council deeply sympathised with Mr. Roche in his bereavement.

Col. Gibbon seconded the motion which was supported by Mr. Corish, Mr. Shannon and the Co. Secretary and was passed in silence.

#### THE LATE REV. MICHAEL HAYDEN C.C.

Mr. Smyth proposed a vote of condolence with Surgeon Hayden, Dublin, in the death of his brother Rev. Michael Hayden C.C. a zealous and beloved priest who had laboured



for many years in the diocese of Ferns.

Mr. D'Arcy seconded the motion.

The Secretary said in support that in the loss of Fr. Hayden a dear and intimate friend had passed away.

The resolution was adopted in silence.

NEXT MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That next meeting of the county council be held on 30th May, 1932, instead of on 23rd May, 1932, the date already fixed for same."

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 21st April, 1932, were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 21st April, 1932.

Present:- Messrs James Hall, T. McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor and Rate Inspector were in attendance.

The chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. O'Byrne.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

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Treasurer's Advice Note for £3,358: 15: 0d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

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State of Rate Collection: The following gives the amount of collectable Rate outstanding to date:-

No. of District.	Name of Collector.	Amount.
2.	J. Quirke	£1,167
3.	P. Doyle	512
4.	M. McCarthy	243
5.	P. Nolan	615
6.	S. Gannon (M.Kelly's)	224
7.	J. Deegan	656
8.	J. Cummins	219
9.	P. O'Byrne	361
10.	S. Gannon	376
11.	W. Cummins	229
12.	T. Bolger (P. Donohoe's)	883
13.	J.J. O'Reilly	335
14.	T. Bolger	460
15.	A. Dunne	656



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No. of District.	Name of Collector.	Amount.
16.	J.J. Sinnott	£634
21.	P. Carty	218

The members spent some time examining the Rate Books in connection with outstanding items.

Mr. S. O'Byrne said that speaking for Gorey Urban Area which he knew best, there were a number of items which in his opinion could have been obtained prior to the 31st March. Speaking generally for that Electoral Division it appeared to him that the people who had paid were those considered badly off, while people who to all appearances could well afford to pay had not yet done so.

The Chairman, speaking for Enniscorthy District, considered that there were a number of persons whose Rates were outstanding and who would have paid if pressure had been brought to bear upon them. He proposed the following:-

"The Finance Committee must express their dissatisfaction with the manner in which numbers of items have been allowed to remain outstanding to date, and which they believe would not have occurred if the Collectors had carried out their work in an efficient and careful way. This expression of opinion is arrived at by the Finance Committee after making every allowance for the depressed ~~and~~ economic condition of the Country.

"That a list of the principal items which the Finance Committee believe should have been paid before the end of the financial year should be furnished to Collectors concerned for their explanation of the delay in securing payment. That Collection be closed finally on 11th May, 1932."

Poundage Fees: In connection with payment of poundage fees the following under date 13th April, 1932 (G.24192/32



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Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government :-

"Adverting to your letter of the 7th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he raises no objection to the County Council's proposal to make an immediate payment of poundage fees calculated at the authorised rate in each case on actual lodgments to those rate collectors (5) who have closed their 1931/32 warrants on or before the 6th inst.

"As to the proposal to pay poundage on the basis of the 1930/31 warrants the Minister would like to be informed of particulars as to what this involves. I am to remind the County Council that although the Collectors did not close their warrants for 1930/31 until the 21st May of that year the Minister conceded full poundage."

Proposed Amalgamation of No. 2 District: The Committee recommended the following to the Council:-

District Electoral Divisions of Ardavan, and Artramont to be added to No. 1 (J. Quirke).

District Electoral Divisions of Glynn, Kilbride, Kilpatrick, Killurin, and Whitechurch to be transferred to No. 19 District (Wm. Doyle).

District Electoral Division of Ardcolm to be added to No. 12 District.

District Electoral Divisions of Horetown and Carrigbyrne to be transferred from No. 19 District (W. Doyle) to No. 20 District (J. Curtis).

No. 6 District: In connection with No. 6 District the Committee recommended the Council to continue Mr. S. Gannon as temporary Collector for a further year, with the condition that should he give satisfaction this district will be amalgamated with No. 10 District for which he is permanent Collector.



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No. 7 District: The Committee recommended for approval the continuance in office for a further year of Mr. J. Deegan, present temporary Collector.

No. 12 District: It was decided to recommend the Council to advertise for a new Collector.

As regards Poundage Fees for this District Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded a resolution that the Council be recommended to fix poundage fees at 6d.

Mr. Hall proposed 5d and this was seconded by the Chairman.

On a poll Messrs O'Byrne and Shannon voted for 6d and Mr. Hall and the Chairman for 5d.

The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the last proposition which was carried.

Fidelity Guarantee Insurance: Under date 14th April, 1932, the Managing Director of the New Ireland Assurance Co., Dawson Street, Dublin, wrote:- (No. 28/414/32/DB/F Guarantee Department) that the Fidelity Guarantee Bonds of Collectors would be due for renewal on 31st May. Before proceeding to issue these renewals the Company asked for confirmation that the Council would carry out in full the provisions of the Public Bodies Order of the Local Government Department.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Hall it was decided to inform the New Ireland Assurance Co. that the provisions of the Public Bodies Order would be carried out by the Council. It was further decided to call the attention of the Rate Inspector and Rate Collectors to the communication from the Insurance Co. and to the reply of the Finance Committee thereto.

Bantry and Blackstairs Commons: Collector E.J. Murphy (No. 17) wrote applying for payment of £1: 3: 8d for posting notices and for motor hire in connection with the attendance at Rathmure Hall in respect of Inquiry by Valuation Department into Ratings of Bantry and Blackstairs Commons.



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The Committee recommended payment by the Council.

SANCTION OF OVERDRAFT.

Under date 7th April, 1932, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (G.22705/32 Fa. Loch Garman.) wrote sanctioning overdraft accommodation not exceeding £20,000 up to 1st June next, interest to be paid at the agreed rate.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Notification was received from District Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Enniscorthy, as to application at Enniscorthy District Court on 28th April, 1932, for the committal of John Sharpe, Tomsallagh, Ferns, 13 years old, to certified Industrial School.

Referred to Mr. Elgee Solicitor.

CARRIGEEN QUARRY

Mark Kearns, Tobergal, Boolavogue, and Wm. Doyle, Carrigeen, Ferns, came before the meeting and complained they could not get employment at Carrigeen Quarry.

Kearns said there were 11 men idle in the neighbourhood of the quarry in which seven were employed, only two of whom were from the locality. The others came from a distance of from three to eight miles. A vacancy in the quarry men occurred about a year ago and had been filled by bringing in a man from outside the district. Of the 11 idle men in the district 9 were married. Kearns had formerly worked in Roskspring Quarry and Doyle had helped his father who had been a Road Contractor.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor for report to meeting of County Council on 25th April, 1932.



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 of 21st April, 1932, and as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby approved!"

The Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee held on 4th May, 1932, were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 4th May, 1932.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman) presiding: also Messrs James Hall, Sean O'Byrne, and James Shannon.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3593: 17: 10d was examined and signed.

#### OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

Under date 3rd May, 1932, the following letter was read from the Manager, the National Bank Limited, Wexford:-

"I submitted to my Directors your application for further Overdraft accommodation to the extent of £13,000 to 1st June next, in addition to the £20,000 already sanctioned in consequence of the deduction from Agricultural Grant of a similar amount in respect of arrears of Land Purchase Annuities as a result of which the County Council Budget shows an underestimate.

"The matter having been fully considered by the Board, I am sorry to inform you that they declined the application. "

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall, that copy of letter from the Manager, the National Bank Ltd., Wexford, be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government & Public Health.

#### RATE COLLECTION

The Assistant Secretary stated that £4,908 of recoverable rate still remained outstanding. It was expected that this amount would be lodged by the Collectors within the next ten days. Two Collectors - J. Cummins and W. Cummins - had



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closed their warrants since last meeting.

POUNDAGE → PAYMENT OF BONUS TO COLLECTORS.  
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Under date 26th April, 1932, the following letter, No.G.27333/32, Loch Garman (Fa) was read from Department of Local Government & Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government & Public Health to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 18th instant and to state that he considers it preferable that any bonus to be allowed to Collectors in consideration of the reduced Rate Warrants for 1931/32, should be calculated with advertence to the extent of that collection.

In the cases of the five Collectors mentioned in your letter, who accounted for their warrants practically by the end of the financial year, the Minister sanctions a bonus of an additional penny on the sums collected and lodged."

It was agreed that payment of bonus calculated at 1d in £ on 1931-32 warrants be made to Collectors J. Quirke (No. 1 District); E.J. Murphy, Thomas Rowe, W. Doyle and J. Curtis.

The Chairman remarked that the amount approved by the Minister for Local Government & Public Health was in each case less than the sum agreed to by the County Council.

ALTERATIONS IN COLLECTORS' DISTRICTS  
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In reference to proposed changes in Collection Districts, the meeting considered further suggested alterations since those agreed to at last meeting would mean changing divisions from one Rural District to another.

The Assistant Secretary stated that Mr. McCarthy had given notice of motion for Co. Council meeting of 9th May, 1932, to have the alterations brought into effect.

It was decided to leave the matter to the general meeting of the County Council for decision.



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CLAIMS FOR REFUNDS OF RATES

Mr. Charles Barry, Rosslare, made application for refund of rates, amounting to £18: 10s. 0d. being over-assessment in respect of his holding for a number of years. The error arose through a misunderstanding by the Revising Valuer some years ago as to the actual house occupied by Mr. Barry which was formerly described as an old Church. There were two such buildings, in the townland, and Mr. Barry was wrongly rated for the larger and more highly valued building.

It was decided that refund be made to Mr. Barry of £18: 10s. amount over-assessed.

Under date 19th April, 1932, the following letter was read from Messrs M.J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford:

"We are informed by Mr. Benjamin Gainfort, Kilmore that his house at the Beak House, Kilmore, has been unoccupied for the last nine years. He tells us that he has been paying rates to the Council during all that time up to date but did not discover the fact until recently.

"We understand that he has reported the matter to the local collector and that he has been told he may be refunded one years payment or so. We write to ask you if the Council will be agreeable to refund to him the whole of the payments he has made in error through the faulty assessment and we would be glad if you would put the matter before the Council for their generous consideration."

After discussion the meeting considered this was not a case in which the Council were liable for refund and it was unanimously decided to refuse the application.

SALTEE ISLANDS

Under date 22nd April, 1932, the following letter (No.G.26339/32/Fa., Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government & Public Health:-



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"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government & Public Health to state that your letter of the 14th instant addressed to the Department of Industry & Commerce regarding the Saltee Islands has been referred to this Department.

"In view of the very ample power for the recovery of rates already existing the Minister does not appreciate what further legal powers could be made available which would enable the Council to derive rating revenue from the Saltee Islands in their present derelict condition. The Minister would suggest that the circumstances be fully explained to the Department of Justice and an application be made to that Department for the preservation of these lands as a Bird Sanctuary under the Wild Birds Protection Acts."

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne that the Department of Justice be requested to consider the advisability of taking over the Saltee Islands as a bird sanctuary under the Wild Birds Protection Acts.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

The following report was read from Mr. J. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, regarding committal of Patrick Milne, 10 Nial Street off Manor Street, Dublin, to an Industrial School:-

"This case came before the District Justice at Dublin on Friday last when my Representative, Mr. C.S. Draper, attended on the hearing, and objected to the child being committed to an Industrial School as a Charge against the Wexford County Council.

"The District Justice, however, held against his contention on the grounds that it was only on the 18th March last that the child was brought to Dublin, and accordingly, he made an Order committing the Child to the School as applied for.

"I enclose copy of a Report from Mr. Draper on the matter.

"You will observe that his Fee is £2: 2: 0. and I have paid him this."

It was decided that Mr. Draper's fee of £2: 2: 0d be paid.



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The <sup>Assistant</sup> Secretary stated that the child was illegitimate and the whereabouts of the father unknown. It was born at Enniscorthy and had been boarded out with a Mrs. Turner, 69 Ross Road, Enniscorthy, up to December 1931. The mother went to reside with her brother on 18th March last.

#### BINDING MINUTES

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The quotation of Messrs J. English & Co., Wexford, at 17/6d for binding minutes of County Council for year 1931 was accepted.

#### APPOINTMENT OF SHORTHAND - TYPIST

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The Chairman asked what was the position regarding the filling of vacancy for Shorthand-Typist.

The Assistant Secretary stated that the appointment would be made at meeting of County Council on 9th instant. There were eight applicants four of whom complied with the conditions of the advertisement. The other candidates were under the prescribed minimum age, 20 years. The Secretary, on the advice of the Co. Solicitor, had notified the four applicants concerned that as they were under the age prescribed in the advertisement, they could not sit for the examination.

The Chairman stated he was not aware that the minimum age was 20 years.

Mr. O'Byrne stated that the minimum age mentioned was recommended by the Finance Committee after discussion as there was more likelihood of applicants of that age having previous experience.

The Chairman said it was quite possible a candidate might like to sit for the examination, though not otherwise qualified, in order to secure experience of such tests. He thought the Finance Committee might allow such candidates to sit on the understanding that they were not eligible for appointment.

This proposal was agreed to.



ROAD CONTRACTORS' PAYMENTS

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

"That the several proposals for payment to Road Contractors appearing on Form 22 and as certified by Co. Surveyor be recommended to the Co. Council for payment."



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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 4th May, 1932, be received and considered."

Overdraft: The Chairman said that they should ask the Local Government Department for their observations on the letter of the National Bank, refusing this additional overdraft in the circumstances. The financial position of the Council had improved considerably. Even twelve months ago they had an overdraft up to £36,000 and now it was down to £20,000.

The L. G. D. should be asked to arrange with the Land Commission that as the annuities were repaid the money should be forwarded to the County Councils. The attention of the L. G. D. should be also called to the fact that in present altered circumstances the general body of ratepayers should not be held responsible for non-payment of these annuities. It was most unfair that people who were paying should be mulcted for people who were in default.

Mr. O'Byrne said that as the County Councils had no control over the collection of annuities they should not be held responsible for their payment.

Col. Gibbon said that the extra burden thrown on men who had paid was substantial. In his own case the defaulting annuitants were responsible for an addition of 12 per cent to his annuities.

The Chairman said that owing to these annuities remaining unpaid his rates had been increased by about £10.

Mr. Corish said that in all fairness to the local manager of the National Bank it was only right they should acknowledge that he was always prepared to facilitate public bodies in every way.

Chairman - The refusal of the overdraft is from the directors of the Bank and not from the Manager.



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Mr. Cummins said they should do - as he advocated years ago - ~~to~~ start a bank of their own. He now made the suggestion that the Dail should take steps to start a Bank. They would have no trouble in issuing their own notes and should also remember that an Irish note was not legal tender in England.

The Chairman proposed and Col. Gibbon seconded the following resolution:- "That we again call the attention of the Local Government Department to the resolution adopted at County Council meeting of 11th April, 1932, protesting against deductions from the Agricultural Grant and calling for the repeal of Section 6 of 54 and 55 Vic Chap. 48 (Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act) 1891. And that the Local Government Department be requested to make arrangements with the Land Commission that as the annuities are paid, the amounts will be forwarded to the County Councils concerned without undue delay."

"That the Local Government Department be also requested to furnish their observations on the letter from the National Bank declining to afford the Co. Council the necessary financial accommodation in consequence of the deduction from the Agricultural Grant."

Passed.

Payment of Rate Collectors' Poundage: In reply to the Chairman the Secretary said that the reductions in poundage to the five Collectors who closed calculating the figure at 1d bonus and <sup>not</sup> on the amount of last warrants were :- J. Quirke, £3:5:10d; E.J. Murphy, £6: 8: 8d; Thos. Rowe, £7: 12s. Od.; W. Doyle, £2: 5: 3d and John Curtis £6: 4: 2d.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Cline that the amounts of poundage according to decision of Local Government Department be paid in each case.

Alterations in Collectors' Districts: Mr. McCarthy moved the following of which he had given previous notice:- "That the following changes in Collectors' Districts be agreed to:-

Collector J. Quirke: Transfer of Electoral Divisions of Ardavan and Kilbride from No. 2 District, making Collector



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Quirke's Collection District in future to comprise  
Aughwilliam, Carrick, Forth, Rathaspeck, Wexford Rural, Taghmon,  
Ardcavan and Kilbride.

Temporary Collector Wm. Doyle: To be transferred from No.  
19 District to portion of No. 2 Collection District as Permanent  
Collector, Collector Doyle's District in future to consist of  
the following Electoral Divisions, to be known as No. 2 Collection  
District:- Ardcorm, Artramont, Glynn, Killurin, Kilpatrick and  
Whitechurch.

Collector Curtis: That the Electoral Divisions of Adamstown,  
Barronstown, Carrigbyrne, Horetown and Kilgarvan formerly known  
as No. 19 Collection District, be transferred to Collector John  
Curtis, who will retain in addition three of the former Electoral  
Divisions collected by him, viz., Clongeen, Newbawn and Tintern,  
these eight divisions being regarded as Mr. Curtis' Collection  
District No. 19.

Collector T. Rowe: Electoral Divisions of Dunmain and Inch,  
formerly included in Collector Curtis' Collection District to be  
transferred to Collector T. Rowe whose area will continue to be  
known as No. 18 Collection District and will comprise the follow-  
ing Electoral Divisions:- Carnagh, Kilmokea, Oldcourt, White-  
church, Dunmain and Inch.

(Rochestown E.D., formerly in Collector Rowe's area will  
be transferred to Collector E.J. Murphy).

Collector E.J. Murphy: Electoral Division of Rochestown,  
formerly included in Collector Rowe's District, be added to  
Collection District of Collector E.J. Murphy, which district  
consisting of eight Electoral Divisions will be numbered as No.  
17 Collection District.

Collector P. Carty: Collector P. Carty's Collection District  
formerly known as No. 21, to be now called No. 20 Collection  
District.

In moving his motion Mr. McCarthy said that the Finance  
Committee in making these recommendations were endeavouring to



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reward Collectors who had closed their warrants, who had small districts and who had always carried out their duties to the satisfaction of the County Council. These men deserved consideration.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded.

Miss O'Ryan opposed as so many men who would make good Rate Collectors were idle.

Several other Councillors also opposed the motion and after considerable discussion a poll was taken with the following result:

For the motion: Messrs Brennan, Cooney, Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Meyler, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin, Shannon, Walsh and the Chairman - 13.

Against: Messrs Clince, Colfer, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, O'Ryan, and Smyth - 8.

Mr. Hall (1) did not vote.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Keegan then gave notice of motion for meeting of County Council on 30th May, 1932, to move that the resolution amalgamating the districts be rescinded.

In connection with the proposal to appoint new Collector for No. 12 district Mr. Corish moved and Col. Gibbon seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem con: "That examination in Irish, English and Arithmetic be held in respect of appointment for Rate Collector for No. 12 District and that Mr. Myles Redmond, St. John's Road, Wexford, Secondary Teacher, act as Examiner and Supervisor."

Saltee Islands: Col. Quin stated that if the Islands were made a bird sanctuary they would be exempt from rates.

The Chairman stated that at the meeting of the Finance Committee he was rather opposed to hand over the Islands as suggested, as he was of the opinion that somebody might come along and take them, and then the Council would be in the position of being able to recover rates.

Mr. O'Byrne stated the rates were accumulating without any chance of getting payment which was penalizing the Collector



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and giving the county a bad name so far as irrecoverable rates were concerned.

The Chairman stated the Council understood the position of the Collector.

Col. Quin - The Islands were handed over to a pauper who had no means. You have two cases of that in the county at the present time.

Industrial School Cases: Miss O'Ryan referring to the case of Patrick Milne said that when the mother had obtained employment she should be obliged to contribute something to the support of the child. It would be a saving if such children were boarded out and she proposed that the Garda Síochána should be requested in all cases of children eligible for committal to an Industrial School to make enquiries in the first instance to have the children boarded out.

Mr. Brennan seconded and the motion was adopted.

Appointment of Shorthand-Typist: The Secretary reported that none of the five candidates who sat for examination qualified in all subjects and it would be necessary to re-advertise.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution:- "That the position of Shorthand- Typist in Co. Council Office be re-advertised and that age limits be from 18 to 30. "That the other conditions already agreed to by the Council as regards this appointment be confirmed. That appointment be made at meeting of Co. Council on 30th May, 1932, and that Examination in Irish, English and Arithmetic be conducted by Mr. Myles Redmond, St. John's Road, Wexford, and in Shorthand and Typing by Mr. Thomas Fane, "The People" newspaper." Passed.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was passed nem con: "That pending the permanent appointment of Shorthand-Typist our Secretary be empowered to make a temporary appointment at a salary of 30/- per week, the person selected by him not to be a candidate for



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the permanent position."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 4th May, 1932, unless where same have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting be and are hereby approved."

#### DEVELOPMENT OF COUNTY BUILDINGS

The following motion of which he had given previous notice stood in the name of Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Council apply to their Treasurer for a loan of £2,000 (Two Thousand Pounds) for the purpose of developing the right wing of the old County Jail to allow of portion of these premises being utilised for County Library accommodation, etc."

This was circulated to members of the Council on 4th day of April, 1932.

By permission of the meeting Mr. O'Byrne added the following to his motion:- "And that portion of the top floor of right wing when developed be offered to the Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee for offices etc provided a satisfactory arrangement as to the rent to be paid by this Committee to the Co. Council for the accommodation provided be arrived at."

Mr. Shannon seconded.

Miss O'Ryan said she thought the Co. Surveyor had a proposal with regard to the reconstruction of the wing referred to. That wing could be put to very good use. There was a proposition that the Library Committee would be responsible for the repayment of £1,000. In the case of the Vocational Education Committee the Chief Executive Officer would be coming back to Wexford in a short time, and the accommodation he had was most unsuitable. The Vocational Education Committee would not require a whole floor of the wing but they might require half a floor. In any case they would be prepared to take over a certain amount of accommodation.

Mr. O'Byrne said the Library Committee would take respon-



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sibility for the repayment of £1,000 of the loan. They thought the place should be got into repair for £2,000, and it certainly would be money well spent. The wing had to be maintained at present and it would be better to make use of it. They believed that in that wing they would have a place they could be proud of as a Library.

The Co. Surveyor said they would advertise for tenders for the work. The estimate of £2,000 was only in round figures but he believed the work should be done in or about that.

Mr. D'Arcy opposed the carrying out of the proposed work because it was probably going to mean a loss of £80 or £90 a year to the Council. He asked what rent the Library Committee was paying at present.

The Chairman replied that the net rent was, he thought, about £40 a year.

Mr. D'Arcy said that he had thought the proposed work would have meant the effecting of an economy, but he failed to see the economy now.

Col. Gibbon said that undoubtedly in the near future, some extra accommodation would be required for the library.

The Secretary pointed out that the Vocational Education Committee would pay rent for the offices.

Miss O'Ryan said that they had been given to understand that the work of reconstruction would cost £3,000, and it was on the basis of being responsible for one-third of the cost that £1,000 was mentioned on behalf of the Library Committee. She thought the Library Committee should be responsible for only one-third of the outlay, because they would only take one-third of the accommodation available.

Mr. O'Byrne said he certainly believed that the Library Committee should still take the responsibility for £1,000.

Miss O'Ryan said that the accommodation which the reconstruction of the wing would provide for the Library Committee would mean a saving. Occasional grants came to the Committee



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for development, and they could get an immediate grant of, roughly, £250 or £300. In another six years they would receive another grant, and they would probably be able to pay off their total outlay in three periods, after which the place would be rent free so far as the Committee were concerned. Another point for consideration was that there would be better accommodation. There was no doubt that the Vocational Education Committee is going to grow and it would be a big thing before it is finished.

Mr. D'Arcy expressed the hope that it would not grow too fast for the people's pockets.

Mr. Keegan said he thought the proposal to reconstruct the wing could be left over for ~~six~~ months. He suggested that the people would not like the idea of £2,000 being expended on the renovation of the old Jail, and he thought they should be educated into the matter for a while. He proposed that the matter be postponed for ~~six~~ months.

Mr. Smyth seconded.

Miss O'Ryan said there was a grant to be given to the Library Committee and unless they definitely decided on what was going to be done with the grant they would lose it. If the matter was postponed for six months the Library Committee would lose the grant.

Mr. Keegan - They will pick it up again.

Miss O'Ryan - They won't.

Mr. D'Arcy asked if the old Jail would be a suitable location for the library from the point of view of the people of Wexford.

The Chairman said he agreed with Mr. D'Arcy to a considerable extent that the people in Wexford who took out books would be severely inconvenienced by the bringing of the library to the old Jail. The library was designated a rural library but it was serving the townspeople just as much as the rural areas. He did not believe they were going to lose financially by carrying out the proposed work, but he was looking at the matter from the



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point of view of suitability.

Mr. D'Arcy - I venture to say that by the time it is finished we will be a good deal out of pocket.

The Chairman said the Council made a terrible mistake when they disposed of the building which formerly housed their offices. They were going to spend £2,000 now, while they got only £1,000 for a place which would have provided much more accommodation.

A poll was taken on Mr. Keegan's motion with the following result:-

For: Messrs Brennan, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Keegan, Meyler, Smyth and the Chairman - 7.

Against: Messrs Cline, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Doran, Gaul, Hall, Hayes, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin and Shannon and Walsh - 15.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

The original resolution was then put and passed nem con.

HAULAGE OF MATERIAL AND EMPLOYMENT OF MEN ETC.  
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Mr. Corish said there were complaints with reference to the haulage of material for the New Ross-Wexford road over by-roads at Glynn and Carrigmannon.

The Co. Surveyor said he had heard of the complaint on Saturday, but had not heard of it before then.

Mr. Corish said there was also a complaint there that a contractor was doing the haulage while a lot of small farmers and workers were idle.

Col. Quin - But don't contractors do it much cheaper.

Mr. Corish - That's all right but maybe they can afford to do it cheaper.

The County Surveyor said it was absolutely out of the question that carts could do the work and bring the amount of material required.

Chairman - Would you think it economic to get cartage done at eighteen miles with horses.



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Mr. Cooney - It could be done.

Chairman - But what would it cost. Remember you curtailed the amount considerably in order to enable you to do another road. There are three roads being done instead of two.

Miss O'Ryan said she would ask the County Surveyor to pay attention to the point raised by Mr. Corish with regard to the by-roads. When the Co. Surveyor was allocating money for main roads he should also put something aside for by-roads that were being damaged. There was a lane close to where she resided and it had been cut up during two winters. There should be a certain amount put aside for the restoration of the damaged by-roads.

With reference to the matter of preference being given to married men in connection with work on the New Ross Road, Miss O'Ryan said she believed that under the conditions of the grant the men employed had to be married. That was carrying the matter very far. She was certain they could always make exceptions. There were four unmarried men who had been in the Carrigbyrne district for twelve or fourteen years as road workers. Each of them would probably have as many dependents as men who were married and had families, but because of the new order they were turned down. She knew that the order provided that married men were to be taken from the Labour Exchange, but she thought they should vary the order when there was a distinct case of hardship.

The Co. Surveyor said that the Manager of the Exchange in New Ross had told him that he was bound to select married men with dependents first.

Miss O'Ryan said she was certain that if as a Council they made representations to the manager the representations would have the desired result. Single men with dependents in the Carrigbyrne district had been replaced by men who had been brought from <sup>distances</sup> districts of seven or eight miles.



Mr. Corish said he thought the manager of the New Ross Labour Exchange was interpreting his orders incorrectly. As far as he (Mr. Corish) knew the order only applied to a grant given for the relief of unemployment. He knew the men referred to were efficient men and that they had dependents.

The Co. Surveyor said that they were bound to get any extra men they required for the improvement grant through the Labour Exchange.

The Chairman said that it had been stated repeatedly at meetings that when people had been in employment constantly for twelve or fourteen years they should give a chance to other people. There were men who had been twelve or fourteen years employed and because they were ~~not~~ continued in employment some of the members were not satisfied.

Mr. Cooney remarked that the men referred to were only employed casually and had no employment benefit to get.

Mr. Corish said that the grievance was not that new men were being brought in but that men from other areas were being brought in.

Miss O'Ryan remarked that men who never worked on roads before were being brought in.

Chairman - Probably men that never worked on a road before are entitled to a job.

Miss O'Ryan - They may be entitled to a job.

Chairman - Why discard them then?

Miss O'Ryan proposed that single men with dependents, who had hitherto been ordinarily employed as road workers, and who had no other work to go to, should be considered.

Mr. Cooney seconded and the proposition was passed.

In reply to Mr. Cooney with reference to the question of the manager of the New Ross Exchange being under a wrong impression, the Secretary said they would try to clear up the point,

#### EXTENSION OF GOLF HOTEL PREMISES ROSSLARE

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Under date 7th May, 1932, Messrs M.J.O'Connor & Co., Solic-



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itors, on behalf of Mr. James Sinnott, Golf Hotel, Rosslare, wrote as regards the instruction of the Co. Council that the extension of his premises which were within <sup>30</sup>~~three~~ feet of the public road should be removed that the facts had not been fully placed before the Council. He felt assured that if the place were inspected by a committee of the Council they would see that no useful purpose would be served by asking him to remove the little building. If the Committee thought it might be necessary to further widen the road in later years for traffic purposes and that it would be then necessary to take down the building he would be quite prepared to do so. They (Messrs O'Connor & Co.) understood that a number of buildings had been built in Rosslare within the prescribed limits laid down by the Council and if the Council decided that Mr. Sinnott's place should be taken down they must decide likewise in respect of the other buildings.

The Co. Surveyor stated that under the 1925 Act if a person erected a building within thirty <sup>yards</sup>~~feet~~ of the road centre without having the plans approved and authority given the structure could be taken down without compensation being given to him in the event of it becoming necessary to widen the road. In Mr. Sinnott's case it was not a question of wanting to widen the road.

Mr. Corish stated the question at issue was not governed by the widening of the road. Mr. Sinnott had been notified by an official of the Council when the building was commenced.

The Co. Surveyor stated the building was six feet from the edge of the concreted road.

Mr. Hall proposed:- "That a Committee be appointed to inspect and report as to extension of premises at Golf Hotel, Rosslare."

Mr. Keegan seconded.

Mr. Cooney said that everyone would be starting to build in the same manner if the Council declined to take action.



Mr. O'Byrne moved that the Council adhere to their decision at the previous meeting. He did not see what had altered the position in the meantime to depart from their order.

Mr. Shannon said that in view of the Council having decided to compel a man to take down a house which was erected outside Enniscorthy he did not see why there should be any distinctions made in carrying out the law. If a Committee inspected the building erected at Rosslare and they decided that it should not be removed he would move that no further action be taken in the case of the house erected outside Enniscorthy.

Mr. Corish said he did not think it was right to allow any man to go ahead building after he had been advised to the contrary by an officer of the Council.

Mr. Walsh - Messrs O'Connor & Co. in their letter direct attention to the fact that there are other buildings in Rosslare in the case of which the statutory requirements have been infringed.

A poll was taken on the question of appointing a committee to inspect Mr. Sinnott's premises and the voting resulted:-

For: Messrs Colfer, Cummins, Gaul, Hall, Keegan, Mayler, McCarthy, Walsh, Miss O'Ryan and the Chairman - 10.

Against: Messrs Brennan, Clince, Cooney, D'Arcy, Doran, O'Byrne, Shannon and Smyth - 8.

Mr. Corish and Mr. Hayes (2) did not vote.

Col. Quin and Col. Gibbon (2) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. McCarthy seconded the following which was adopted nem con: "That the County Councillors for Wexford County Electoral Area act as the Committee to inspect and report as to extension of premises at Golf Hotel Rosslare. And ~~that~~ they meet at the premises on Tuesday 17th



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May at 5 p.m. (Summer Time) and report to the meeting of the Co. Council on 30th May, 1932."

ST. MICHAEL'S ROAD GOREY

The following under date 7th May, 1932, was read from Mr.J.J. Stafford, Town Clerk, Gorey:-

"I am directed by my Commissioners to forward for submission to your Council the following resolution, passed at their meeting held on the 3rd inst.

Proposed by Commissioner L. Browne and seconded by Commissioner W. Walsh:-

"That we call upon the Co. Council to immediately proceed to put St. Michael's Road, Gorey, in proper repair. This roadway is most important, being the direct way to Church, Schools and Railway Station, and in its present state when motor traffic pass over it, the mud is thrown onto the fronts of the houses adjoining. I send you herewith letter received by Commissioners and signed by the people directly concerned."

The communication was referred to the Co. Surveyor for report.

TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROADS

Under date 28th April 1932, the Department of Local Government (Roads) forwarded Sealed Order (Uimh.IR/107/1932) under date 26th April, 1932, closing the following roads for the periods specified in each case:-

1. New Ross-Wexford Road between Butlerstown Cross and Piggott's turn from 1st May, 1932, to the 30th June, 1932 (inclusive).
2. New Ross-Wexford Main Road between Ballynabola and Raheenvarren Cross Roads from 21st May, 1932, to 21st October, 1932 (inclusive)
3. Bunclody - Enniscorthy Main Road between Coolattin Bridge and Tombrick Bridge from 1st May, 1932, to 30th September, 1932 (inclusive).



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MAIN ROAD UPKEEP GRANT  
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The Department of Local Government wrote (RGM/201/32) under date 2nd May, 1932, stating that a provisional allocation had been made for a grant on the basis of 40 per cent of the cost of the upkeep of Main roads for current financial year the amount of grant being £11,678 and which would be regarded as the maximum contribution under this head of service. No payment would be made except by way of recoupment of sums actually expended out of revenue. Expenditure of borrowed moneys, or/repayment of loans, establishment and other similar charges would not be recouped.

Payment might be withheld by the Minister if in his opinion in-adequate return is being obtained for the expenditure on the roads of the County or if the general administration of the road work was unsatisfactory.

The allocation was conditional on compliance with the following conditions:-

- (a) The sum actually expended on the repair of the roads of the county must conform generally with the Road Works Scheme.
- (b) The surface dressing included in the Road Works Scheme must be carried out expeditiously and efficiently.
- (c) The surface dressing materials for all roads must be purchased only from the official contractors for those materials.

IMPROVEMENT ROAD GRANT  
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Under date 29th April, 1932, the Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (S.G.H. 32) that payment of £3,217 was being made in respect of Road Improvement Grant, this being the final payment.

COURTOWN HARBOUR  
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The following under date 25th April, 1932, was read from the Department of Lands & Fisheries, 3 Kildare Place, Dublin:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Lands & Fisheries to inform you that he has received representations through Deputies Corish and Allen regarding the urgent need for dredging the



entrance to the harbour of Courtown. He is having a survey made by the Commissioners of Public Works, who have been asked to furnish him with a report and estimate of the cost of removing the sand which has accumulated in the entrance. A copy of the report and estimate will be furnished to the Council when received, but in the meantime as the work is very urgent, the Minister would wish to know if the Council is prepared to contribute half the cost of the necessary dredging up to a limit of £100 in the event of a State Grant for the remainder being forthcoming."

The following under date 26th April, 1932, was read from Co. Surveyor and copy of which had been forwarded Department of Lands & Fisheries:-

"I am in receipt of copy of letter from the Department of Lands & Fisheries, dated 25th instant, which you sent me. In connection with this work I beg to point out that the Co. Council has already allocated a sum of £600 for dredging work at the Harbour. This is conditional on the Department making a Grant of a similar amount. The proposal now to clear the entrance, as stated in the Department's letter, I think should be delayed until work at the gates is completed. Otherwise, the dredger would not be able to get into the inner basin, and would only do the small job at the entrance which I do not consider would run to the expenditure of £200 as contemplated. I have a survey of the basin and sounding taken there, and propose, submitting these to the Minister if he receives the Co. Council deputation as proposed. If the Commissioners of Works send an Engineer to make survey I shall be glad to meet him and go into the matter in detail at the place."

The following which was signed by 53 fishermen was read:

"At a meeting of the fishermen of Courtown Harbour held on Sunday 8th May, it was decided to request the Co. Council to press forward the work on the sluice gates at Courtown and to request the Contractor, Mr. Lee of Arklow, to rush the work and



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to get the gates in working order as soon as possible so that the fishermen may get a chance to earn a living.

"We beg to draw your attention to the following facts:-

The winter herring fishing has been a failure due to the fact that the Courtown boats, even when the weather was favourable, could not get to sea.

The flat fishing season usually starts in February. It is now the middle of May and although there are ten trawling boats in Courtown at present, with a crew of five in each boat and with 200 dependents, not one of these boats has yet gone to sea, due to the state of the bar and the inner basin.

"We believe that if the work of the gates was rushed that immediate employment would be given to the fishermen of Courtown whose living depends solely on the sea.

Last year up to this time, £400 worth of flat fish had been disposed of. This year not one penny worth has been disposed of."

Mr.W.H. Kearon, Wave Crest, Arklow, who had been in negotiation with the Co. Surveyor, as to taking away gravel from the foreshore was in attendance.

Mr. Kearon said he had a contract for 12 months for the supply of beach gravel to Liverpool. Lord Fitzwilliam had promised to ship slate flour from <sup>Courtown</sup> ~~there~~ and he would also import some tar macadam for mixing with slate dust. There was a further possibility of shipping bricks from Courtown as this trade owing to existing cross channel freights would not be developed. He (Mr. Kearon) took it for granted that a certain number of coal cargoes would be landed and which would have the effect of cheapening coal. In his opinion if the improvement of the harbour at Courtown could be effected there was no reason why it should not be like Arklow self-supporting.

The Co. Surveyor said that the dredger of the Commissioners of Public Works could not dredge the channel at Courtown as owing to the position of the dredging pipe she would be unable



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to cut her way in. They would require a dredger with the pipe right at the bow. The Contractor for the erection of the gates had a big pump on the ground for drying out the lock chamber and he (Co. Surveyor) was anxious to try it at the entrance channel. He had had a letter from Mr. C.S. McNeill, Engineer to the Office of Public Works, recommending this and expressing a wish to be present when the trial took place. He (Co. Surveyor) would arrange a definite date for this experiment and would notify Mr. McNeill. If the pump was able to dredge the channel the suction dredger of the Commissioners of Public Works would then be in a position to dredge the inner basin.

Col. Gibbon suggested they should adjourn further consideration of the matter until the Co. Surveyor and Mr. McNeill were in a position to carry out the experiment with the pump.

The Co. Surveyor in reply to Mr. Keegan said that one of the dams was in position and the other was ready to go in. He had notified the Contractor for erection of the gates last October that the work should be finished. As it was then considered too late to put up the dam the work was postponed till Spring. He (Co. Surveyor) wrote the Contractor in January, February and March to finish the work. The Contractor had been seriously ill during March. The gates had been finished and erected but the cill was not dry.

After further discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Brennan:-

"That the members of the Co. Council representing Gorey Electoral Area acting as a Committee visit Courtown Harbour on 10th May, 1932, and consider all matters relating to this Harbour including the dredging of the channel and inner basin and the proposal to allow Mr. Kearom, Arklow, to take gravel from selected portions of the beach. That they report to the meeting of Co. Council on 30th May, 1932.



"That the Co. Surveyor and Mr. Kearon be requested to accompany the Committee.

#### HOUSE AT TOMGARROW CROSS ROADS

The following report under date 6th May, 1932, was submitted by the Co. Surveyor:-

"The Committee appointed by the County Council to deal with this matter met on the 27th ultimo, and there were present: Colonel Quin, Messrs Hall, Jordan and Keating.

The Committee having considered the circumstances of the case, and believing that there was doubt as to the owner being fully aware that the house must be thirty feet from the centre of the road, decided to recommend the County Council to take no action. Col. Quin dissented from this opinion."

Mr. D'Arcy proposed and Mr. Smyth seconded the following resolution:-, "That the report of Committee in connection with erection of house at Tomgarrow Cross by Mrs. Swaine, Ballycarney, be received and adopted." Passed.

Messrs Colfer and Corish dissented.

Col. Quin was not present when the matter was under consideration.

#### POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Gaul:- "That licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 be issued to Mr. Walter Boggan, Merchant, Kilmuckridge."

"That renewal of licence under said Act be granted to Mr. N. Tackaberry, Merchant, Bunclody."

#### RAILWAYS (VALUATION FOR RATING) ACT 1931

The following under date 16th April, 1932, from Mr. John Elgee, Solicitor, was referred by the Finance Committee to the general meeting of the Council:-

"As directed I have now looked into the Provisions of the above Act.



"Since the passing of the Act the Valuation of the Railways has been placed upon an entirely new basis.

"In the first place the Commissioner of Valuation at the Quinquennial Revision ascertains the average net receipts of such Company as a whole over a period of five years, estimated as provided by the Act.

"The Commissioner will also at the Quinquennial Revision make a Valuation of the Railway property based on the assumption that the property had not been adapted for Railway purposes - such Valuation will be a "Minimum Valuation".

"When at a Quinquennial Revision the net Annual value is Nought, or is equal to or less than "the Minimum Value" - then the Minimum Valuation shall be the Valuation of such Railway hereditaments for the purposes of such Revision.

"When the net annual value exceeds the minimum value, then such net annual value shall be the valuation of the Railway for the purposes of such Revision."

No order.

#### MOTEYBOWER LANE

The following report from Mr. T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, for the district, was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

"I made an inspection of Moteybower Lane on 3rd instant, when I found that work required to be done before County Council took over repair has now been carried out, and Council may now approve of work under proposal being put in hands.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That the Co. Surveyor in view of report from District Surveyor, be instructed to proceed with repair of Moteybower Lane as already agreed to by the Council."

#### RELIEF GRANT WORK

In connection with the work of cutting corners under Relief Grant the following report as to corner at Loggan on



Road No. 111 was read from Mr. T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"I have gone through list of men registered as unemployed with Manager, Labour Exchange, Gorey, in Loggan Area, and found only one man who is unmarried. In view of this I think it would be well to get consent of Department to allow road widening and removal of bad turn at Ballingarry on road No. 120 which is a more important road, and in an Area where there are many men out of work."

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

"That the proposed work of easement at Loggan Corner (Road 111) be dropped and the work of removal of bad turn and widening road at Ballingarry on Road 120 be substituted therefor."

"That the Department of Local Government be requested to sanction this proposal."

*Michael Doyle*



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MEETING 30TH MAY 1932

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COUNTY HALL,  
WEXFORD.

N. J. FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY.

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in Co. Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford, on 30th May, 1932.

Present:- Messrs James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Cline, Patrick Colfer, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John J. Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, Michael Doyle (Chairman), James Gaul, Col.C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, William P. Keegan, Thomas Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Col.R.P. Wemyss Quin, James Shannon, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

The Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor and the following Assistant Surveyors were in attendance:- Messrs T. Treanor, J. Kehoe, T. Cullen, J.F. Birthistle, and P. O'Neill.

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

During the reading of the Minutes Mr. Doyle (Chairman) attended and presided for the remainder of the business.  
The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

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Treasurer's Advice Note for £14,221: 16: 7d. was examined and signed.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS VOTES OF CONDOLENCE

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That letter of acknowledgment from Surgeon P.E. Hayden, 20 Fitzwilliam Sq., Dublin, of vote of condolence in the death of his brother, Rev.M.C. Hayden, as follows be recorded on this day's minutes."

"Please convey to Mr. Smyth, Mr. D'Arcy and the members of the County Council my very best thanks for their resolution of sympathy."

"I wish you also to accept my expression of gratitude for your kindness and sympathy,"

Acknowledgments of votes of condolence in the death of his infant son was received from Mr. M.M. Roche, County Councillor, and from Mrs. W.A. and Mrs. John Redmond and



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family in the death of Capt. W.A. Redmond T.D.

STRIKING OF RATES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1932-33  
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This was the special business of the meeting.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:-

"That as set out on Forms 42 and 43 and as appearing on Minutes of meeting of Wexford County Council held on 29th March, 1932, and also as advertised in "The People", "Free Press" and "Echo" newspapers of 7th May, 1932, we hereby strike the Rate for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1931-32 the general Rate being fixed at 8/8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £.

"The sum payable by the occupiers of Agricultural Land will be reduced owing to additional Agricultural Grant 1932 by a further 5/2 $\frac{3}{4}$ d in the £.

, "That the amount of Rates for Separate Charges be as set out on Form 43 which accompanied Agenda for meeting held on 29th March, 1932, and as set out on Minutes of meeting of 14th March, 1932."

"We allow and make the same as assessed in the Rate Books said Rates being in conformity with the Valuation in force for the time being as set out in the Valuation Lists furnished this Council by Valuation Department subject to allowances granted under Housing Acts, Local Government Act 1925 (Rating of New Buildings Order) 1925 and Local Government Act 1927."

"That the allowance of said Rates as entered at foot of said Rate Books signed by the Presiding Chairman and two members present at this meeting be adopted attested by the seal of the Wexford County Council and countersigned by the secretary.

"That we hereby strike the Drainage Rate for Kilmannock Drainage District in accordance with the Schedule of Charging Order issued by the Commissioners of Public Works under date 19th January, 1927, and which is set out on Minutes of meeting of Wexford County Council of the 28th May, 1927, at an



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additional sum of £40 be raised for works of maintenance on the various proprietors in the proportion of the sums payable under the Charging Order.

"That Warrants for collection of all Rates included in this resolution be sealed and signed.

"That the demands of Wexford County Council on the Urban Districts of Enniscorthy, New Ross and Wexford as appearing on Form 48 be duly signed and sealed the amounts demanded from said Urban Districts being as follows:-

Enniscorthy	£2,881: 14: 4d.
New Ross	£2,726: 0: 0d.
Wexford	£6,132: 18: 0d."

NEXT MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL  
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That owing to the Eucharistic Congress in Dublin the meeting of County Council fixed for 27th June, 1932, be cancelled."

CO. SURVEYOR'S REPORT  
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The following report was submitted by the Co. Surveyor:-

"The three improvement Grant works are now in progress. On the New Ross Road a considerable length of the concrete slab has already been laid, though there was some delay owing to extremely bad weather, recently, this work is now going on satisfactorily. Quarry work in connection with it is well advanced, and the broken stone and sand are going out on the road in a satisfactory manner; well in advance of the slab work. On the Bunclody road the preparation work is well advanced, and quarrying in progress, and when this is finished there will be no difficulty in running in the slab without delay. The preparation of material at St. Helen's Quarry for the Rosslare Road is well in progress, and the broken stone is now being brought to the road.



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"On the 23rd instant I visited Courtown Harbour and found that the high tide with freshet in the river had partially carried away dam being erected by the Contractor, and I now hear from my Assistant that the Contractor is restoring this. There is a communication from the Public Works with reference to the dredger visiting here which will be before you. I issued a new advertisement in connection with the discharging boat for Courtown Harbour, and have received one tender which I shall submit to the meeting. I shall also submit to the meeting tenders for supply of stove for the harbour-master's house.

"On the 17th instant the Committee appointed by the County Council met at Rosslare in connection with the extension built at Golf Hotel. There were present:-

Mr. Ml. Doyle, Chairman, Colonel Gibbon, as well as the Co. Surveyor and Assistant Surveyor. The two members of the Committee present will submit their report to the meeting.

"I submit copy letter received from Messrs M. O'Connor and Company, Contractors for the painting of New Ross Bridge. I understand from Mr. Elgee that the Bond has not yet been signed.

There is a communication from the Local Government Department with reference to the proposed library extension at the County Hall; plans and specifications are asked for. This matter will come up on the Minutes of the Finance Committee.

I reported to the Finance Committee that damage had been done to the windows in the Old Courthouse on the Quay, and was directed to submit particulars of the cost of sheeting up these, which I shall do at the meeting.

"I have received a communication from the Local Government Department requiring my attendance on Tuesday next at the Government Offices to discuss the Relief Schemes with the Minister. I have also now just received a communication from the County Surveyor's Association notifying me that it is proposed to have a meeting of the County



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Surveyors on Monday next to consider the whole matter of the allocation of these Relief Schemes previous to our interview with the Minister. As it is an important matter that a considered scheme should be submitted to the Minister I consider it well to attend the Surveyor's meeting as well, and shall not, therefore, be in attendance at your meeting. All the Assistant Surveyors will be present at the County Council meeting and will be able to deal with any matters which may arise.

"I have now received copy of communication from the Minister of Fisheries with reference to St. Helen's Harbour, and if the Council directs I shall take necessary steps to obtain the information required."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne :- "That the report of Co. Surveyor be received and considered."

Courtown Harbour: In reply to query Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, said that Mr. Lee, Contractor, had put in one of the dams on the 28th May and expected to be in a position to pump on 31st inst.

Mr. Keegan said at the last meeting of the Council it had been stated that the work would be finished in a fortnight. He was at Courtown on the 30th and the work was not now as forward as it was a fortnight ago.

The County Surveyor said that the Contract was to have been finished some time last autumn.

Mr. Keegan contended it was neglect of duty to allow this Contract to have run on so long without any action having been taken to proceed against the Contractor to compel him to finish. Owing to the delay in finishing the work at the gates the fishing had been held up and there were now 40 families representing 160 people at Courtown ready to go to the County Home. He asked that the terms and conditions of the Contract should be produced.



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The County Surveyor said these were in the custody of the County Solicitor. The weather was so bad last autumn that he (Co. Surveyor) thought it better to have the work postponed until the Spring, when it could have been done, but the Contractor had been seriously ill for a couple of months.

Mr. Corish said the matter should be brought to a head without delay. The deputation that went to the Ministry looked foolish when they were told that owing to the dam not being finished by the County Council the place was not ready for the dredger. The weather from January to May had been magnificent and there was no reason why the work was not finished in that time.

The following under date 20th May, 1932 ( 9330/32) was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"We are in receipt of your telegram asking for the immediate despatch of our Dredger "Fag-an-Bealach" to Courtown Harbour. Prior to the receipt of this telegram representations had been made to us by the Department of Fisheries regarding the urgent need for dredging the entrance channel at Courtown Harbour and we arranged with the Secretary to the Department of Fisheries to experiment with the pumping plant which is at present at the harbour with a view to seeing whether the dredging of the channel could be carried out satisfactorily with it. It is extremely doubtful if the Dredger "Fag-an-Bealach" is suitable for the proper dredging of the entrance channel.

"If, on trial, the pumping plant proves to be satisfactory, we shall arrange for the completion of the clearing of the entrance channel by this means."

Col. Quin said he had been told that a large portion of the difficulty as regards the gates arose through bad work which had been done three or four years ago.

The County Surveyor said that the present work had nothing to do with any work which had been carried out at the harbour for the past 60 years. The gates could not be properly fixed until the gate chamber had been dried out.



Mr. D'Arcy said a time limit to finish the work should be given the Contractor and if the work was not done in that time he should clear out and make way for some one who would finish the work at his expense.

The Chairman said that steps should be taken to have the work finished immediately.

Mr. Keegan said that the channel would not have been blocked up if the gates had been up. If it was going to cost £200 now to clear the channel the Contractor should be held responsible and the £200 should be applied to dredging the inner basin.

The County Surveyor said they could put the matter in the hands of the County Solicitor. The main thing the Contractor had to do was to lay bare the gate chamber.

Mr. Keegan suggested that portion of the overflow should be taken down to allow the boats to go to sea.

Mr. Treanor in reply to the Chairman said that in his opinion the Contractor was really making an honest effort to carry out the work.

Mr. Elgee suggested that the Council should adopt a resolution calling on the Contractor to complete the work within a fortnight or proceedings would be taken against him.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That Contractor for erection of sluice gates at Courtown Harbour be called upon to complete the work within a fortnight from this date and in the event of his failure that Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, take proceedings against him."

Mr. Hall, as an amendment, proposed:- "That the County Council take proceedings at once against the Contractor for erection of sluice gates at Courtown to compel him to fulfil his obligations under the Contract."

Mr. O'Byrne said that with regard to the suggestion made at last meeting that the work should be finished within



a fortnight a storm occurred in the meantime and swept away the dam.

After further discussion Mr. Hall withdrew his amendment and the resolution of Mr. D'Arcy was put and unanimously adopted.

Mr. Keegan considered that the cost of carrying out the trial of the pump should not be debited to the work.

The Chairman considered that if the experiment was a success they should pay for it as it would have scoured out the channel.

The County Surveyor said that the biggest job was the shifting of the pump. Working it for three hours would tell if it would be successful.

Mr. Corish pointed out that as the dredger was in Wexford at the moment and was, after completing her work there, due to proceed to Buncrana, they should see that the experiment at Courtown was carried out before the dredger left Wexford.

The following order was then made:- "That if Contractor for erection of sluice gates at Courtown has not placed pump in position to dry out cill chamber, we direct the County Surveyor to arrange for the experiment of clearing out the channel by means of this pump. If the latter has been erected and is in position to work at the sluice gates we cannot ask the Contractor to proceed with the experiment of pumping the sand out of the channel entrance."

Proposed removal of gravel from Courtown foreshore: The following under date 24th May, 1932, from Mr. W.H. Kearon, Wave Crest, Arklow, to the Co. Surveyor was read:-

"The Board of Works sand sucker called into Arklow last night on her way to Wexford. She is going to work there for a couple of weeks. I saw the Captain last night, and he is willing to go over to Courtown any Saturday evening or Sunday, to inspect the place. I would advise you to see him and



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decide when you would go over.

Will you please put my offer before the Council to see if they will give me permission to ship gravel when the harbour is open for trade. I would be willing to stop shipping if they see it would cause any damage."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That Mr. W.H. Kearon, Wave Crest, Arklow, be allowed to remove gravel from the fore-shore at Courtown Harbour in accordance with his letter of 24th May, 1932, and his proposals on this matter to the County Surveyor."

"That the resolution with copy of any further correspondence from Mr. Kearon and Co. Surveyor be furnished to Department of Industry & Commerce (Transport & Marine Branch) for their information."

Discharging Boat for Courtown Harbour: The County Surveyor said he had received two tenders for construction of boat - one was very complete but very dear: the other was not so complete but considerably cheaper. The latter which gave very little information had been received the morning of the meeting. He suggested writing to the tenderer for fuller details. Certainly the boat would not be as heavy or staunch a boat as according to the first tender.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne that further consideration of the matter be adjourned till next meeting and in the meantime Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, obtain from the person offering the cheaper tender all the details considered by the County Surveyor to be essential."

Golf Hotel - Extension of Premises: The Chairman said that Col. Gibbon and himself had inspected these premises as a Committee. They appeared to them to be fitted up as a Bar purely and simply. Mr. Sinnott held that he could not have such a thing in his premises and that it was only for other



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classes of refreshment. The Committee came to the conclusion that it was no situation for a Bar - right on the edge of the road. A person under the influence might walk into the place and when coming out be killed by a motor. In fact it could become a deathtrap. Mr. Sinnott had assured the Committee that he was not going to use the place as a Bar or to have any alcoholic drink sold there. It was to be used for the sale of farm produce, butter, eggs, etc., and had removed from his mind any idea of selling intoxicating drink there. In these circumstances, provided an undertaking to this effect was given by Mr. Sinnott, he (Chairman) and Col. Gibbon agreed that they would recommend the Co. Council to take no action, as regards the removal of the structure. There should also be a provision in the Undertaking that if the place was ever used as a Bar the Council would take steps to have it removed. Mr. Sinnott had given concessions to the Council by putting back his boundary fence five or six feet which added considerably to the appearance and width of the road. He (Chairman) considered on that account the Council might make some concession to Mr. Sinnott. They were satisfied that the house was not an obstruction.

Col. Gibbon said the agreement provided that the place should never be used as a Bar and also that no intoxicating drink should be sold there or kept on the premises. Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, could prepare an agreement on these lines. If, at any time, this agreement should be broken, the Co. Council could take action and have the house removed.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the proposal of the Chairman viz.:- "That the County Council take no action as regards removal of structure recently erected at Golf Hotel, Rosslare."

The following under date 11th May, 1932, was read from Mr. James J. O'Connor, Solicitor, Wexford:-

"Mrs. Bridget Turner, Rosslare Strand, has instructed me to write you and say that she objects to the building which has been erected by Mr. James Sinnott, Golf Hotel, Rosslare



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Strand. My client also objects to the opening of a Bar Door in line with her premises, and she will be glad therefore if the County Council will take whatever steps are necessary in connection with this matter and have the building taken down."

Mr. O'Connor appeared on behalf of his client.

Mr. Kavanagh, Solicitor, of Messrs M.J.O'Connor & Co., Wexford, appeared for Mr. James Sinnott, Golf Hotel, who was also present.

Mr. Kavanagh held that the question of the distance of a building from the centre of the road did not apply to such places as Rosslare where it should be purely a question of obstruction. Eight or nine buildings - from seven to fifteen feet of the road centre had been recently erected in Rosslare and no steps had been taken about it. The first objection by the Assistant Surveyor to Mr. Sinnott was ten days after work had been started and when £66 had been spent. Owing to improvements made by Mr. Sinnott the valuation of the Hotel premises had been raised from £39 to £65.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said that Mr. Kavanagh had mentioned that the work was started on the 7th March. He (Mr. Birthistle) met Mr. Sinnott on the following day and informed him that objection would be taken to the erection of the building.

Mr. Walsh said as the Council had not taken action in other cases he did not see why they should interfere in the present instance.

Mr. O'Connor, Solicitor, said that Mrs. Turner objected on legal grounds as the place was erected within 30 feet of the centre of the road and Mr. Sinnott was having a Bar and a Bar door to the place thereby reducing the value of Mrs. Turner's premises. If the County Council agreed to allow Mr. Sinnott's place to remain Mrs. Turner did not see why she could not have a lock-up shop on the same line of build-



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ing as Mr. Sinnott. If the County Council were to carry out their duties they should not permit this building of Mr. Sinnott's to remain. He (Mr. O'Connor) considered it was mandatory on the Council to take action against Mr. Sinnott.

Mr. Sinnott said he was prepared to give an undertaking that no drink would be ever supplied at the place.

Col. Gibbon suggested that in future an assistant Surveyor, as soon as he saw a building being erected in the manner in question should serve a provisional notice on the person concerned and warn him to proceed no further with the building. Afterwards the matter should be referred to the County Surveyor and Legal Adviser, and if, in the opinion of the latter, the erection of the building came under the Act, he should through the Co. Surveyor, give a formal legal notice to the person that he was not to go on with the building, and that he would be under penalty if he did. A report should then be made to the Council. On two or three occasions there had been a dispute as to the date a verbal notice was given that building was to stop. He desired to know, if under the Act, the Council were compelled to take action, or if anyone else could.

Mr. Elgee said the Guards had power and any common informer, as described in the Act, had power. The Guards could take the proceedings.

Col. Quin said it was absolutely necessary that streets should be kept as wide as possible and in no circumstances should the Council agree that the width should be encroached even to the extent of an inch. They should consider the law which appeared up to the present to be more honoured in the breach than in the observance. An undertaking not to carry on a bar had nothing to do with the business they were discussing: they could not have an undertaking about an illegal thing. He could not see why it should be incumbent on the Assistant Surveyors to go round the country to stop illegality. Everybody interested knew the law and knew that actions such as that



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under discussion could not be done. They might say they did not know but that was only an excuse. The real thing was that some people said "other people had been allowed to do it and why shouldn't we ! " Rosslare was one of the very special places in which not one inch should be allowed to be taken off the streets.

Chairman - In this case nothing has been taken off the street, but there has been an addition of five feet to it.

Col. Quin - But if you want to open the street later you can't do it.

Mr. Hayes said that when Mr. Sinnott erected the building in ignorance of the law it would be a hardship to make him take it down.

A poll on the Committee's recommendations that the Council should not take action resulted as follows:-

For the adoption of the resolution: Messrs Armstrong, Brennan, Colfer, Cummins, Gaul, Gibbon, Hall, Hayes, Jordan, Keegan, Meyler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, O'Ryam, Shannon, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman - 19.

Against: Messrs Cooney, Culleton and Quin - 3.

Declined voting:- Messrs Clince, Corish and D'Arcy.(3).

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

Mr. Cooney said they should have the matter either one way or the other. He proposed that no further notice be taken of reports with regard to the erection of houses.

Mr. Clince seconded.

Col. Gibbon said that what the Council were interested in was the maintenance and safety of the roads. If someone were going to put up a house on a corner he held they should stop it at once. They should take action unhesitatingly in any case where a roadway was being obstructed, interfered with or rendered dangerous.

Mr. Cooney said he wanted to show up the farce of the whole thing, and would drop his proposition. The whole thing was a farce.



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Painting New Ross Bridge: The following under date 11th May, 1932, was submitted by the County Surveyor from the Contractors for the painting of New Ross Bridge:-

"In reply to your letter re Contract for New Ross Bridge Mr. Murphy has gone over to London to see a sprayer demonstrating with a view to purchase, and will be back end of this week. We are hoping for a more settled outlook for weather and will let you know when the men are going on to Ross. The bond only came yesterday to be signed and the date of completion is June 30th. We would be obliged if that could be extended to 30th July."

In reply to Mr. Cooney the Co. Surveyor said the Contractor had two months in which to carry out the work.

Mr. Cooney - The Contract was accepted six or seven weeks ago and nothing has been done yet.

Co. Surveyor - The job was not to commence until the 1st May.

Mr. Walsh - What was to prevent the scaling of the old paint being done. The bond was to have been signed weeks ago. If we had known of this delay we could have got another Contractor.

Mr. Cooney considered if the bond was not signed forthwith the Council should cancel the Contract and proceed to carry out the work by direct labour.

Col. Quin proposed:- "That the time for completion of the painting of New Ross Bridge be extended to 30th July, 1932."

Mr. Walsh proposed as an amendment:- "That<sup>if</sup>/the work of scaling New Ross Bridge in preparation for painting be not begun within seven days ~~the~~ Contract entered into by this Co. Council with Messrs M. O'Connor & Co. Wexford, be cancelled and advertisements be issued for New Contractors."

Mr. Brennan seconded.

Mr. Cooney and Mr. Corish raised objection to the employment of a paint sprayer on the grounds that this method of carrying



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out the work had not been specified when tenders were invited, and that if the Council had known that it was to be used when tenders were under consideration it would not have been accepted as it would have cut down employment.

Col. Quin and the Co. Surveyor considered that with the use of a proper sprayer better work could be effected than by using hand brushes.

Mr. Cooney disputed this and held that any one of experience knew that hand work was preferable.

After considerable discussion it was decided that Mr. Elgee Co. Solicitor, should look into the terms of the specification as regards the use of a paint sprayer and report to the Council, **and Mr. Walsh's resolution was adopted.**  
Development of Right Wing of Co. Hall: Under date 13th May, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.34441/32 - Loch Garman Pa.) asking to be furnished with copy of specification of works to be undertaken and a detailed estimate of their cost in connection with the development of the right wing of the Co. Hall to provide accommodation for Co. Library etc.

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. D'Byrne:-

"The County Surveyor mentioned that the Department of Local Government asked to be furnished with copy of the specification of the works to be undertaken and the total estimate of the cost. It would be necessary to employ a draughtsman for about three weeks.

"The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That we recommend the Council to procure the services of a draughtsman in order to prepare specification etc of improvements of right wing of Co. Hall at an inclusive fee of ten guineas."

Old Courthouse, Wexford: It was decided that the question of protecting old Courthouse, Wexford, should be adjourned to next meeting.



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ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR  
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The following under date 27th May, 1932, (D/14/5) was read from the Department of Lands & Fisheries:-

"With reference to this Department's letter of 18adh Meitheam last, and previous correspondence on the subject of repairs to harbour works at St. Helen's, I am directed by the Minister for Lands & Fisheries to state that the Commissioners of Public Works are of opinion that it would not be advisable to expend any money on the deepening of the inner harbour or dock unless the breakwater outside the entrance were rebuilt.

No reliable estimate of the cost of rebuilding this breakwater can be formed until it is definitely ascertained at what depth a solid foundation can be obtained: and I am to request the Council to have the necessary survey made, and the information required supplied to the Commissioners of Public Works."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Walsh:- "That the Co. Surveyor be directed to prepare for the information of the Commissioners of Public Works the survey of St. Helen's Harbour asked for in letter of Department of Lands & Fisheries under date 27th May, 1932 (D/14/5)!"

Mr. D'Arcy proposed and Mr. Brennan seconded the following resolution:- "That the Co. Surveyor's report submitted to this meeting be and is hereby adopted except in so far as same has been altered by any resolution or order adopted at this meeting."

CARRIGBYRNE QUARRY  
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Miss O'Ryan referred to a resolution that single men with dependents were to be given employment in Carrigbyrne Quarry and said nothing had been done to put its terms into effect. The men concerned approached Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, who told them that there had been nothing about giving them employment.

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Co. Surveyor, stated he had not heard anything about the resolution.



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Miss O'Ryan commented that this was going on constantly in regard to resolutions passed by the Council. The men concerned were genuine cases of people with dependents and when it was believed that they would not be eligible for employment on State works it was decided that they be given work in the quarry. When they spoke to Mr. O'Neill he told them it was idle talk.

Mr. O'Neill stated the Co. Surveyor was speaking to him about the resolution.

Mr. Cooney - How could it be idle talk then ? There are three or four men down in the hall here today who cannot get any work. They are after telling me that men have been brought to work in the quarry from Ballyhogue.

Miss O'Ryan - And from Oylegate.

Mr. Cooney - I cannot understand why the Labour members are so quiet on this matter.

The Secretary stated as it was held by some members that the regulation made by the State as to the employment of married men with dependents applied to Relief work only and not to improvement works or works of maintenance. He wrote to the Manager New Ross Branch Employment Office who replied:-

"The interpretation at this office is that where a work is being carried out by the Local authorities or their Contractors when the cost is borne either wholly or partly by Government funds preference must be given to married men with dependents."

Miss O'Ryan stated that the Co. Surveyor agreed that if single men with dependents could not be employed under the grant they would be put to work in the quarry. Those men could not get any other class of work as they had been always road men.

Mr. Cooney - The irony of it is that there are single men brought to work in the quarry from places miles away.

Mr. Corish stated he knew the three particular men re-



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ferred to. They were with him repeatedly since January last. Promises were made to them that they were to be given employment. These men were absolutely dependent on road work for a living and had been engaged on it every season for a considerable time. They alleged that other single men were employed in preference to them. He saw Mr. Lemass, the Minister for Industry & Commerce, who informed him that the manager of the employment bureau was putting too strict an interpretation on the matter.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the men whom he employed were put on special jobs because of their fitness and of the nature of the work.

Mr. Cooney suggested that the men on whose behalf he was speaking be allowed to come before the Council.

The Co. Surveyor stated there was one unmarried man who was about to be discharged by the Assistant Surveyor, but he (Co. Surveyor) declined to have that done because he was one of the best spreading men they had. They were only bound to employ men if suitable.

Mr. Cooney stated that in the work of reconstructing the surface of the quay at New Ross the men employed were all local men and that none were brought from outside places.

Chairman - I know single men in my district looking for work too and they cannot get it.

Mr. Corish said he had been promised by the Minister for Industry & Commerce a copy of the regulations and when these were at hand the matter could be raised again.

It was decided that further consideration of the matter be adjourned until Mr. Corish had received the regulations of the Government directing the employment only of married men with dependents on County Works which were subsidised by the State.



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ROAD BALLYCARNEY TO CLOHAMON  
(Nos. 47 and 284.)  
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The following report from Mr. R. J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, was submitted by the Co. Surveyor:-

"The road from Ballycarney to Clohamon (Nos. 47 and 284), to which the main road traffic is now diverted will naturally require a considerable amount of extra expenditure if it is to be kept in reasonable order. I would suggest that a sum of £60 be granted to cover this.

"I have some money on hands, and am doing some work on these roads at present. At the same time, it is necessary that I should know about this extra money now, so as to be able to make plans ahead."

Proposed by Mr. D'Arcy, seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:-

"That in consequence of increased traffic on Roads 47 and 284 owing to diversion caused by work of improvement on Main Road from Enniscorthy to Bunclody a sum of £60 be taken from appropriate Contingency Fund to keep these roads in proper condition."

CUSH GAP BLACKWATER  
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Mr. Corish asked if anything had been done to repair the road at Cush Gap.

The County Surveyor said the whole cliff had been cut away and it would be necessary to do something.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That a sum of £20 be withdrawn from the appropriate Contingency Fund for repair of road at Cush Gap, Blackwater."

House at Red Pat's Cross: Mr. Shannon gave the following notice of motion:- "That the resolution of the County Council directing that house erected at Red Pat's Cross be removed as it was within 30 feet of the centre of the road be rescinded and that the Council decided to take no further action in the matter."



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SAND FOR CONCRETE WORK ON ROADS

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In reply to Mr. Murphy the Co. Surveyor said he had not submitted the sand at Ballynabola to test though a resolution to that effect had been adopted at last meeting of the Council. He examined the sand very carefully and found it a very middling sort of sand and not worth the spending of the money for the test. There was not very much of it in the locality: it was only here and there over a big area and before it could be obtained it would be necessary to make a road into a bog.

Mr. Murphy said the Council could see the Co. Surveyor had not submitted this sand to test though he was instructed to do so. The Co. Surveyor had also stated at last meeting he would not use Ballykerogue sand at Ballygarvan Bridge repair but the Co. Surveyor had never used this sand as it had never been offered to him by the owners.

The Co. Surveyor said he had been informed that sand which was at Ballygarvan Bridge was from Ballykerogue and this was the sand which he had declined to use.

Mr. Murphy said the Co. Surveyor could not have been referring to Ballykerogue sand and asked that the statement made by the Co. Surveyor that he would not use this particular sand at Ballygarvan Bridge should be withdrawn.

The Co. Surveyor said in his previous statement he had been referring to sand which he had been informed was Ballykerogue sand. He had had the latter tested since and it was not half as good as Slaney gravel.

Mr. Cooney - Yet it was good enough for the concreting of the quays of New Ross which is a good job.

AMALGAMATION OF RATE COLLECTORS' DISTRICTS.

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

"That the resolution of the Council, adopted on 9th May,



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1932, for the re-arrangement and amalgamation of certain Collection Districts, be rescinded, and that the Council proceed to make arrangements for the appointment of a new Collector."

Mr. Keegan said that at the moment they should not do anything to try to lessen employment. Although it had been explained that the remuneration in the district concerned was under £100, and that it was not enough for a Collector, he held that it would relieve someone and some family.

Mr. D'Arcy seconded.

Mr. Cooney suggested that the former decision to amalgamate the district with others did not mean reducing employment. Everyone would like to give a decent living wage. They had Collectors in New Ross who were paying high rent and taxes, and surely Mr. Keegan would not say that the amount in question was a decent wage for anyone, especially for a man living in a town. They all knew that the New Ross Collectors were the best in the county, and he believed the district in question was hopelessly in arrears. He did not see why what was done in New Ross district could not be done in every other district. It was only fair to men who were doing their duty to give them some encouragement and allow them a decent wage.

Col. Quin entirely agreed with the resolution of the Council rearranging the districts, because it led to efficiency. They had a lot of defalcations and wrong with Rate Collectors in the past and if they got decent pay they were much less likely to go wrong in future.

Mr. Cummins thought the Finance Committee would not recommend anything to the Council unless they found it to be absolutely necessary, and that it would benefit not only the Collectors, but the ratepayers.

A poll was then taken on the motion with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Armstrong, Clinee, Corish, D'Arcy, Gaul,



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Hall, Hayes, Keegan, O'Ryan and Smyth - 10.

Against: Messrs Brennan, Colfer, Cooney, Culleton, Cummins, Gibbon, Jordan, Meyler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Quin, Shannon, Walsh and the Chairman - 15.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

COLLECTION DISTRICT NO. 12.  
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The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Hall:-

"That the Council re-instate Mr. P. Donohoe, as Rate Collector for No. 12 District, and request the Local Government Department to sanction this proposal."

Mr. Hall in moving his motion said that Mr. Donohoe had been a Rate Collector for Enniscorthy Guardians before he came over to the Co. Council for whom he acted for a number of years. Mr. Donohoe on the abolition of his first office through amalgamation of unions could have claimed a couple of hundred pounds but he never looked for the money. During his term of office with the County Council he was never a penny short ~~was~~ He had been backward in closing his collection but this arose because the district was a backward one. They should not forget when other people refused to collect for the Council Donohoe performed his duties and helped the Council to carry on during a very trying time. The Finance Committee had asked Donohoe to lodge £150 each week - an impossible task - and when he did not carry this out he was suspended. The Local Government Department confirmed the suspension, and removed him from office under the Public Bodies Order. By notice of motion a resolution of his (Mr. Hall) for the re-instatement of Donohoe was carried by 18 to 3 at the County Council meeting but the Department then wrote that the Minister's decision removing Donohoe from office was final, and could not then be withdrawn. The size of the majority which voted for his re-instatement proved that the Council were not in favour of Donohoe's removal from office.



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Mr. Keegan seconded the resolution.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Brennan, Clince, Culleton, Cummins,  
D'Arcy, Gaul, Hall, Keegan, Murphy, O'Ryan and Smyth - 11.

Against: Messrs Armstrong, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Gibbon,  
Hayes, Jordan, Maylor, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin, Shannon and  
Walsh - 13.

Declined voting - The Chairman (1).

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

#### ELECTION OF RATE COLLECTOR FOR NO. 12 DISTRICT

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The Secretary reported that the following was the result  
of the examination for Rate Collector for No. 12 District and  
which had been held on 25th May, 1932:-

Name.	Address.	Irish.	English.	Arith.	Total.
1. Crean Matthew.	Grange, Rathnure.	88.	89.	90.	267.
2. Kavanagh Edwd.	Boolabawn, Screen.	79.	88.	80.	247.
3. Doyle James.	Ballylucas, Ballymurn.	69.	70.	100.	239.
4. Murphy Matthew.	Crosshue, Blackwater.	74.	68.	55.	197.
5. Somers Stephen.	Ballydaw, Marshalstown.	55.	67.	66.	188.

(Stephen Somers passed Exam. held on May 20th, 1930.)

FAILED.	Irish.	English.	Arith.	Total.
2. Dempsey John, Killencooley, Kilmuckridge.	21.	36.	30.	87.
3. Leacy Owen, Killilla, Blackwater.	11.	38.	20.	69.
7. Hughes John, Clone, Monamolin.	20.	37.	95.	152.

The following was read from Patrick Donohoe, Ballinabarna,  
Enniscorthy, under date 24th May, 1932:-

"In the event of my application for re-instatement as  
Rate Collector for No. 12 District not being successful I beg  
to make application for the position as advertised in local  
Press."

The following is the result of the ~~first~~ Poll:-

For Crean: Messrs Armstrong, Brennan, Cooney and Shannon



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For Donohoe: Messrs Cummins, Hall, Jordan and Keegan - 4

For Kavanagh: Mr. D'Arcy and Miss O'Ryan - 2.

For Doyle: Messrs Clince and O'Byrne - 2.

For Murphy: Messrs Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Gaul, Gibbon, Hayes, Maylor, McCarthy, Murphy, Quin, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman - 13.

For Somers: No vote.

As Murphy had a majority of those present he was declared elected by the Chairman.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That Matthew Murphy, Crosshue, Blackwater, be appointed, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government & Public Health, Rate Collector for No. 12 District, on the terms and conditions governing said appointment and which was supplied to said Matthew Murphy. Also to the terms and conditions of the advertisement for this position and which appeared in the three county papers."

#### APPOINTMENT OF SHORTHAND - TYPIST

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The Secretary stated that the following applicants for the position of Shorthand-Typist in County Council Offices sat for examination on 27th May, 1932:-

1. Byrne Katty, Seaview House, Moneylands, Arklow (21) Pitman Shorthand.
2. Browne Agnes, Convent of Mercy, Wexford. (21) Pitman.
3. O'Connor Eveline A., 9 Cathedral Street, Enniscorthy (20) Gregg Shorthand.
4. O'Farrell Anna, M., Lower Church Street, Enniscorthy (20) Gregg.
5. Morris Vera, Hospital Road, Wexford. (20) Gregg.
6. Kavanagh Mollie, Kyle, Borris, Co. Carlow (18) 22nd June under age (Pitman).
7. Murphy Greta, Cornmarket, Wexford. (20) Pitman.
8. Doyle Julia, Ballyadams, Ballylinan, Athy. (19½) Gregg.
9. Browne Majella, 9 George's St., Wexford. (18) Pitman.
10. Kehoe Agnes, Old Ross, Ballynabola. (19) Pitman.
11. Gardiner May, Kilrane, Wexford. (20) Pitman.
12. Hore Margaret, Hill Street, Wexford. (18) 8th June.



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13. Forde Rita, Delta Cottage, Gorey (20) Pitman.
  14. Scanlon Kathleen, St. Kevin's House, 42 Parnell Sq. Dublin.  
(20) Gregg.
  15. Roche Margaret A., 25 Upper John Street, Wexford. (18). Pitman.
  16. Killeen Dorothy B., 14 Lower John Street, Wexford (20)  
Pitman.
  17. Walsh Peggy, Paradise Row, Wexford. (22) Pitman.
  18. Kelly Cathleen, Maudlintown, Wexford. (21) Pitman.
  19. Molloy George, Faythe, Wexford. (19) Pitman.
  20. Cleary Michael J., 33 High St. Wexford. (23) Pitman.
  21. O'Donohoe Angela, 2 King St., Wexford. Pitman. (20).
  22. Ryan Nora, Kilcommon Cross, Thurles. (23) Pitman.
  23. Nealon May, 1 Rowe Street, Wexford (23) Pitman.

The following is the result of the examinations, the numbers corresponding to those, given on list of applicants:-

No.	Shorthand.	Typing.	Irish.	Engl.	Arith.	FAIL.	PASS.	Total Marks.	Order of Merit.
1.	31	20	32	53	51	F.			
2.	39	30	55	57	65	F.			
3.	88	52	75	66	98		P.	379	2.
4.	60	25	81	75	78	F.			
5.	55	20	89	54	54	F.			
6.	38	14	56	28	61	F.			
7.	70.	53.	19.	34.	4.	F.			
8.	70	30	83	71	43	F.			
9.	33	22	55	68	20	F.			
10.	35	22	64	65	58	F.			
11.	23	9	84	69	80	F.			
12.	37	36	78	66	46	F.			
13.	41.	17	89	73	85	F.			
14.	82	60	57	69	53		P.	321	4.
15.	68	32	58	26	13	F.			
16.	90.	85.	54.	57.	98.		P.	384	1.
17.	51	35	66	52	68	F.			
18.	78	70	73	59	88		P.	368	3.
19.	37	None	52	40	14	F.			



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No.	Shorthand.	Typing.	Irish.	Engl.	Arith.	FAIL.	PASS.	Total Marks.	Order of Merit.
20.	39	25	38	44	77	F.			
21.	45	None	46	36	44	F.			
22.	19	18	62	46	68	F.			
23.	22	7	64	48	56	F.			

Pass Mark for Irish, English and Arithmetic 50 % in each case.

It appeared that 13 candidates failed in Shorthand; 18 in typing; 4 in Irish; 8 in English and 7 in Arithmetic..

The following were the successful candidates:-

Order Merit. No. on List.

No. 1.	No. 16.	Dorothy B. Killeen, 14 Lower John Street, Wexford. 384 marks.
No. 2.	No. 3.	Eveline A. O'Connor, 9 Cathedral Street, Enniscorthy. 379 marks.
No. 3.	No. 18.	Cathleen Kelly, Maudlintown, Wexford. 368 marks.
No. 4.	No. 14.	Kathleen Scanlon, St. Kevin's House, Parnell Sq. Dublin. 321 marks.

A vote was taken with the following results:-

For Miss Killeen:- Messrs Colfer, Cooney, Cummins, Gibbon, Hayes, Maylor, Murphy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin, Walsh and the Chairman - 12.

For Miss O'Connor: Messrs Armstrong, Brennan, Cline, Culleton, D'Arcy, Hall, Jordan, Keegan, McCarthy, Shannon and Smyth - 11.

For Miss Kelly: Messrs Corish and Gaul.- 2

For Miss Scanlon: Nil.

Misses Kelly and Scanlon having dropped out a poll was taken as between Miss Killeen and Miss O'Connor, with the following result:-

For Miss Killeen: Messrs Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Gibbon, Maylor, Murphy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin, Walsh and the Chairman - 13.

For Miss O'Connor: Messrs Armstrong, Brennan, Cline, Culleton, D'Arcy, Hall, Hayes, Jordan, Keegan, McCarthy, Shannon and Smyth - 12.

The Chairman declared Miss Killeen elected.

Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. Gaul seconded the following-



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resolution:-

"That Dorothy B. Killeen, 14 Lower John Street, Wexford, be appointed subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government & Public Health, Shorthand-Typist in County Council Offices, on the terms and conditions set out in the advertisement dealing with the position and which appeared in the three county papers."

"That if Minister for Local Government consents the Secretary be empowered to employ Miss Killeen in a temporary capacity pending sanction."

The successful candidate furnished references from Board of Health in whose offices she had been employed temporarily, and from Skerry's College, Dublin, stating that she held Pitman's Shorthand Certificate for 140 words per minute, was a good and accurate typist and had a speed of 70 words per minute in this subject. She was painstaking and industrious at her work, studious and attentive in class, punctual and regular in attendance. Her conduct as a student from September 1929 to November 1930 was always satisfactory.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That we approve of the action of our Secretary in employing Miss Hilda Cardiff, Westlands, Wexford, at the rate £90 per annum, from 10th May, 1932, to 28th May, 1932 (inclusive) as Shorthand-Typist in County Council Offices."

#### VACANCY ON MENTAL HOSPITAL COMMITTEE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Walsh:- "That Rev. Canon W. G. Squires, Monart, Enniscorthy, be appointed a member of County Mental Hospital Committee vice Rev. R. Talbot resigned."

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following applications for award of University Scholarships were considered:-



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Byrne, Joseph, "Bayview", St. John's Road, Wexford.  
Cadogan, Ellen Jane, Newbawn, Wexford.  
Cogley, Thomas, Bulgan, Glynn, Wexford.  
Costello, John, South Street, New Ross.  
Doyle, Patrick, Quay Road, Duncannon.  
Forde, Thomas Joseph, Kilrane, Co. Wexford.  
Hall, Thomas F., 10 Cornmarket, Wexford.  
Hall, Thomas C., Old Church Road, Enniscorthy.  
Kehoe, Ita Mary, Abbey View, Ferns.  
Kenny, James, 14 George's Street, Gorey.  
MacDonald, Rita, Kilmuckridge, Gorey.  
Meade, Josephine, Parochial House, Rosbercon, New Ross.  
Meyler, William, Blackhall, Glynn.  
Mitten, Catherine Frances, Ardavan, Wexford.  
Murphy, Winifred, Clonmore, Ballycanew, Gorey.  
Murphy, John J., 4 Main Street, Enniscorthy.  
Nix, Eamonn T., 48 South Street, New Ross.  
O'Malley, Olga, Taghmon, Wexford.  
O'Sullivan, Mary, 22, Ard na Greine, ~~Wexford~~ <sup>New Ross</sup>.  
Redmond, Eileen Frances, Glenview, Enniscorthy.  
Whitmore, George, Bishopswater, Wexford.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:-, "That we consider the candidates for award of University Scholarships submitted to this meeting, are, with the exception of Miss Meade, Parochial House, Rosbercon, eligible to compete for University Scholarships. We believe that Miss Meade does not come within the provision of the Scheme, that University Scholarships are open for competition to the children of ratepayers who have resided in the County for a period of five years preceding the 1st January, 1932."

IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION - REPRESENTATIVE OF  
COUNCIL.

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Under date 13th May, 1932, letter was read from Irish  
Tourist Association, asking the County Council to nominate



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a representative on the Board of Directors for the year ending 31st March, 1932.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Walsh and seconded by Mr. Hall and unanimously adopted:-

"That Mr. Richard Corish T.D., be re-appointed Representative of this Council on the Board of Directors of Irish Tourist Association for year 1932-1933."

RELIEF OF RATES ON AGRICULTURAL LAND  
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The following letter under date 21st May, 1932 (G.37,600/1932. Ilgh.) was read from Department of Local Government :-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government & Public Health to advert to the announcement made by the Minister for Finance in his recent Budget speech to the effect that it is intended to provide additional relief for agricultural ratepayers and to explain that it is not contemplated that there should be any alteration at the present juncture in the normal machinery for the ascertainment and assessment of the rates upon the individual ratepayers.

"In any County where the rate may not yet have been struck it should forthwith be made on the basis of ascertained requirements exclusive of the grant now in contemplation. In all cases the rate warrants and Demand Notes should be completed and served upon the ratepayers without delay and without advertence to this grant. In fact in the majority of counties it is too late for any alteration in the Demand Notes in view of the requirements as to discount in the Local Government (Rates on Small Dwellings) Act, 1928.

The allocation of the additional grant is at present engaging the attention of the Government with the object of limiting its application to the first £10 or lesser valuation in each case. I am, therefore, to request that you will be good enough to prepare and furnish to this Department with the least possible delay a list of the ratepayers occupying small farms not exceeding £10 in the valuation of the land. In compiling



this list care should be taken to exclude any farmer who may be in occupation of more than one holding where the combined valuations of the lands would exceed £10. A statement should also be furnished showing the total valuation of the remaining land in the county and the number of rated occupiers thereof including in this number those mentioned in the previous sentence. If there be any Urban Districts in the county entitled to a share in the original Agricultural Grant similar particulars should be obtained in relation to the agricultural lands in those Districts.

"When the allocation of the new Grant has been decided particulars of the method of allocation will be conveyed but it may be indicated that the present intention is that this should be done by way of a credit note system so as not to interfere with the rate demand notes already issued or on the point of issue."

Under date 24th May, 1932, the following letter (No.G.37,600/32. Ilgh.) was read from Local Government Department:-

"Further to my Circular of the 21st instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to explain that the intention of the Government is that the new Grant should be allocated between counties, including those Urban Districts ( if any) already entitled to a share in the original Agricultural Grant on the basis of the total valuation of small farms in separate occupation valued at or under £10 together with £10 per larger agricultural land holding.

"For the purposes of apportionment therefore, it would suffice if, instead of submitting the detailed lists of holdings under £10 valuation (including of course the valuations) already asked for, a certified statement were prepared and furnished showing:-

(a) the total valuation of all small farms valued



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at or under £10 excluding cases where two or more farms are in the same occupation with total valuations exceeding £10; and

(b) the total number of other farms exceeding £10 in valuation reckoning as a unit each case of multiple holdings where the total land valuations exceed £10.

It will however be desirable for Rating Authorities, to whom the Grant will be paid, to make such arrangements at this stage as will enable them in due course to issue readily to the individual ratepayers concerned the appropriate credit.

The plots of land attached to labourers cottages should be included under heading (a) if the entire land held is eligible under the valuation limit even though the Grant will be payable by way of credit to the Board of Health. It is not however intended that share in the Grant should be afforded to the occupiers of land such as small gardens attached and clearly ancillary to dwelling houses. It will be left to Rating Authorities to exclude such cases at their discretion."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Col. Gibbon (Col. Quin dissenting):-

"That, in the opinion of this Council the agricultural community, as a whole are entitled to participate in the relief of rates on agricultural land on their total valuation for land. There should be no discrimination between valuations: each farmer is entitled to this relief on exactly the same footing as obtained for the original agricultural grant and the additional relief given by the late Government. This Council understood that all agricultural land was to be de-rated. The proposals of the Local Government afford negligible relief to the farmer holding a fair quantity of land and providing employment. He belongs to the class which has been hardest hit by the present economic depression. The complete de-rating of his land would have enabled him



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to carry on and we must express our keen disappointment that the Government have not come to his rescue. The Department should give serious attention to the position of a large number of farmers in this County who have had to plough up their beet and to whom financial relief is a necessity."

#### ROAD GRANT

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Under date 9th May, 1932, the Local Government Department (Roads) wrote that a payment of £1,283 final payment of grant towards cost of maintenance of main roads for year 1931-32 had been forwarded to the Treasurer of the County Council on 9th May, 1932.

#### RELIEF GRANT - BALLINGARRY QUARRY

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The County Surveyor submitted letter under date 13th May, 1932, (R/RU/32) from Local Government Department stating that no objection would be raised to the proposal to expend £35 out of the Relief Grant on the Ballingarry Road corner instead of at the corner at Loggan, already approved.

#### COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE - AUDITOR'S REPORT.

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Under date 25th May, 1932, the Department of Local Government forwarded (A.32687/32) report of their Auditor in respect of the Accounts of the above mentioned body for the five half years ended 30th September, 1931.

#### LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES) ACT 1926

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Under date 26th May, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (L.G. Circ. 82/32) that as regards Section 5 Sub-Section I it had been decided in the case of the Local Government and Public Health v Cork Mental Hospital Joint Committee <sup>authority</sup> that a local/ before making an appointment by promotion must obtain the prior sanction of the appropriate Minister. A local Authority had no power to make such an appointment until such sanction has been obtained.



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SALTEE ISLANDS AS A BIRD SANCTUARY  
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Under date 14th May, 1932, the Department of Justice wrote that the Minister had no power to agree to the proposal of the Council that the Department should take over the Big Saltee Island for the purpose of a Bird Sanctuary.

No order.

LOAN FOR GOREY SCHOOL  
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The following under date 17th May, 1932, (4474/32) was read from the Department of Education (Technical Instruction Branch):-

"With further reference to the Department's letter of the 5th instant (No. 4186-32) relative to the proposal of the Wexford County Council to raise a loan of £2,200 from the Local Loans Fund under Section 51 of the Vocational Education Act, 1930, for the purpose of enabling the Council to make a grant of that amount to the County Wexford Vocational Education Committee towards the cost of erecting a Technical School at Gorey, I have to inform you that the Minister for Finance has now intimated that in the event of the County Council raising a loan for the purpose in question with the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health he will be prepared to consent to a refund being made to the Council out of State Funds under Section 51 (6) of the Act to the maximum extent permitted by the Section, viz., fifty per cent of the actual re-payment charges."

The Secretary stated that application for approval to the loan had been made to the Local Government Department.

PIERS AND HARBOURS IN SOUTH WEXFORD  
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Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem con:- "That as the harbours of Fethard, Duncannon, Arthurstown and Slade are urgently in need of dredging the County Surveyor be instructed to prepare for submission to an early meeting of the Council



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a report as to their condition with a view to approaching the Department of Lands & Fisheries to make arrangements for dredging these harbours."

"That Mr. Corish T.D. be requested to help in obtaining Government assistance for this much needed work."

#### INCOME TAX

Letter under date 17th May, 1932, (I.R.10409/6) Circular to Bankers, Paying Agents, Secretaries of Public Companies etc as to Income Tax adjustments in consequence of the increase in the rate of tax from 3/6d in the £ to 5/- in the £, was read.

#### APPROVAL APPOINTMENT OF LAY SHEEP DIPPING INSPECTORS

The following under date 26th May, 1932 (L.5262-31) was read from Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to your letter of the 28th ultimo, I have to inform you that the Minister for Agriculture will offer no objection to the appointment of the undermentioned persons to act as Dipping Inspectors during the dipping periods of the current year, with remuneration at the rate of £1 per week, and refund of expenditure on postage, viz:-

Patrick Ormonde, Thomas Prendergast, James Murphy, Myles Roban, M.J. Hennessey, and James Hayden.

#### BUILDING GRANTS

Mr. W.R. Devereux, Hon. Sec. Farmers Union, forwarded the following resolution:- "That this meeting of the County Wexford Executive of the Irish Farmers Union protest against the burden laid on the rates by grants being given for building by the Co. Council."

Applications for Grants under Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1931 were received from the following:-

Patrick Doyle, Coolnaboy, Oylegate; Andrew Kelly, Clonamona, Craanford, Richard Browne, do and James Casey,



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Ballinamona, Foulksmills.

The Chairman gave notice of motion for next meeting/<sup>to move</sup> that the resolution of the County Council agreeing to provide building grants of £20 from Rates under the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1931 be rescinded.

Consideration of applications for grants was adjourned pending the decision of the County Council on the Chairman's motion.

#### NEW ROSS - FETHARD ROAD -----

Mr. Walter Power, Dunmain, Cassagh, New Ross, wrote under date 17th May, 1932, that the road leading from New Ross to Fethard and from Nolan's Kiln to the cross of Dunmain was in a very bad state - in fact practically impassable, for any kind of vehicle. It was not fair to allow it to be neglected as it was. He could not understand why this was not a link road as it carried more traffic on it than other roads in the County.

Mr. Power's letter was countersigned by seven who are ratepayers or motor men.

It was decided to refer this communication to the County Surveyor for report to next meeting of the Council.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS -----

Dangerous Corner: Col. Quin called attention to a very dangerous corner about half a mile outside of Ferns on the turn to Ballycarney.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor for report.

Breaking quarry material: In connection with an application from men in the district offering to break material in Curraduff quarry by hand it was decided to refer the matter to the Finance Committee for recommendation, the Committee to consider the general question of hand breaking of material in quarries.

Slippery Road: Mr. Culleton called attention to the slippery condition of the tar macadam road at Kerlogue near Wexford.



Mr. Birthistle said he would spread chippings on this road during the week.

Cummer Quarry: Mr. D'Arcy held that half the amount of material produced in this quarry should be broken by hand.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, for the district said that 80 % of this material went on the main road for tarring purposes and for which hand broken stuff could not be utilised.

Mr. D'Arcy proposed and Mr. Gaul seconded the following resolution which was passed:- "That 20 % of the material produced in Cummer Quarry be broken by hand."

Col. Quin dissented.

THE BEET INDUSTRY AND CO. WEXFORD.  
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Mr. Shannon said he had been given to understand that four big sugar factories were to be established in the Free State in the near future, and he thought that, as Co. Wexford was an important tillage county, and a county that could produce enough beet to keep a factory going, the Council should make a move to have a factory established in the county. It would be a great boon to the farmers and workers. He proposed that they send a resolution with reference to the matter to the Department concerned.

The Chairman said he understood there was a move to call a conference in Enniscorthy in reference to the matter, and he suggested it would be more advisable to send delegates from the council to that conference.

Mr. Cummins seconded Mr. Shannon's proposition and remarked that no matter what conference was held the County Council was the premier body in the county. He regretted to have to draw the attention of the council to that fact that a number of people had sown beet, but were ploughing it up. They had one of the directors of the Sugar Manufacturing Co.- Col. Gibbon - at the meeting, and he thought they should get some information from him as to the position in which the growers would be. It appeared that the seed that had been sent to them was useless.



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Mr. Murphy (Co. Councillor) had informed him that a consignment of fresh beet seed had come to Campile station, but would there be any use in sowing it now.

Mr. Murphy said there was going to be a lot of hardship on beet growers, Some had sown from two to four acres, and at present the beet was dead in the land. Twentyfive or thirty cwts. of seed had been sent to Campile to be redistributed.

Mr. D'Arcy thought the hardship on beet growers, whether under £10 valuation or otherwise, should be seriously considered under the additional relief grants.

Mr. Murphy said that the Factory wrote to people whom they thought might not have finished sowing their beet to say not to use the seed they sent down as they would send a fresh supply.

Mr. Corish - The Minister for Agriculture would probably have something to say to that.

Chairman - I don't think the Minister has anything at all to say to it.

Col. Quin - Isn't this a matter for the County Committee of Agriculture ?

Mr. Cummins - I admit that, but I think the County Council should take serious action immediately.

Col. Gibbon - I know that my seed met a bad season. Some is doing all right, but one or two fields met a bad season, and I have had to resow one anyhow. I take it is entirely due to the weather.

Mr. Murphy - In answer to Col. Gibbon why should the Factory send around a Circular asking that if people had not finished sowing their beet they should send for a fresh supply.

Col. Gibbon - I would say to Mr. Murphy and any of you, that if you miss the season for sowing swede turnips you sow white turnip seeds.

The Chairman said he had no expert knowledge, but he and the loading agent had been testing the beet and mangolds that were sown at practically the same time, and the mangolds were



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affected in the very same way as the beet. He was not going to say that his beet was not going to grow - he thought it would. He was sure there must have been some fault in the seed, but he could not understand why the mangolds had become affected in the same way. He received a letter telling him not to use the balance of what seed he had, that a fresh supply would be sent.

Mr. Brennan - Growers that got this seed are all notified to sow again.

Chairman - It is an awful calamity. The whole Barony of Forth is affected. I heard Mr. Roche's beet was very good, but I don't know how true that is. With that exception I have not heard one single individual saying he had an offer of a crop. The beet came up and stayed there, and it is still there, and the roots have got all blackened and appeared as if corroded, but the roots of young mangolds are similar.

Mr. Brennan - Only two counties are affected - Kildare and Wexford.

Mr. Cummins proposed that the serious attention of the Department be drawn to the plight the farmers were in.

Mr. Hall said he thought that everyone in the county should do all possible to have a beet factory established. Mr. Shannon's resolution was then put and passed.

Mr. Gaul suggested that Mr. Shannon's resolution should be forwarded to the conference.

Chairman - I have no objection whatever to the matter, on the grounds that if there are factories to be established Co; Wexford should use its best endeavours to procure one. I have another opinion altogether about the beet and its continuation in this country. My opinion is that beet is not a thing that we ought to propagate at all. It is a product that will never stand on its own without a subsidy from the Government or somebody else, and I don't think such product is a great one to uphold. However, if there are factories to be established, we should do our best to get one. My op-



inion is that later on you will be trying to get rid of the factories.

Mr. D'Arcy proposed that the whole Council be appointed to attend the conference.

Mr. Hall seconded and the proposition was passed.

*Michael Doyle*



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MEETING 13TH JUNE 1932

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M I N U T E S

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COUNTY HALL,  
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY.

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on Monday 13th June, 1932.

Present:- Mr. Michael Doyle (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Cline, Patrick Colfer, 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, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor and County Solicitor were in attendance.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

#### PAYMENTS

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Treasurer's Advice Note for £5,346: 3: 9d was examined and signed.

#### THE LATE MR. MICHAEL COONEY

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

"That we offer our sincere condolence to Mr. Thomas Cooney our esteemed colleague, in the death of his father. Mr. Cooney has all our sympathy individually and collectively."

The motion was supported by the Chairman and other members and also spoken to by the Secretary.

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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Minutes of Finance meeting in respect of meeting held on the 19th May, 1932, were submitted as follows:-



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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on the 19th May, 1932.

Present - Messrs J.J. Culleton, James Hall, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor and Rate Inspector were also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Shannon, the chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

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Treasurer's Advice Note for £3,525: 10: 9d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

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In connection with the close of Rate Collection the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That the following amounts be added to the temporary uncollectable rates to be carried forward for collection with Warrant for Financial year 1932-33 in the case of the following collectors:-

J. Quirke	...	£378: 13: 5d.
P. Doyle	...	76: 5: 4d.
P. Nolan	...	64: 2: 2d.
S. Gannon	...	49: 17: 6d.
J. Deegan	...	6: 2: 8d.
J. Cummins	...	-: -: -:
P. O'Byrne	...	46: 1: 1d.
S. Gannon (10)	...	100: 19: 8d.
T. Bolger	...	197: 5: 9d.
J.J. O'Reilly	...	44: 3: 10d.



Name of Collector.	Amount.
T. Bolger ...	£76: 19: 8d.
A. Dunne ...	98: 8: 3d.
J.J. Sinnott ...	45: 18: 11d.
P. Carty ...	59: 18: 6d.

In connection with the resolution adopted by the Finance Committee on 21st April, 1932, explanations as to various outstanding items at that date and which had been requested by the Finance Committee, were submitted from the Rate Collectors.

ABORTIVE SEIZURE OF SHEEP ON BANTRY AND  
BLACKSTAIRS COMMONS.

With reference to the claim of Rate Collector O'Byrne for refund of £26: 10: 0d. expenses incurred by him in respect of the abortive seizure of 109 sheep on Bantry and Blackstairs Commons vouchers as presented by Mr. O'Byrne were submitted and examined, by the meeting.

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

"That in the event of Mr. O'Byrne supplying to our Secretary in confidence the names of the persons engaged by him in watching the mountain and driving the sheep after seizure, we recommend the Council to agree to forward Pay Order for the amount claimed by Mr. O'Byrne.



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Rate Collection District No. 12: Under date 18th May, 1932, Mr. P. Donohoe, Ballinabarna, Enniscorthy, formerly Collector for this District wrote asking the Council to request the Department to consider his reinstatement to the position. As the Council knew, Mr. Donohoe, wrote, he had a genuine grievance with 14 years public service during which time no complaint had been made against him, up to the period of his suspension. The Council by a large majority, decided to recommend his reinstatement which was turned down by the Department. If the Council took a similar action again he had a reason to believe that the Department would consider his reinstatement.

Mr. Hall gave notice of motion for consideration at the meeting of Council on 30th May, 1932, to reinstate Mr. P. Donohoe as Rate Collector for No. 12 District.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded the following resolution:- "That Mr. Donohoe, late Rate Collector, for No. 12 District be notified by our Secretary he should apply in the ordinary way through the advertisement in the local press for the vacant position."

Attendance of Rate Collectors at Revision Sessions:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That in connection with the claims of Rate Collectors for travelling expenses attending Revision Sessions of Voters and Jurors Lists, we recommend that the following rates as obtained with the officials of Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture be paid:-

Motor Car.....4d per mile.

Motor Cycle.....2½d per mile.

Push Bicycle.....2d per mile.

MR. STEPHEN HAYES, CLERICAL ASSISTANT CO.  
COUNCIL OFFICES.

Under date 5th May, 1932, the following letter,  
(G.31366/32/sc. Loch Garman) was read from Department of



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Local Government:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 28th ultimo., relative to the case of Mr. Stephen Hayes, Clerk in the Council's offices, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that if the County Council so agree he will raise no objection to the increments of salary being allowed to Mr. Hayes as from the dates when they normally accrued due.

"As already intimated it is intended to introduce legislation in regard to Section 71 of the Local Government Act, 1925, which would be retrospective in effect."

It was decided to defer consideration of this matter until the adoption of legislation abolishing the necessity for declaration under Section 71 of the Local Government Act 1925.

LAND PURCHASE DEFAULTING ANNUITANTS

Under date 9th May, 1932, the following was read from the Irish Land Commission:-

"I am directed to transmit for the information of your Council the enclosed List of defaulting Land Purchase Annuity-ants in County Wexford against whom legal proceedings have been directed to be taken for recovery of the instalments due 1st November and 1st December last in respect of advances made under the Land Purchase Acts 1891-6 and 1903-9.

"As these instalments are in course of collection through the State Solicitor, it is possible that in a number of cases the arrears have been paid since the Lists were prepared.

"Lists of outstanding instalments due on 1st November 1931 in respect of Advances made under the Land Acts 1923-31 are in course of preparation for issue to the State Solicitor and a copy will shortly be sent to you."

It was decided that consideration of this matter be adjourned until lists of outstanding instalments due on 1st November, 1931, in respect of Advances made under the Land



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Acts 1923-31 are at hand.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACTS

Under date 6th May, 1932, the Department of Industry & Commerce (Gas Weights & Measures Section), 33, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, forwarded, account for £3: 19: 6d for steel dies and sand blast stencils under the above Acts supplied by Mr. John A. Rooney, of 8 College Street, Dublin, and which had been certified for payment by an authorised officer of the Department.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Co. Council be recommended to pay account for £3: 19: 6d under Weights & Measures Act to Mr. John A. Rooney, 8 College Street, Dublin, and which has been recommended for payment by the Department of Industry & Commerce."

MERCHANDISE MARKS ACT

Under date 5th May, 1932, Circular T.I.C.19336/4 to Local Authorities authorised to appoint Analyst for the purposes of the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts was read from the Department of Industry & Commerce (Trade & Industry Branch), Lord Edward St., Dublin.

The following resolution was adopted :- "That in connection with the Administration of Section 19 of Merchandise Marks Act 1931, we request the Department of Industry & Commerce (Trade & Industry Branch) to approach the Authorities of the Garda Siochana with a view to obtaining their consent to allow Local Authorities concerned under this Act to appoint as their duly authorised officers under Section 19, the present Ex-officio Inspectors under Food & Drugs Acts, as we are of opinion that such an arrangement would be found most satisfactory to all concerned."

COURTOWN HARBOUR MASTER'S HOUSE

A communication was received from Courtown Harbour



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Committee for the installation in the Harbour Master's house of a new range as the old one was worn out.

The County Surveyor said he had obtained two quotations for new range at £3: 12s. 6d. from Mr. W. Hamilton, Bullring, Wexford, and from John Bolger & Co., Gorey, at £3: 16s. 0d.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton the following resolution was adopted:- "That the tender for new range for Harbour Master's house, Courtown, received from W. Hamilton, Bullring, Wexford, at £3: 12s. 6d be accepted."

#### WEXFORD OLD COURTHOUSE

The County Surveyor reported that the old Courthouse on the Quay, Wexford, was becoming dilapidated, and if they spent money on it, there would be no return.

It was decided that the County Surveyor should cover the windows of the old building with the cheapest possible material hoardings or galvanised iron.

In connection with the purchase of ground rents of old Courthouse Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, mentioned that two interests had not yet been purchased, in one case owing to the delay of making Title and in the second case, some of the persons concerned resided in Ceylon and America.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee communicate with the persons represented by the two interests referred to, and explain that if title was not made within two months the County Council would be recommended to pay no more rents, in these cases.

#### DEVELOPMENT OF WING OF COUNTY HALL WEXFORD

The County Surveyor mentioned that the Department of Local Government asked to be furnished with a copy of the specification of the works to be undertaken and the total estimate of the cost. It would be necessary to employ a draughtsman for about three weeks.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion



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of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That we recommend the Council to procure the services of a draughtsman in order to prepare specification etc of improvements of right wing of County Hall, at an inclusive fee of ten guineas."

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Communications as to committal of the following children to Industrial Schools were referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor.

Johanna and Peter Gahan, Ballinabearna, Co. Wexford.

Gerald Breen, Ballybreen, Killanne, and

Sarah and Julia Doyle, Tomduff, Ballygarrett, Co. Wexford.



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The following resolution was adopted, proposed by Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr Hall:- "That the Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee for 19th May, 1932, be received and considered."

Seizure of Sheep at Bantry and Blackstairs Commons: The Secretary reported that Mr. O'Byrne, Rate Collector, had furnished the names of the persons who were concerned with him in the seizure.

Attendance of Rate Collectors at Revision Sessions: It was decided that the resolution of the Finance Committee as to the rate of mileage apply to cars and cycles owned by the Collectors but not to hired vehicles.

Land Purchase Defaulting Annuitants: It was decided that the Secretary communicate further with the Irish Land Commission and request that the list of defaulting Annuitants under the Land Acts 1923-31 should be furnished as soon as possible.

Rents Wexford Old Courthouse: Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, stated that he had notified the parties concerned that unless they furnish Title forthwith no further payments of rents would be made. Since then he had received a letter from Messrs O'Flaherty & Sons, Solicitors, who were acting for the St. Vincent De Paul Society, stating that they were in a difficulty as they had a large number of titles but had been unable to reconcile any of them with the actual plot at the Courthouse. They promised to look further into the matter but he had not heard from them since.

Mr. Culloton proposed and Mr. Brennan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That Mr. Elgee inform the Representatives of the two interests concerned as regards the purchase of ground rents for old Courthouse, Wexford, that County Council will withhold rents in each case until title has been made."

Development of Wing of Co. Hall, Wexford: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded



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by Mr. Corish:- "That our Treasurer be requested to grant loan for development of right wing of County Hall for a period of at least 30 years."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Brennan :- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of Meeting held on the 19th May, 1932, be and are hereby confirmed."

Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on the 2nd June, 1932, were submitted as follows:-



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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 2nd June, 1932.

Present:- Messrs John Colloton, James Hall, Thomas McCarthy and James Shannon.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor and Rates Inspector were in attendance.

The chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Shannon.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

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Treasurer's Advice Note for £3,776:0:10d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

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Lodgments: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the following Rate Collectors be called upon to lodge forthwith the amounts after their names: viz:-

Wexford District: J. Quirke, £270: 18: 8d.

Philip Doyle £17: 7: 10d.

P. Nolan £18: 10s. 0d.

Enniscorthy District: J. Deegan £45: 0: 0d.

P. O'Byrne £53: 19: 5d.

T. Bolger £29: 3: 11d.

Gorey District: A. Dunne £6: 9: 1d.

Bonds of Collectors and Poundage: The Secretary reported that Collectors Quirke, O'Byrne, M. McCarthy, and P. Nolan had furnished receipt for renewal of their Fidelity Guarantee bond.

Mr. J. Cummins wrote as follows:-

"You will have to see and get us some poundage before they can expect us to renew Bond."



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Mr. P. Carty, wrote asking that the Council would pay the amount for renewal of his bond and retain it out of his poundage. Also that the Council would, as in the past, agree to the payments by them of a contribution of £3 towards cost of <sup>bonds of</sup> Collectors who had a poundage fee of 5d in the £.

Mr. Sean Gannon wrote asking that his bonds for the two districts for which he was acting should be reduced to £900. The total warrant<sup>s</sup> for his two Districts for the current year was £6,799, which was about average for a single district.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Local Government Department be requested to consent to the payment of poundage to Rate Collectors on all amounts lodged up to date."

It was decided to inform Collector P. Carty that the Finance Committee cannot see their way to recommend the Council to contribute £3 towards cost of Fidelity Guarantee bonds. This contribution was made when bonds cost £9, now they can be had for £5: 12: 6d.

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following resolution:- "That Collector Gannon be informed that Finance Committee will consider the question of the reduction of his fidelity Guarantee bonds to £900 when the suggested amalgamation of No. 6 and No. 10 Districts has been decided on at the close of 1932/33 Warrants."

Amalgamation of Rate Collection Districts: Under date 1st June, 1932, Collector P. Carty wrote stating he felt he was unjustly treated by not being included in the proposals for amalgamation of Collectors' Districts.

It was decided to point out to him that it was only Collectors who had lodged the amounts of their warrants in due time who received an addition to their districts.

County Council Messenger: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"That we recommend the Council to retain for County



Council Offices Nicholas Roche, at present temporary messenger for a further three months as from 14th June, 1932."

FLAGS FOR EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS.  
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by the Chairman:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to procure three flags - each 4 yards long - viz., Congress flag, National flag and Papal flag., cost 27/6d each, total cost £4: 2: 6d, these flags to be flown all through Congress week."

OUT OF POCKET LEGAL EXPENSES.  
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That the out of pocket expenses of Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, for financial year ended 31st March, 1932, and amounting to £73: 17: 7d , be recommended to the Council for payment."

STOVE FOR COURTOWN HARBOUR MASTER'S HOUSE  
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The County Surveyor stated that the recent tenders which he had received for supply of stove for Harbour Master's house at Courtown did not cover full requirements. He submitted the following tenders for a stove which would be suitable in every respect.

J. Bolger & Co., Gorey. £5: 13: 6d.

Wm. Byrne, Main Street, Gorey. £5: 10: 0d.

W.R. Hamilton, Bullring, Wexford. £4: 12: 6d.

The three quotations were to cover delivery to Courtown, at the Harbour Master's house.

The lowest, that of W.R. Hamilton, was accepted at £4: 12: 6d, on the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. Hall.

PRIMARY SCHOLARSHIPS' SCHEME.  
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the County Council be recommended to agree for renewal for year 1932-33 of the



Primary Scholarships of the following students:-

Messrs James Meyler, Edward P. Rossiter, Daniel F. Butler, James M. Bruhan, Richard O'Donnell, Margaret M. O'Neill, Mary A. Ronan, Mary E. Doyle, Kathleen F. Donnelly, Mary C. Doyle and Ellen Sinnott; also Bursary to James A. Forde.

#### HAND BREAKING MATERIAL IN QUARRIES

In connection with the application from men in the district offering to break material in Curraduff Quarry by hand the County Council meeting of the 30th May, 1932, decided to refer the matter to the Finance Committee for recommendation, this Committee to consider the general question of hand breaking of material in quarries.

The County Surveyor stated that in his opinion the most economical and satisfactory way to deal with hand breaking in quarries was to fit to the breaker a medium sized screen. The stuff from it could be used for the by-roads. A certain amount of chippings would be also obtained and as regards the "rejectors" instead of sending them back into the breaker they could be hand broken. This, of course, would not apply to all quarries, but he believed a trial of this suggestion might be made in suitable quarries.

The suggestion of the County Surveyor was approved.

#### ADDITIONAL AGRICULTURAL GRANT

On the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Mr. Hall the following resolution was adopted:-

"That in reference to additional Agricultural Grant to be allocated in respect of rate for year 1932/33. We would point out that unless amount viz., £13,255 deducted from Agricultural Grant for year 1931/32 be paid the Additional grant will be required to partially recoup the Council for this deduction. That subject to sanction of Minister for Local Government & Public Health the additional Grant be applied to meet portion of deficit in ordinary Agricultural Grant, and that necessary



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adjustments be made in Rate for 1933/34 in connection with application of new Agricultural Grant to the first £10 or lesser total Valuation of land on Agricultural holdings.

ADDITIONAL OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION  
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That further representations be made to National Bank Ltd. through Senator Sir Thomas Esmonde, Chairman Irish Board of Directors, for additional Overdraft accommodation of £13,000 required owing to deduction from Agricultural Grant of this amount in consequence of Land Purchase Annuities being in arrears. That National Bank be informed that the additional accommodation will only be required until Grant is restored and that urgent application therefor is being made to the Government ."

DEDUCTION FROM AGRICULTURAL GRANT  
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On the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Hall, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Minister for Finance be requested to recoup Council from sums received in respect of arrears of Land Purchase Annuities since 1st March, 1932, the sum of £13,255 deducted from Agricultural Grant for 1931/32 in respect of said arrears.

"That it be pointed out to the Minister that owing to the refusal of the National Bank to grant additional overdraft accommodation to cover the amount of deduction the Co. Council are finding it impossible to finance the County Services."



Hand Breaking in Quarries Mr. Clince mentioned that the proposal of the Co. Surveyor to the Finance Committee did not meet the case of the men in Curraduff Quarry. These men were prepared to break material at the same rate as the machine and for that reason he could not see why they received no encouragement. He proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted:-

"That provided the cost of breaking material by hand in Curraghduff Quarry does not exceed the cost of breaking by machinery, employment be afforded to the men offering their services to the Council for the purpose of hand-breaking"

Additional Overdraft Accommodation:- In connection with the recommendation of the Finance Committee the following under date 11th June was read from the Manager, National Bank, Wexford:-

"I submitted your application to my Directors, who in accordance with the Council's requirements, and in view of the further representations made in this connection, sanction overdraft to the extent of £33,000 until 30th September next, subject to the Local Government Ministry's sanction being obtained for the additional £13,000 required over his sanction of the 4th instant." Please let me have this necessary sanction and oblige."

Col. Quin - Was anybody foolish enough to think we were going to get full derating.

The Chairman said he would not reckon the man a fool who so expected, in view of promises which had been made at the recent Dail elections. Anyone would expect from these that full derating would have been afforded.

Mr. Cummins concurred with the Chairman.

Chairman - The present Government in their election campaign said they would give full derating; now they are giving it to people who unfortunately are not in a position to provide employment and penalizing those who are.



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I propose :- "That we call upon the Government to redeem their promises to the electors and give full derating of land !"  
Why should/<sup>we</sup>not get full derating as has been given in England and Northern Ireland ?

Col. Quin seconded the resolution which was adopted.

The Secretary stated that the following resolution had been adopted at the meeting of the Co. Committee of Agriculture on the 30th May.

"That we endorse the resolution adopted by the meeting of the Wexford County Council on this date, relative to the proposal of the Government to limit the new relief for rates on land to valuations of £10. Farmers expected, owing to the severe economic depression to have had full derating. The proposal of the Government that this relief shall apply only to the first £10 of all valuations on land will be of no practical assistance to farmers who are employing labour and who are the backbone of the Agricultural Industry."

The following reply under date 6th June, 1932 (G.41530-32 Loch Garman.) had been received from the Local Government Department:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government & Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of the resolution of the Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture at their meeting on the 30th ultimo, and to state that the basis of allocation of the above grant has already been decided and cannot now be altered."

In reply to the Chairman the Secretary stated that no reply up to the present had been received from the Department in connection with the resolution on this matter and which had been adopted by the meeting of the County Council on the 30th. ult.

ROAD WORKS FOR RELIEF OF UNEMPLOYMENT.  
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Under date 8th June, 1932, the Department of Local



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Government (Roads) wrote (RFU/201) :-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government & Public Health to refer to this Department's circular letter of the 2nd instant drawing attention to the Government notice published on the 1st idem concerning special facilities which are being provided for the registration of unemployed workers; and to state that as it is not expected the complete figures with regard to the number of unemployed persons in any particular area can be obtained before a fortnight or three weeks, the Minister is anxious that a commencement may be made forthwith in all Counties pending the final allocation of the monies. It has been decided that a substantial portion of the money available for road improvement will be expended on the improvement of important County roads, and until he is in a position to determine the share of each county, to make an immediate allocation of a sum of £3,000 on account of your County Council for such work. An outline scheme for the expenditure of the amount should be submitted as soon as practicable."

The County Surveyor stated that the Minister for Local Government and the permanent officials had had a consultation with all the County Surveyors recently and the following programme was decided upon:-

£250,000 to be allocated for widening and strengthening, surfacing etc, important county roads.

£150,000 for what the Ministry described as light rolling on County roads, this making a total of £400,000, for county roads, alone.

The programme as regards the main roads was as follows:-

£250,000 for concrete work in towns and small villages - in fact in all places where work of this nature could be suitably carried out.

£100,000 for concrete rafting over bog roads.

£250,000 for work something in the nature of what County



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Councils had been doing in the past under the ordinary improvement Grants. This gave a total of £600,000 for main and link roads or £1,000,000 for all roads.

In connection with this matter the following under date 2nd June, 1932 (RFU/201) was read from the Department of Local Government (Roads):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government & Public Health to draw attention to the following Government notice published in yesterday's newspapers concerning special facilities which are being provided for the registration of unemployed workers:-

Registration of Unemployed Workers.

"Arrangements have been made for the registration of unemployed workers at local Post Offices and Civic Guard Stations where these centres are more convenient to them than the existing local offices of the Department of Industry & Commerce.

"Unemployed workpeople residing in districts too remote from the local offices of the Employment Exchanges system may accordingly, now register themselves for employment at the nearest Post Office or Civic Guard Station but where it is more convenient to do so they will continue to use the Employment Exchange service, which must in any case continue to be used as heretofore by those applying for Unemployment Benefit.

No applicant may register at more than one of the places provided for the purpose."

Grants for the relief of unemployment will be allocated as far as practicable on the basis of the extent of unemployment in each County or municipal area as the case may be, and recruitment of labour for employment on relief schemes is to be effected exclusively through the Employment Exchanges. The lists of registered unemployed workers compiled at local Post Offices and Civic Guard stations will be transferred to



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the appropriate Employment Exchanges. It is, accordingly, of supreme importance that persons seeking employment under relief schemes will register their names for such work. The Minister relies on the several local authorities to give the matter publicity.

The Secretary stated that on receipt of this letter he had issued the information in the shape of an advertisement in the three local papers.

The Co. Surveyor said it was almost an impossibility to allocate such a small sum as £3,000 over the County. What he had done however was to select some of the most important County roads with a high incidence of unemployment. These works would cost more than £3,000 but those not covered by the present grant could be dealt with as the balance of the State Subsidy came to hand.

Mr. Roche pointed out that the present was the very worst month in the year as regards statistics for unemployment. Owing to work at Beet, weeding etc., there was a minimum amount of unemployment in the Rural Districts. He considered that the compilation of statistics of unemployment should be deferred to a normal period.

The County Surveyor stated that it was decided that the works should be continued throughout the Financial year. The Minister recognised that the lean months had yet to come, which was one of the reasons he was anxious that concrete works in towns and villages should be now carried out.

Mr. Roche said that it would appear that unless a certain amount of unemployment existed in a district it was not possible to secure an allocation from the grant. Where the roads had been considerably improved, unemployment was bound to be more prevalent than where a considerable amount of work had yet to be done on them.

The County Surveyor said the Minister wanted the work arranged, so that it would run on through the winter, He (Co.



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Surveyor) had gone into the allocation of the £3,000 with his Assistants and found, of course, great difficulty in arranging works to cover such a small grant. There was no doubt the road from Gorey to Carnew required large outlay at the present time. Saint Michael's road in Gorey from Bates to the Railway Station was in a very bad way, and there was considerable unemployment in the town. The work would cost between £600 and £700. The road from Bunclody to Clonegal also needed attention but it was a big job and could not be arranged for under the present grant. In addition as Water Supply Works were in contemplation for Bunclody there was a possibility of unemployment being relieved there for the present. There was a large number of men idle in the Ferns district. The road from Ferns down to the Railway Station and on to the Harrow was in a very bad shape. This, at least down to Milltown Cross should be done, the cost would be £950. Then the road from Killanne on to Enniscorthy from Byrne's Cross where a fatal accident had occurred recently required to be attended to. The cost of this would be about £700. The Curracloe road was also in a bad condition and would cost between £700 and £800 to put in a proper state.

Mr. Culleton said that unemployment in the Curracloe district was abnormal at the moment in consequence of the maltings at Castlebridge having to close down - practically - on account of economic depression, while the afforestation which afforded employment up to recently, was now finished.

The County Surveyor stated another district in which there was a tremendous amount of unemployment was the Drinagh area, where the road going out to Murrintown from Kerlogue was poor, there being a particularly bad bit from Rathaspeck. To repair this would cost £1,000. In the New Ross area the main road from New Ross to Fethard from Slaght Cross to Dunmain needed attention, the cost of which would be about £1,300. He also



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thought the road from Campile to the Hook should be dealt with as soon as possible. The cost would be £1,000, and a similar sum would be necessary for repair of the road from the Doctor's Cross near Ramsgrange to Duncannon. It would be recognised that the various works recommended by him outsailed the £3,000, but he suggested that improvements up to the £3,000 limit should be arranged for now and the balance could be taken up whenever further instalments of the grant reached the Council.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following resolution:- "That the £3,000 State Grant for improvement of County roads be divided equally between the four districts of the county, £750 each, the County Surveyor to select the most pressing works in areas in which the greatest amount of unemployment exists." Passed.

Mr. Roche drew attention to the condition of the Kilmore road and said that people in Kilmore failed to let their houses on account of the road being so bad.

Mr. Barry - That is not the reason they are not let.

Mr. Roche - A number of people from Wexford go there and drive cars four times a day over it. Would you like to do that on the state of the road? I would not do it. I propose that Mr. Barry take that road in hands at once if possible.

The County Surveyor said it was a main road.

Mr. Roche said that whenever he brought up the condition of this road he found it to come under various headings.

Mr. Corish said the Tourist Development Association were working to get the Council to put up certain roads that could be classified as Tourist roads and make representations to the Government in order to get special grants for tourists' roads.

Mr. Roche said he hoped they would be consulted when the balance of the money came for the main roads. He would like



to see how the rest of the money would be spent.

Mr. O'Byrne said they should ask the Tourist Association to make representations with regard to the road between Courtown and Kilmuckridge.

Mr. Corish said the Council could refer to this and the Kilmore road.

Mr. Cummins suggested that a Circular letter should be addressed to the clergy asking them to do what they could to induce unemployed persons to register for work and the suggestion was adopted.

House at Red Pat 's Cross: In accordance with notice of motion Mr. Shannon moved the following:- "That the resolution of County Council directing that house at Red Pat's Cross be removed as it was within 30 feet of the centre of the road, be rescinded, and that the Council decide to take no action in the matter."

Mr. Shannon said that in view of what had taken place at the last meeting of the Council relative to the Golf Hotel at Rosslare he considered it quite unfair that <sup>Peter</sup> Patrick Kinsella the owner of the recently erected house at Tomduff - or as it was locally known - Red Pat's Cross should be compelled to remove the structure.

Mr. Gaul seconded.

Mr. Murphy said that as the house had been erected on a plot the property of the Health Board, <sup>he</sup> he proposed as an amendment that the matter should be referred to that body.

Mr. Roche seconded.

Mr. McCarthy mentioned that Kinsella had been with him and explained that he understood from Mr. Flood, Engineer to the Health Board, that if a flat roof were put upon the structure there would be no further objection to its erection.

Mr. Elgee Co. Solicitor said he <sup>had</sup>grave doubts as to whether the Council had any power to compel the removal of the house.



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He had been looking into the Acts recently and believed that proceedings should be taken by the Civic Guards.

After further discussion a vote was taken on the amendment with the following result:-

For: Messrs Armstrong, Colloton, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Mayler, McCarthy, Murphy, Quin, Roche, Smyth and the Chairman - (12)

Against: Messrs Brennan, Clince, Colfer, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, O'Byrne, Shannon (9).

Mr. Corish did not vote and Mr. Walsh and Miss O'Ryan were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

#### HOUSING ACTS -----

The Chairman moved the following of which he had given previous notice :-

"That the resolution of the County Council agreeing to provide for grants of £20 from Rates under the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1931 be rescinded."

In moving his motion the Chairman said with regard to the close of the rate collection how many summonses were issued against a lot of ratepayers to pay money and an extra pound in costs? These people are poor and in no position to pay and why should anybody ask them to finance men to build houses I cannot understand, and I could never understand why such a resolution was passed here. It is not the business of the ratepayers to build houses - it is a national one, and not for the ratepayres. Their liabilities are run to the utmost in providing the loans and the redemption of them on labourers' cottages for each district. It entails almost 6d in the £ for the upkeep of the cottages and the payment of loans due on them in this county, and I think that is quite taxation enough on the ratepayers without giving a grant of £20 to those men to build and supply it by people who are practically on



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the verge of starvation. Why should they be called on to finance men who are going to build houses ? Men building houses have some means without looking to people to advance money who are on the verge of starvation. Are you going to continue to ask these people to finance men who are in a decent position, because to my mind, if they were not in a decent position, they would not start building houses. That is the reason I ask you to rescind the former resolution.

Col. Gibbon seconded the resolution.

Mr. Gaul - There are people at the moment to whom you granted £20.

Secretary - Five applied and there are five or six more applications for today.

Col. Quin - Even if this Act is not passed the rate-payers are too hard hit to give out £20 promiscuously to people. After all they must be fairly well off to be able to build houses.

Mr. O'Byrne - I move as an amendment that consideration be adjourned until Housing proposals of the Government are dealt with and that no grants be given in the meantime.

Mr. McCarthy seconded.

Mr. Hall - I think you could let your motion stand over Mr. Doyle.

Chairman - I will move my motion,

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

For: Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan - 13.

Against:- Messrs Brennan, D'Arcy, Gaul, Gibbon, Meyler, Quin, Roche, Smyth and the Chairman - 9.

Messrs Shannon and Walsh (2) were not present when poll was taken.



The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

In reply to Mr. Gaul he said that if the persons to whom grants had been already voted would not come in under the new proposals of the Government the grant of the County Council would be available under the conditions of the resolutions governing the grants in each case.

EMPLOYMENT OF FERNS LORRY OWNER

The following which was signed by Michael Whitty described as Chairman and by Myles Dillon described as Secretary, was read:-

"This meeting of Matt Kent's neighbours respectfully draw the attention of the Wexford County Council to the fact that Patrick Fortune, of Ferns, who has grabbed Matt Kent's farm, is being employed by the County Council. We earnestly urge that the County Council issue Orders that this be discontinued, for we believe that it would be the wish of the Wexford tax payers that their money be not used in this way."

Col. Quin proposed that the communication relative to employment of Mr. Patrick Fortune by the County Council be marked read.

Mr. Colloton seconded.

Mr. Cummins proposed:- "That the County Council dispense with the services of Patrick Fortune, Ferns, as haulier."

Mr. Hall contended that it was no business of the County Council to discuss this matter at all.

Mr. Keegan said there were people employed by the Co. Council who had been convicted for robbing their neighbours and this was a matter that should be considered.

The Chairman said that when this matter was brought to the notice of the Council on a previous occasion he had ruled it out as not concerning the Council and he would now take the same course.



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PAINTING NEW ROSS BRIDGE  
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Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, wrote in respect of the above matter under date 9th June that the Contract and Bond were complete and were now in order, and the work on the bridge was begun on 6th June. There was nothing in the specification to prevent the Contractor from doing the work by sprayer instead of by hand, provided he carried out the instructions issued by the Makers of the paint.

The County Surveyor submitted letter from the Contractor with enclosure from Messrs Harrington and Goodlass Wall Ltd., Shandon Paint Works, Cork, that their red mixture of light red paint was suitable for Bridge painting by spraying.

Mr. Murphy contended that the Council at their meeting on 30th May, had given directions to the Co. Surveyor to have the paint work carried out by hand.

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor said this was not correct in view of the fact that no stipulation had been made in the specification as to whether the work should be carried out by spraying or by hand. The Council were not in a position to direct the Contractor which of these ways he should take in carrying out the work. The decision at the last County Council meeting was to refer the matter to him with a view to his examining the specification in order to ascertain if it would be possible to oblige the Contractor to carry out the work by ~~and~~ hand.

After a long discussion Mr. Gaul proposed and Mr. Clince seconded the following resolution:- "That the Contractor for New Ross Bridge be requested to carry out his contract by hand work owing to the large amount of unemployment prevailing in the painting trade." Passed.

WORKERS ATTENDING EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS  
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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hayes seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"That © WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL ARCHIVES the



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attendance of any of their employees at the functions or ceremonies of the Eucharistic Congress without penalty and without pay."

REMOVAL OF SAND AND GRAVEL FROM FORESHORES  
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Under date 7th June, 1932, the following was read from Transport and Marine Branch of the Department of Industry & Commerce:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Industry & Commerce to state that within recent years many complaints have reached the Department in regard to the endangering of public and private property through the indiscriminate removal of stones, gravel and sand from areas of foreshore where there is little protection against inroads by the sea. In most of such cases a large proportion of the material drawn was used for repairing public roads. As a general rule the foreshore concerned is the property of the State and interference with it constitutes a trespass.

In bringing the matter to the notice of the County Council it is necessary to point out that the Department cannot hold themselves responsible for safeguarding either public or private property against damage by the sea but they have power to take preventive measures to ensure that badly protected parts of the coast are not denuded of beach material which is the natural protection against the sea.

Having regard to the large number of complaints received it may be necessary, unless the practice is discontinued, for the Department to take action prohibiting all removals of material for road repairing work.

I shall be glad, therefore, if the attention of the County Surveyor is drawn to the matter so that he may warn road contractors against drawing stones, gravel or sand from vulnerable parts of the coast."

The County Surveyor stated that from the list of tenders invited for road maintenance this year it would appear that



provision had been made for 8,000 cubic yards of sea gravel. That was a very much reduced quantity as it was formerly double. He maintained that if the Council were prevented from obtaining any road material <sup>from</sup> foreshores it would add £3,000 extra to Road expenditure. Some of the roads were not suitable for the employment of other material. Of course the question of possible damage to the foreshore was recognised but he did not know how this could be dealt with, unless specific cases were taken and aggrieved persons took action. There were, in his opinion, a number of places where no harm could be done.

Mr. Roche pointed out that in the neighbourhood of Kilmore Quay and Ballyhealy it would, in his opinion, be very advantageous to the people if the removal of gravel and sand was prohibited, as about two acres of land were washed away there every year. Certainly, if the removal of sand and gravel for road material was responsible for this destruction of peoples' property the practice should be stopped at once. He asked the County Surveyor to examine the position and give his opinion to the Council.

The County Surveyor said that some time ago he had seen where five or six drills of beet had been washed away in the locality referred to by Mr. Roche. This was composed of a marl bank and as it was being undermined the whole thing collapsed. It was very difficult to say if the removal of sand and gravel for road materials caused the erosion in this particular place.

Col. Quin suggested that if any of the Councillors came across information showing where the shore was injured specifically they should call the attention of the County Surveyor to the matter.

The Chairman said the order would be to direct the attention of the Co. Surveyor to the letter from the Department of Industry & Commerce and in any case in which he considered there was any danger of erosion through the drawing of material from the foreshore, the practice should be stopped. Any member of the Council who has any bearing on the point <sup>information</sup>



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would be expected to communicate with the County Surveyor.

APPOINTMENT OF MISS KILLEEN - SHORTHAND TYPIST  
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Under date 3rd June, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.40553/1932 Loch Garman) that the Minister raised no objection to the employment temporarily of Miss Killeen as Shorthand-Typist pending consideration of her permanent appointment.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENSES  
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On the motion of Mr. Breman seconded by Col. Quin the following resolution was adopted:-

"That renewals of licenses under Poisons and Pharmacy Act be issued to James J. Codd, 26 & 27 Court Street, Enniscorthy, John Mythen (Messrs Buttle Bros. & Co.), Blackwater and Mr. R. Moran, 3 Castle Street, Enniscorthy.

COURTOWN HARBOUR  
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Under date 9th June, the Co. Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. W.H. Kearon, Wavecrest, Arklow, stating that some friends of his were willing to carry out the dredging at Courtown. They had about six sand suckers and on receipt of plan of the harbour were prepared to quote for the work.

The Co. Surveyor said he had furnished the necessary plan to Mr. Kearon.

Mr. Keegan referred to the resolution which had been passed at last meeting of the Council, giving Mr. Lee, Contractor for erection of sluice gates, a fortnight to finish the work.

The County Surveyor stated that the dam was in position and the work was considerably more advanced than this day fortnight but not actually finished.

Mr. Keegan said the position as regards the work was much worse than it was when the matter was last before the Council. Hundreds of tons of sand was sunk at the entrance and the people of the locality being unable to proceed to



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sea were actually hungry. He had obtained statistics of the amount paid to them for the sale of fish last year and it was appalling to think not a single penny could be realized by them owing to the present position of the harbour.

Col. Quin proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Hall and passed:- "That Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, be directed to take immediate proceedings against Mr. Lee, Contractor, for the erection of sluice gates at Courtown Harbour and his sureties."

#### DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE

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

"We, the Wexford County Council, believing that competition in armaments <sup>as</sup> bringing all countries to ruin, urge fullest possible measurements of reduction of armaments at Geneva Conference."

#### LAND COMMISSION AND DERELICT FARMS

In connection with resolution from Waterford County Council <sup>as</sup> to efficiency of Land Commission officials and derelict land, it was decided no action be taken in the matter.

#### COMBINED PURCHASING ACT

A long resolution from the Committee of the Dundalk Business Mens Club urging Representatives in the Dail and on Local Public Bodies to make strong representations to the Local Government Department to have the Central Purchasing Department abolished was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. Murphy.

#### POSITION OF RAILWAYS

The following resolution was received from Waterford Co. Council:-

"That we, the Waterford County Council, having fully considered <sup>e</sup> the gravity of the Railway situation, the greatest



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National Industry after Agriculture in this country call upon the Government as a first essential move towards the fulfilment of their foremost pledge, to the people in general and the Railwaymen in particular of creating employment for all, to introduce immediate legislation in the Dail to save the Railways, the best National employers of Labour, by restricting the number of road vehicles until the question of their utility to this country has been proved by an expert body of economists.

"Furthermore, we call upon traders and citizens generally in their own interests, as well as in the interests of the country as a whole, to give the Railways their full support. In addition we pledge ourselves as a Public Body, as a practical step in this campaign to save the Rails, to have a recommendation inserted in all our Contracts, that materials etc., for same must be carried by Rail as far as possible."

Mr. Murphy said they heard a lot of talk about the railways for the past few years and about the necessity for helping them but three months ago when the people of South Wexford wrote asking them to put on a special train for the Eucharistic Congress they refused. A representative of the I. O. C. visited the district recently and informed the people that arrangements would be made to convey the people from Campile to Dublin by bus at a fare of 30/-. This was the sort of facility they were getting from the Railway Co. and their allies.

Mr. Hayes said the same applied to the Bridgetown District.

The Chairman said they certainly should not commit themselves to the second paragraph of the resolution.

Mr. Gaul proposed the adoption of the resolution in the following amended form " That we, the Wexford County Council, having fully consid<sup>e</sup>red the gravity of the Railway situation the greatest National Industry after Agriculture in this country call upon the Government as a first essential move towards the fulfilment of their foremost pledge to the people in general and the Railwaymen in particular of creating employment for



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all to introduce legislation in the Dail to save the Railways the best National employers of Labour , but at the same time we desire to condemn the attitude of the Railway Company in refusing to provide facilities to enable the people of ~~the~~ South Wexford to attend the Eucharistic Congress.

Mr. Corish seconded the resolution.

A vote was taken with the following result:-

For: Messrs Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, and Roche - 12.

Against:- Messrs Brennan, Colloton, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Murphy and Quin - 6.

Messrs Meyler, Smyth and the Chairman (3) did not vote.

Miss O'Ryan and Messrs Shannon and Walsh (3) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

#### WALLS AT RYLAND BRIDGE

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The following letter addressed to the Chairman was, on the motion of Mr. Armstrong seconded by Mr. D'Arcy, considered in committee:

"Speaking to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, for Council, about six weeks ago re the repair of damaged walls at Ryland Lower, he promised to have the matter discussed and finally settled . As the owner of land adjoining road I would be glad to know their decision as to their liability or non-liability.

"As the Council are aware from the records of the county these walls were built at the expense of the county their upkeep to be a public charge on the county, in fact the man who helped build them for the old grand jury some fifty years ago is still living in vicinity and is prepared if necessary to give evidence of same in any court of Law, also the man who helped repair walls, on several occasions for County Council or its predecessor the old Grand Jury.

"I need hardly draw your attention as Mr. Armstrong is familiar with locality to the fact that this wall is the only



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means of communication between the village of Clohamon/<sup>the P.O.</sup>and the large district surrounding also the only means of people getting to Mass.

My predecessors and myself have had to look on at the public walking this wall year after year and consequently seriously damaging it. Now when the wall is down the public or their representatives the County Council would like to leave the expense of rebuilding it to me.

"As the Council must surely be aware the road as it is now is not only an inconvenience but a serious menace to human life and public property."

Mr. Armstrong said the statements made in the letter as to the building of the walls in question by the Grand Jury were facts. The only way to get to the village was by walking these walls.

The Co. Surveyor said if the Council were responsible they might be able to apply some of the money of the State Grant for the purpose of raising the road.

Mr. Elgee said as the walls could not be described as "Containing" walls the Council were not liable for repair. He made no promise to the writer of the letter when she brought him in the letters.

The Co. Surveyor thought the raising of the road would be a suitable work to be brought under a relief grant.

The Chairman said that Mr. Elgee could look into the matter and report to the Council.

This was agreed to.

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

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SPECIAL MEETING 20th JUNE, 1932.

M I N U T E S.

COUNTY HALL,  
WEXFORD.

N.J FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY.

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A special meeting of the Wexford County Council, summoned by direction of the Chairman, to consider arrangements for the attendance of the Council at the functions and celebrations of the Eucharistic Congress, was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 20th June, 1932.

Present:- Messrs. James Armstrong, James Clince, Patrick Colfer, John Culleton, John Cummins, Patrick Hayes, William P. Keegan, Sean O'Byrne and Miss Nellie O'Ryan.

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

Mr. Cummins was moved to the chair on the motion of Mr. Keegan, seconded by Mr. Culleton.

The Secretary stated he had been asked by Col. Gibbon, to apologise for his non-attendance.

Letter under date 15th June, 1932 was read from Mr. F. O'Reilly, Director of Organisation to the "Congress". The following is extract:- "All the elective Bodies will be in Section 3. There is no need for the Members to be together during the Mass. After the Mass they will go for refreshments; and then line up in the procession under the banner "County Councils". It would be quite impossible for us to provide special places for each County Council in the seating."

The Members spent some time discussing the absence of rail transport for the people of the baronies of Bargy, Forth and Shelburne. It was considered that the Railway Company should- when the matter of holding the "Congress" was mooted - have given the people some information as to the figures of the actual fares.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That the Great Southern Railway Co., be asked for an explanation as to why they



failed to provide rail transport to enable the people of South Wexford to attend the Eucharistic Congress.

In this connection it would appear that the great spiritual display of their faith by the Irish people was considered by the Railway Company of less importance than football matches held in Croke Park, Dublin, the fares in respect of which are 25 per cent. lower, than those ruling for the "Congress". The proposal of the allies of the Railway Company, the I.O.C., to provide a 'bus to Dublin at a return fare of 30/- exhibited a complete lack of appreciation of the position and cannot be regarded as seriously meant. The simplest minded will realise that such a figure would be a deterrent, not an inducement, to those wishing to avail of rail facilities.

Failing provision for a special train, it was within the power of the Railway Company to arrange that a train from Waterford should pick up the passengers at the various stations in South Wexford.

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

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MEETING 30th JUNE 1932.

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COUNTY HALL,  
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY.

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 30th June, 1932.

Present: Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman, presiding; also Messrs. James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Cline, Patrick Colfer, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, James Gaul, Col. C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, William P. Keegan, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan and James Shannon.

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

The Minutes of ordinary meeting of 13th June, 1932 and of special meeting of 20th June, 1932, were confirmed.

#### RAIL FACILITIES TO EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS.

The following letter (No. M.299/11) under date 27th June, 1932, was read from the General Manager, Great Southern Railways, Kingsbridge Station:- "The Secretary has passed on to me your letter of 25th June, enclosing a copy of the minutes of a meeting of the Wexford County Council held on the 20th idem.

" I regret very much that your Council felt called upon to pass a resolution in the terms of that recorded in your minutes, as at a time of unprecedented stress on railway facilities, every single vehicle in the Company's possession was placed at the disposal of the visitors to the Eucharistic Congress, and the fares charged were the lowest on record, with the single exception of certain Gaelic Athletic meetings which are held on Sundays at infrequent intervals, when there is no difficulty in meeting the traffic.

" You will, however, see that no profiteering of any kind



"was indulged in, and in addition to this, the Railway Company sent a substantial contribution to the funds of the Eucharistic Congress Committee."

Mr. Murphy said that it was evident that the reply of the Railway Company was not an answer to the resolution of the County Council, because the Railway Company could not justify their action.

Miss O'Ryan said that they should reply to the letter of the Company, that when they came looking for sympathy in future, they need not expect it from the Wexford County Council.

Mr. Murphy pointed out that 600 or 700 members of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association in his district held an annual excursion. This year, so far back as March last, they asked for a train to the Congress, but the Company stated they could not provide it, although the Members of the Association did not propose to travel on the Sunday of the Congress.

Miss O'Ryan proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Brennan and adopted:-

"That we regard the reply of the Great Southern Railways, as no answer to the resolution of the County Council complaining of the lack of proper transport facilities to the Eucharistic Congress, and that the attitude of the Company in this matter will be borne in mind by the Council when the Railway Company in the future is asking for our sympathy."

Mr. Cummins suggested that some steps should be taken by the Council to procure a special train to the Cork Exhibition. He understood that a good deal could be learned by a visit to this exposition.

The Chairman pointed out that when the former Exhibition was held in Cork, the Railway Company had



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given good facilities to visit it.

Mr. O'Byrne mentioned that the present return excursion fare to Cork was £1 which he considered entirely too high. He thought the Company should be asked to run a really cheap excursion.

Mr. Cummins, suggested that the County Secretary, should get in touch with the Department of Agriculture, so that if travelling facilities at cheap fares were obtained the Department would be in a position to provide educational exhibits for the information of the people. He proposed a resolution on these lines.

The Chairman suggested that the Railway Company should be first approached, before further steps were taken.

Mr. Cummins then proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, and adopted:-

"That the Railway company be approached with a view to providing a special train or, in the alternative, cheap excursion fares for the people of Wexford to enable them to attend the Cork Exhibition. That copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of the Exhibition and that his co-operation in the matter be requested."

#### COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"The Local Government Department has sanctioned the works under the expenditure of £3,000, granted out of the Relief Fund. I had intended bringing forward as one of the jobs, the repair of the Dunmain Road, but on applying to the Labour Exchange, I found that there were no unemployed in the Area, and, accordingly, I arranged for the repair of the road from Arthurstown to Duncannon. The other works are:- Michael Street, Gorey: Ferns to Milltown, Road and



"Wexford to Curracloe Road.

"The painting contract on New Ross Bridge is proceeding and the preliminary work of scraping down and touching up, preparatory to laying on the paint is well advanced.

"The concrete slab work on the second section of the Wexford to New Ross road is proceeding satisfactorily: the first section has been completed for some time, and will be opened to traffic very shortly.

"The getting out of the sand on the Bunclody road, preparatory to laying the slab, is well advanced, and the laying of the slab itself will start in a few days.

"I have received from Messrs. Delap and Waller, Form of Agreement in connection with the work at Ferrycarrig Bridge, and I have submitted this to Mr. Elgee for his consideration and approval. During the past week I had an interview with the Engineers in Dublin, and discussed details of the proposed alterations, and we will shortly be in a position to undertake the work.

"Last week I was in Courtown, and found that the Contractor was making every effort to render dry the chamber, preparatory to pumping out. Up to the present he has not succeeded in staunching the chamber, though he has made every possible effort."

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

"That the Report of County Surveyor as presented to this meeting be received and considered."

£3,000 INSTALMENT RELIEF GRANT.

Under date 27th June, 1932, the Department of Local Government (Roads) (R.F.U.-32) wrote that the Minister had approved of the outlined scheme submitted by County Surveyor for the expenditure of £3000, advance



grant, for the immediate relief of unemployment in the County. All labour for the scheme was to be recruited exclusively through the employment Exchange.

The County Surveyor, in reply to queries, stated that so far as was possible, he was expanding £750 in each of the four districts of the County.

Mr. Keegan pointed out that a number of men were idle at Tara Hill, and who had not obtained any employment under the late grant. The work should be fairly divided.

The County Surveyor mentioned that in the return he got from the Labour Exchange, 95 men were stated to be unemployed in Gorey town.

Mr. O'Byrne:- From the town and immediate surroundings the manager of the Exchange has 300 on his books.

The Chairman stated that in his opinion the County Surveyor had made the allocation of this grant in a manner, satisfactory to everybody.

PAINTING NEW ROSS BRIDGE:- Mr. P. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district, in reply to Mr. Murphy said, that there were 10 men engaged at the work.

Mr. Murphy:- How many would there be, if the painting was carried out in the ordinary way?

Mr. O'Neill:- The same number exactly as at present, as the men are engaged at scaling and preparing for the painting.

Mr. Murphy:- If no sprayer had been employed for this work the men engaged would have been kept on for weeks longer.

The matter dropped.

#### COURTOWN HARBOUR.

Mr. Keegan stated that in his opinion no further progress had been made with this work since it was



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discussed at last meeting of the Council. In 1926 or '27 the County Surveyor had spent £300 in trying to dam these sluice gates, but the work was not successful.

The County Surveyor said he did not think the amount was £300.

Mr. Keegan pointed out that the people in Courtown area were stating that £300 was expended. Since March 1931 the work was in the hands of the contractor. At the moment £1,200 of the ratepayers' money was involved in this work. He did not want to blame the unfortunate contractor, who was making a genuine effort to do his best. There must be something wrong in the matter, and he did not know how it was going to be made right. As he stated at previous meetings there were 160 people whose existence entirely depended on the completion of the work. They had lost last year's and this year's fishing and would likely lose next year's. There should be some finality to the matter.

The County Surveyor stated that nothing could be done so far except to make the chamber staunch, and the contractor was making every effort to do that.

In reply to a query the County Surveyor stated that no money had been paid to the contractor.

On the suggestion of Mr. Keegan, the terms of the Contract with Mr. Lee were read.

Mr. Keegan pointed out that according to these, the work should have been finished by the 1st October, 1931. The Contractor was told by the Council to clear out.

The County Surveyor said this was not correct. There was a resolution that the County Solicitor take proceedings against him.

Mr. Keegan held that the Council should not be



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demanding harbour dues for a harbour which was not effective at the moment, and in which the boats were really locked up.

The County Surveyor, pointed out that the water was coming through the floor at the gates, and Mr. Lee, with the aid of a diver was trying to stop the various leaks. He did not think anyone could do the job a bit better, and he stated, if Mr. Lee was allowed to continue, he would certainly fulfil his contract.

Mr. Keegan questioned Mr. Lee's ability to deal with intricate work of this nature, and proposed the following resolution:- "That the Commissioners of Public Works, be requested to send down one of their engineers with experience of harbour work to inspect the sluice gates, etc., at Courtown Harbour".

Mr. O'Byrne seconded the resolution.

Col. Gibbon said, the usual procedure for a Contractor who came up against a difficulty of this description was to employ an engineering expert to advise. If the Contractor in this case, showed any sign of doing this, and taking steps to overcome the difficulty, he (Col. Gibbon) would be satisfied to let him continue with the Contract. It was evident that the Contractor had spent a whole lot of money and was doing his best, but the time had arrived now when he should seek technical skilled advice.

The resolution of Mr. Keegan, was then put, and adopted.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the report of County Surveyor as presented to this meeting be and is hereby confirmed."



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CHAPEL LANE BUNCLODY.

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

"That the Street known as Chapel Lane, Bunclody, be closed to through traffic."

In moving his motion Mr. Armstrong said that the lane, which was not in contract, was about 100 yards long and only 10 to 16 feet wide - not wide enough in places, to allow two cars to pass. The traffic of big lorries through it was very dangerous to pedestrians, a number of whom used this lane as a "short cut."

The County Surveyor said he would approve of the proposal of Mr. Armstrong, as there was a defective gullet in the lane, and the use of the thoroughfare by lorries might cause a collapse of the gullet at any time. In his opinion it would be necessary to obtain the consent of the Local Government Department before Mr. Armstrong's resolution could be made effective. The best way to deal with the matter would be to put concrete posts at one end of the lane.

Mr. Armstrong said he was diametrically opposed to this as in his opinion it would interfere with public convenience.

The County Surveyor pointed out that it would be almost impossible to enforce the closing of the lane to through traffic unless some suggestion such as the erection of posts at one end was carried out.

Col. Gibbon said that nothing should be done unless they had some document from the people living on the lane, and if possible also from the people in Bunclody regarding the application.



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Mr. Armstrong pointed out that he had brought the application forward at the suggestion of the people living on the lane.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of the resolution until the people concerned made written representations to the Council, regarding their wishes.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF DRAINAGE ACTS.

Under date 28th June, 1932, the following was read from the Secretary, County Councils' General Council:-  
"The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance has agreed to receive a deputation from the County Councils' General Council for the purpose of discussing the working of the Drainage Acts.

"It is proposed to discuss the following points with the Parliamentary Secretary.

- (1) That the Board of Works should submit all plans and specifications to the County Councils' Engineer prior to the inauguration of the Scheme.
- (2) That no County Council be compelled to take over completed schemes until the work has been declared by the Councils' Engineer to have been satisfactorily carried out.
- (3) That draft applotment of amounts of loans re-payable be submitted to the County Secretary for approval.
- (4) That the proportion of the State contribution be increased.
- (5) Excessive cost of methods adopted by Commissioners.
- (6) Method of Arbitration by Commissioners' Nominee.
- (7) Disirability of appeal from Arbitrator's Award.

"As a preliminary to the reception of the deputation the Parliamentary Secretary has asked to be furnished with a

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"statement in writing of particulars of any specific causes of complaint. I have been directed therefore to ask you to be so good as to let me have (after consultation with the County Surveyor if necessary) a statement of any specific causes of complaint which have arisen in your County under any of the above heads or otherwise in connection with the working of the Drainage Acts, not later than Monday next 4th July".

The Secretary said that the Great Island people complained that the work was too expensive. They did not say that the job was a bad one, but as far as he remembered they complained that it was not value for the money. In the case of the Sow, the people held that in place of improving the drainage system it was really made worse, and that they got no value for the money.

Mr. O'Byrne said that one point was, that the Council wanted a scheme put before them before it commenced, and another was that they should not take it over until the work was done satisfactorily.

Col. Gibbon said, that in connection with a scheme some lump figure might be approved by the Council while the farmers concerned might not know what that would mean when it went into their rates afterwards. He thought there should be an estimate of the rates to be made as the result of the work proposed to be carried out. Before they approved of any work being carried out in drainage area the correct thing to do would be for the County Surveyor and a Committee appointed by the Co. Council to meet the trustees of the Drainage district concerned, so that they would know what they were going to do before they carried out the work. There was no use in the council approving of



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work being done, and then, later on, when they went to collect the money, having the people telling them that the whole thing was too expensive.

Mr. D'Arcy said it did not always pay to drain every class of land. They would have to give a fair idea if the work would pay for the expenditure.

Mr. Murphy said that in Great Island a drainage scheme was carried out. No one said it was not a good job, but the amount it added to the rates of the people concerned, was twice too much. If the people had been consulted and told the actual cost they could have informed the people in charge that they would not pay, because it was out of all proportion. He thought a great case could be made out by whoever was going to meet the Minister, as they could get all the facts and figures from the local people.

The County Surveyor remarked that some people outside a flooded area objected to paying a little, but they should understand that water off their land was contributing to the flooding.

With regard to the Kilmannock drainage area, the Secretary suggested that Mr. N.J. Murphy, Kilmokea be written to, as he knew all the facts in the matter.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and the chairman seconded the following resolution:-

"That our Secretary prepare report for the deputation of the County Councils' General Council relative to the Sow and Kilmannock Drainage areas."

FORD-OF-LYNG.

The Chairman said that during the week he had two or three communications from people affected very badly in the Ford-of-Lyng district. They had written to the Minister for Agriculture, and he replied that he knew



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nothing about the fighting with the Slob people, and the question of going to law. He did not believe that the Minister did know that, but the people had got into such a state as the result of the matter going on without any sign of a finish that they started on their own to write to the Minister, though he thought they were not going to achieve much by doing so. The matter of the Ford-of-Lyng had been going on for years before the Council.

If Mr. Elgee was not going to carry out the matter they should employ another Solicitor.

In reply to Mr. Hall, the Chairman said that the matter had been going on since the introduction of the L.G. Act in 1898.

Col. Gibbon suggested that the matter should be specially mentioned on the agenda paper for next meeting of the Council.

Mr. O'Byrne said the Co. Council had decided to take proceedings in the District Court, but instead of these being instituted their Solicitor obtained Counsel's opinion. The Co. Council were prepared to lose the case in order that they would obtain some information as to the owners of the Slob. It looked extremely like the shelving of the whole business, certainly if the farmer was doing one hundreth part of the damage to the public roads he would be brought to book in a fortnight.

It was decided to adopt the suggestion of Col. Gibbon and have the matter specially mentioned on the agenda paper for next meeting.



SANCTION OF RATE COLLECTOR - No. 12 DISTRICT.

Under date 15th June, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.41616/1932 (Fa) Loch Garman) that the Minister had sanctioned the appointment of Mr. Matthew Murphy, Rate Collector, for No. 12 District, on a part time, non-pensionable basis, on the terms set out in the advertisement and the replies to queries furnished.

The following extract from the Finance Committee Minutes, of the 16th June, was approved, on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne.

COLLECTION DISTRICT No. 12 .

In connection with personal sureties of Matthew Murphy, recently appointed Rate Collector (No.12 District) documentary evidence was submitted from the Agent, Bank of Ireland, Wexford, and Mr. M.J. O'Connor, Solicitor, Wexford, as to their financial standing.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Colleton:- "We recommend the Co. Council to accept as personal sureties for Rate Collector, Matthew Murphy (No.12 District) Matthew Murphy, Ballyrobeg, Blackwater, and Mrs. Mary Murphy, Crosshue, Blackwater, as we are satisfied they are solvent to the amount required under personal bond (£400) of Rate Collectors.

AMALGAMATION OF RATE COLLECTORS' DISTRICTS.

Under date 25th June, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.45897/1932 Loch Garman Fa) that the Minister approved of the proposed revision of the Rate Collectors' Districts.

APPOINTMENT OF SHORTHAND-TYPIST.

Under date 13th June, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.42573/32 Loch Garman (Se) stating



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that the Minister sanctioned the appointment of Miss Dorothy B. Killeen as Shorthand typist on the terms as advertised and set out in the replies to queries furnished.

AUDITOR'S REPORT - CO. COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

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CO. WEXFORD VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Under date 22nd June, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (A.43587/32) forwarding copy of Auditor's Report on his audit of the Accounts of the above Committee, for the period from 13th November, 1930 to 30th September, 1931.

The Auditor stated the Accounts were well presented for audit.

Under date 22nd June, 1932, (A.43587-32) the Department of Local Government wrote forwarding copy of Auditor's Report on his audit of the Accounts of the Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee, for the period from 13th November, 1930, to 31st March, 1931.

HOLIDAYS IN GAELTHACHT FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN.

The Department of Lands and Fisheries, 3, Kildare Place, Dublin, wrote as to children who could speak Irish fairly well and who desired to become fluent in the language, spending part of their holidays in selected places in the Gaelthacht.

AEROPLANE FLIGHTS - ROSSLARE STRAND.

Under date 14th June, 1932, Captain E.G. Stewart, M.C., Irish Air Lines, 62, Quay, Waterford, wrote asking would the Council offer any objection to his Company using the strand at Rosslare during the Summer Months for occasional aeroplane flights.

The Company were aware the Department of Industry & ~~Commerce~~ Commerce must issue the licence, but they must receive intimation that the local authorities offer no objection



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before they would consider the matter.

Col. Gibbon said if they gave the permission sought for, it would certainly imply certain responsibilities and before finally dealing with the matter, the Council should clearly understand what their position would be in regard to any accident that might occur on the strand.

The Chairman stated that the Council would take no responsibility in the matter.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the County Council have no objection to the use of Rosslare Strand by the Irish Air/ Lines Company, for occasional aeroplane flights, but should it be found, that these flights were undesirable in the interests of the public or caused any inconvenience, the County Council would reserve the right to make objection at any time. Furthermore the Co. Council will accept no responsibility in connection with this matter."

#### WILD BIRDS PROTECTION ACT.

Under date 24th June, 1932, the following was read from Mr. C.B. Moffat, 21 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin, Hon. Treasurer, Irish Society for the Protection of Birds:- "As the Order prohibiting the taking of certain Eggs in Co. Wexford, issued in May, 1928, expires on the 1st. of March next, the Committee of this Society have entrusted me to write to you hoping that you will bring before your Council the advisability of applying to the Minister for Justice for a renewal of this Order, with such modification as your Council thinks desirable.

"The Council will of course understand that the Order issued in 1930, protecting the eggs of the Chough, Kingfisher, Falman Petrel, Garnet, Turtle Dove, and all kinds



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of Terns, remains indefinitely in force and does not call for renewal.

In the earlier Order there are also some birds named, that do not now need protection under the Wild Birds Act, as they have been converted into Game Birds by the Game Preservation Act, and the taking of their eggs is therefore a heavily punishable offence under the Game Laws. This remark applies to the Lapwing and Sheld Duck. Their continued inclusion in the list will of course be quite harmless, but is not necessary.

"Then there is the case of the Shag, for which we never specially asked protection, though it was given. Compared with the Cormorant it does little harm, as it keeps so much more to salt water; but my Committee are not anxious to advise its retention.

"We are however, aware that some of the comparatively scarce Co. Wexford birds, including the Penguin Falcon, have been the objects of raiding parties within the past couple of years, and we trust that the Co. Council will renew the request for protection of eggs for at least the following species:-

Penguin Falcon, Raven, Rock-Dove, Oyster-catchers, Kittiwake, Puffin, Guillemot, Razorbill, and Manx Shearwater.

My Committee thinks it possible that members of your Council may see cause to ask protection for the eggs of some other birds, but in any case they trust you will not let the whole of the existing Order expire.

"With best thanks for the attention you have always given to this subject."

After discussion the following notice of motion was given by Col. Gibbon:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at next meeting:-"



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"That this County Council make application to the Minister of Justice for a renewal of the following Order under Wild Birds Protection Act 1894:-

"The taking or destroying of the eggs of the following species of Wild Birds to be prohibited throughout County Wexford (including Keeragh and Saltee Islands) between 1st. Day of March, 1932, and 1st. day of August, 1932, and between first day of March and first day of August in each year for a period of four years, from the first day of March 1932:-

Penguin Falcon, Raven, Rock-Dove, Oyster Catcher, Kittiwake, Puffin, Guillemot, RazorBill, and Manx Shearwater."

#### DANGEROUS CORNERS.

Miss O'Ryan referred to the recent fatal accident which had taken place at Tomcoole Corner, and pointed out that some arrangements should be made by which the hedges at such corners should be kept cut in order that the view would not be obscured. She proposed that discretionary powers be given to the Assistant Surveyors to attend to all dangerous corners as the necessity arose.

The Co. Surveyor mentioned that representations from the Co. Surveyor's Association were at present before the Minister for Local Government to provide some simple procedure by which land for the easement of corners could be acquired and it was anticipated that representations of the County Surveyors would be acceded to. At present hedges could only be cut down between October and the following March and very often they reached considerable height in the interval and became dangerous to the travelling public.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, stated that if the Council would give the Assistant Surveyors discretionary



powers to assist owners of adjoining land in cutting back hedges and keeping them within reasonable bounds it would be a very wise step to take.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Gaul and adopted:- "That discretionary powers be given to the Assistant Surveyors to enable them to assist owners of land at dangerous corners to have where necessary, hedges kept within limits, to provide for the safety of the travelling public."

NATIONALIZATION OF INLAND FISHERIES.

The following resolution for the Galway County Council and which is to be considered at annual meeting of the County Councils' General Council, on 15th August, was received for the views of the Council:-

"That the County Councils' General Council request the Minister for Lands & Fisheries to set up immediately a Commission to inquire into the question of the Nationalization of Inland Fisheries and that said commission be instructed to report on their findings in the shortest possible time so as to have necessary legislation introduced without delay."

Mr. O'Byrne said that this resolution had been under consideration by the Executive Committee of the General Council but they decided to refer it back to Galway for more information.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Secretary of the Councils' General Council be informed that the Wexford County Council would require detailed information from the Galway County Council as to exactly what was meant by nationalization of inland fisheries, and also details of the proposed scheme under which the proposal in question could be worked."



COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL'S DEPUTATION TO MINISTER  
FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The following report of deputation from the General Council of County Councils was read:-

"The deputation appointed by the General Council on the 11th December, 1931 (Consisting of the Chairman and Messrs T.F. McGahon and C.M. Byrne) was received by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health on Wednesday 18th May at Leinster House.

As instructed by the Council the Deputation brought the following matters before the Minister:-

- (1) Deductions from Grants in aid of Local Taxation in respect uncollected Land Purchase Annuities.

The Deputation stressed the injustice occasioned by the dislocation of the finances of local authorities through the failure of the Land Commission to secure payment of Annuities over the Collection of which local authorities have not the slightest control. They recalled that the legislation placed ultimate responsibility for the payment of Land Annuities on the rates was enacted by the British Parliament as a safeguard against a possible movement similar to the "no rent" Campaign. Whatever justification for this provision may have existed at that time had ceased to operate as the Collection of the Annuities was now in the hands of a Department of the native Government backed by all the resources of the State and supported by the authority of a National Legislature. They therefore urged the repeal of the provision.

"The Minister stated that when the arrears of Annuities were ultimately recovered, the Local Taxation Account was credited with the amount. The discrepancy between the deduction from the Account and the recoupment to it would be accounted for by the charge in respect of loss on flotation of stock



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He could hold out no hope at present that the law would be altered.

- (2) Payment to County Councils of instalments of the Agricultural Grant and of the Contributions from the Road Fund at the beginning of each Quarter.

The deputation pointed out that County Councils are statutorily bound to meet the demands of Boards of Health and Mental Hospital Committees at the beginning of each Quarter. Furthermore large sums have to be provided to meet road expenditure eventually recoupable in part from the Road Fund. As Councils have to provide the funds necessary to meet these obligations before any rates begin to come in it becomes necessary for them especially in the earlier months of the financial year, to have recourse to overdraft accommodation which had been stigmatised by the Department as an uneconomic method of transacting public business.

The deputation urged upon the Minister, as the most feasible method for obviating or at least minimising recourse to borrowing, that the instalments of the Agricultural Grant should be made available to County Councils at the beginning of each quarter and that one-quarter of the contribution from the Road Fund for expenditure on roads should be paid to the Councils at the beginning of the financial year and quarterly thereafter.

In reply the Minister stated that the instalments of the Agricultural Grant had always been paid in advance since its inception in 1898. There were certain difficulties in connection with the payment in advance of recoupments from the Road Fund but these were made as the work proceeded. He would however take up the matter with the Minister for Finance with a view to seeing if any means would be evolved to facilitate County Councils.



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(3) Loss of Rates on Derelict Holdings.

The deputation drew the attention of the Minister to the loss of rates on holdings allowed to remain derelict by the Land Commission. Even when such holdings are sold no provision is made in the purchase price to meet accrued arrears of rates and not more than two years arrears are recoverable from the incoming purchaser. The deputation urged the appointment by the Land Commission of an agent or agents in each County for the letting of such holdings and the payment of rates thereon. Further that on the sale of such holdings provision should be made in the purchase price for satisfying the full arrears of rates.

The Minister undertook to discuss these matters with the Minister for Lands and Fisheries.

(4) Control and Regulation of Street Trading in Towns and Villages.

The deputation asked that local authorities (in cases where they did not already possess the power) should be empowered to control and regulate Street Trading.

The Minister stated that this matter was being dealt with.

(5) Dates of closing Rate Collections.

The deputation stated they had been instructed by the General Council to suggest that the dates of closing Rate Collections should be altered to the 30th November, for the first moiety and the 31st May for the second moiety. They pointed out that most of the important fairs were held subsequent to the closing dates at present obtaining and that the suggested change would afford farmers an opportunity of selling stock and thereby



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placing them in a position to discharge their liabilities for rates. In the event of the proposed change of dates being considered unfeasible the deputation suggested as an alternative that the system of collection sanctioned for County Dublin might be applied generally and would go far to meet the difficulty.

In reply it was pointed out that the proposed change of closing dates would be impracticable and would involve the alteration of the fiscal year. Furthermore the delay of two months in the collection of local revenues would cause serious financial embarrassment to local authorities. As regards the system of collections operating in County Dublin the Department did not consider it could suitably be applied to other Counties. It was not proposed to depart from the system under which the Collectors were obliged to lodge the full amounts of their warrants by the closing date.

(6) Untarred Margins on Roads.

As regards this matter the deputation agreed that there were engineering objections to the adoption of the suggestion contained in the Council's resolution and that experiments carried out in County Dublin showed that a safe surface for stock could be secured by the use of stone broken to  $\frac{1}{4}$ " or 1" grade.

(7) Proposed Committee of Inquiry into the question of the Sale of Labourers' Cottages to the Occupiers.

In reply to the deputations inquiry as whether a decision on this matter had been arrived at the Minister stated that legislation on the subject was under consideration."



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Mr. O'Byrne proposed that the Government be requested to pay the Agricultural Grant in full. The County Council could not be called to face the burden of unpaid annuities more especially having regard to the moratorium recently arranged for, by the Government. Any financial burden arising out of this moratorium should be borne by the State and should certainly not be transferred to the local authorities.

Mr. Hall seconded the resolution which was adopted.

MONFIELD WATER SUPPLY.

Under date 21st June, 1932, the Local Government Department forwarded Sealed Order No. P.H. 31658/1932 determining the Area of Charge for improving and maintaining water supply at Monfield, Ballyminaun Little, to be the Broadway Dispensary District.

ROAD, WALL ETC., AT BURROW, ROSSLARE.

The following under date 22nd June, 1932, was read from Mr. Patrick Bent, Burrow, Rosslare:-

"As you are already aware the residents of the Burrow, Rosslare, have made an application for a road to and from their homes, and it was pointed out that a road cannot be effected without a wall. You promised that if you received some assistance from the Government in the form of money you would accede to our just claim for a road. We have seen on the papers that the Government is giving grants for roads, water works, etc., etc., In view of the Government's generosity to help the plain people we ask that you Members of the County Council will apply for a small grant and proceed to make the necessary road to and from our houses. We hope that you will act without delay and let us have our just demand remedied."



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The County Surveyor in reply to queries stated that the erection of the proposed wall would cost from £800 to £1,200. There were ten or twelve families living in small cottage holdings at the Burrow.

Mr. Murphy proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted:-

"That application be made to the Local Government Department and Land Commission with a view to securing a grant in order to provide a wall and road for the people of the Burrow, Rosslare."

#### REVISION OF VALUATIONS.

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

"That various applications for revisions of valuation and and changes of names of occupiers submitted to this meeting by our Secretary be approved and forwarded to the General Valuation Department for consideration."

#### WALLS AT CLOHAMON BRIDGE.

Under date 18th June, 1932, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor wrote that as regards the walls at Clohamon Bridge, he saw no reason to alter the opinion expressed by him in letter written to the Council on 27th February, last stating that the Council should repudiate all liability in respect of the matter.

#### POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That new licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act be issued to Mr. Joseph Crangle, Manager, John Bolger & Co. Ferns, and renewals of licences to Daniel Keating, Quay Street, New Ross, Laurence Harpur, North Main Street, Wexford, and Henry Hill, Ballycanew, Gorey.



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NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND  
IRISH FREE STATE.

The following resolution was received from Kerry County Council:-

"RESOLVED:- That we the members of the Kerry County Council heartily approve of the able manner in which Mr. De Valera has dealt with the negotiations between Britain and the Irish Free State and that we call upon all public representatives to support the President and Executive Council."

The Chairman said this was more or less a political matter but he was not adverse to the County Council discussing it, should they so wish.

Mr. Keegan proposed the adoption of the resolution.

Miss O'Ryan said there was nobody in favour of such resolutions coming before County Councils.

Chairman: Another thing it is premature.

Mr. O'Byrne: Not only premature but in my opinion we would get on far better without such resolutions.

Chairman: In the circumstances I will vote it out of order.

FAIRS IN SMALL TOWNS.

Mr. Murphy mentioned that all over the County, fairs were held in the streets of the small towns, which were left in a desperate state. It was hardly fair to ask the people of a district to clean up after fairs and he asked could not the County Surveyor get some of the road men to look after this matter.

Miss O'Ryan was against the proposal.

Mr. O'Byrne said the less the Council said about the fairs at the moment, the better. The question of preventing fairs being held on the streets was acute at the moment



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and discussions likely to arise would not be helpful in allowing matters to remain as they were.

It was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the County Surveyor.

COUNTY COUNCIL WORKER AND LORRY LOADING.

Mr. Keegan asked if Mr. Ennis assistant surveyor had had a strike or a lock-out in a quarry in his area. Mr. Ennis replied that he had not.

Mr. Keegan - Was there anything?

Mr. Ennis - One man went home because he refused to load lorries.

In answer to Mr. Keegan as to who owned the lorry that the man refused to load, Mr. Ennis said it belonged to Mr. Fortune, of Ferns.

Mr. Keegan said he did not believe Mr. Ennis had any right whatever to tell a man to load anybody's lorry employed for the purpose of hauling.

The County Surveyor said that the question of the loading of the lorry was considered <sup>an</sup> ~~the~~ the price. They agreed to a certain price provided they loaded the lorry.

Chairman - Do you want to create a precedent for those men to disobey the district surveyor? Aren't they there to obey his orders? Mr. Keegan - Quite so, but why not treat the men with the lorry the same as the men with the horses?

Chairman - Hasn't the County Surveyor given you an explanation?

Mr. Keegan - I say it is a corrupt practice to get a council's man to load any man's vehicle.

The County Surveyor said that a man with a lorry would charge very much more if he had to keep a couple of men waiting in the quarry.

Mr. Keegan - Why don't you advertise in that way and give every man a chance.



Chairman- This must be some crank of a man that would not obey orders as far as I can see.

The matter dropped.

*Michael Doyle*



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

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MEETING 25th JULY, 1932.

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COUNTY HALL,  
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY.

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 25th July, 1932.

Present Mr. M. Doyle (Chairman) presiding, also Messrs. James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Cline, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Curmins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, Col. C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, William P. Keegan, Thomas Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, James Shannon, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £2,455.7.9d ordinary payments, and £41,249.8.5d. payments to Subsidiary Bodies and Subsidiary Account were examined and signed.

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEES.

FINANCE COMMITTEE. Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 16th June, 1932, were submitted as follows:



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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 16th June, 1932.

Present:- Messrs John Colloton, James Hall, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor and Rates Inspector were in attendance.

The chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £7684.4.6d. was examined and signed.

#### SLUICE GATES, COURTOWN HARBOUR.

Mr Elgee, County Solicitor, stated that in accordance with the directions of the County Council meeting of the 13th June, 1932, he had written Mr. William Lee, Contractor for Sluice Gates at Courtown, that he should finish the work within one week.

He had received the following from Mr. Lee in reply:-  
"In reply to yours of the 13th inst., re Sluice Gates, I am sorry to state it is not possible for me to complete this work within one week, but I assure you I am doing my best to complete the work as soon as possible. I am sure Mr. Barry, County Surveyor, or Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, could explain to you the awful difficulties I have had to overcome during the months of May and April with the floods and gales of wind. The Coiffer dams were washed away on me during the very heavy floods in May, and I could not get on with the work. You cannot make



"progress with this class of work in bad weather, but I am in a very favourable position at present as the weather is good and I will do my very best to complete this work in four weeks or less if possible".

The County Surveyor stated that Mr. Lee had the Pump put up, and had employed a special diver with special lamp and a special electrician in order to stop the holes, which he was having rammed with sand bags. It was a tentative process and very difficult to find out each leak. In spite of them, he had been able to lower the water a foot. Mr. Lee undoubtedly meant to do the job. The mistake he made was, in not carrying out the work in September last, and the explanation he gave for the postponement then was, that some of the fishermen pointed out that if the work was proceeded with at that time it would interfere with the fishing. It was very probable if Mr. Lee, had made this case to the Council, that the postponement would have been agreed to. No doubt the weather in January, February and March had been favourable, but of course this was quite unexpected and it would have been too big a risk for Mr. Lee to have attempted to carry out the work then.

It was decided to refer the matter to next meeting. Mr. Elgee stating that September next, would be the earliest date by which proceedings could be taken as the case was one for High Court.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

##### Close of Collection.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colloton:- "That Collectors Art Dunne, (No. 15 District) and P.F. O'Byrne (No 9 District)



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be informed that unless they finally close their warrants by 20th June, 1932, they will be suspended.

Collection District No. 12.

In connection with personal sureties of Matthew Murphy, recently appointed Rate Collector (No. 12 District). Documentary evidence was submitted from the Manager, Bank of Ireland, Wexford and Mr. M.J. O'Connor, Solicitor, Wexford, as to their financial standing.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colleton:- "We recommend the County Council to accept as personal sureties for Rate Collector, Matthew Murphy (No. 12 District) Matthew Murphy, Ballyroebeag, Blackwater, and Mrs. Mary Murphy, Crosshue, Blackwater, as we are satisfied they are solvent to the amount required under the personal bond <sup>(£400)</sup> of Rate Collectors.

Fidelity Guarantee Bonds.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That Rate Collectors who have not up to the present furnished receipt for payment of renewal of their Fidelity Guarantee Bond, be informed that unless these receipts are furnished to our Secretary before 22nd. June, 1932, drastic steps must be taken against such Collectors. Passed.

Part Payment of Poor Rates.

In connection with acceptance of part payment of Poor Rate, the Secretary pointed out that in a number of cases payments were, in the first instance, made to Rate Collectors who handed in the amount at the County Council Office. It was found in practice that Ratepayers when tendering these part payments would not bring them to the County Council Office or forward them with explanation of particulars to his office.



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On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colloton, the following Scheme was approved:- "That subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department and the County Council the following procedure for acceptance of part payments of poor rate and which are to be accepted only in exceptional cases apply:—"

1. Rate Collectors to be empowered to accept part payments in any case in which certificate authorising acceptance thereof has been issued by the Rate Inspector; such certificates to be issued in very exceptional cases only and in no instance in which less than one year's arrears are outstanding. Copy of Certificate authorising part payment to the Rate Collector to be furnished Ratepayer by Rate Inspector.
2. That Rate Collector lodge separately the amount of each part payment as soon as possible after receipt. That immediate notification of such lodgment be forwarded by Rate Collector to Rate Inspector with Bank receipt in respect of lodgment. That as soon as amount has been lodged to the credit of the County Council a form of acknowledgment of such lodgment (to be countersigned) by the Secretary be issued to Ratepayer. by Rate Inspector.
3. That Rate Collectors be warned that the acceptance of any part payment without the previous issue of the Rate Inspector authorising its acceptance will entail the immediate dismissal of the Collector concerned. X

#### REVISION OF VALUATIONS.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne and seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:- "That Valuation Department be requested to extend date for forwarding lists of tenements requiring revision of valuation to the 12th July,



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owing to the cancellation, in consequence of the Eucharistic Congress, of the Council meeting originally fixed for the 27th June."

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

Under date 4th June, 1932, the Department Local Government (G.40939/32/Fa Loch Garman) <sup>wrote</sup> sanctioning overdraft accommodation up to £20,000 to the 30th September next. Interest thereon to be paid at the agreed rate.

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCE LTD.

Report of the Directors of the above Insurance Company for year ended 31st December 1931 was submitted. The year had been highly satisfactory, the losses after deducting the amounts recovered from the companies re-insurers being less than .62 per cent. of the net premium income. This extremely low loss ratio the report pointed out, considered in conjunction with the satisfactory loss experience of previous years emphasized the wisdom of Local Authorities which had effected their insurance through the medium of a company which confines its operations to the insurance of Public Bodies, which is under their own control, and which preserves for them in the mutually owned funds of the Company the surplus earned by their premiums. During the year the surplus realized by the operations of the company amounted to £3732 . 0. 9d. which with the amount carried forward from previous account made a total of £13521. 3. 6d. available for allocation.

The meeting considered this statement of accounts very satisfactory.

ADDITIONAL RELIEF - RATES ON AGRICULTURAL LAND.

Under date 15th June, 1932, the Department Local Government



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wrote (G.42862/1932 Loch Garman) that the basis of allocation in connection with the vote of £250,000 towards the relief of rates on agricultural land had been already decided and could not be altered.

The ~~firmly~~ following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That Minister for Local Government & Public Health be requested to allow Wexford County Council, in accordance with decision arrived at by meeting of Council on 13th June, 1932, to retain as a credit towards each assessment for 1933/34 the amount of additional Agricultural Grant. That each rated occupier be credited with appropriate amount of new grant up to £10 of total valuation on land of his holdings in the county.

"That this credit be carried forward for each assessment for 1933/34. That Minister be informed that sanction is requested for this arrangement owing to abnormal deduction of £13,255 from Agricultural Grant. That amount of said deduction if not reinstated in the meantime will be budgeted for in Rate Estimate for 1933/34."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That we empower our Secretary to employ the services of temporary Rate Book Staff for preparation of lists of valuation to which the new relief of rates on agricultural land applies."

#### APPLICATIONS FOR COMPENSATION FOR CRIMINAL INJURIES.

The Finance Committee submitted the following resolution to the Council for consideration:- "We are of opinion that the law relating to Criminal Injuries which places on the Ratepayers, liability for the Acts of Criminals, is unduly oppressive. The Government should be requested to introduce a measure for its annulment. The law as it stands at present



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is really for the benefit of Insurance companies and we consider it advisable to point out that no such statute is in operation in Great Britain.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES - FITTINGS ETC.,

The following requisition was received from Sergeant Keenan, Ex-officio, Inspector, Weights and Measures, for Enniscorthy Weights & Measures Office:-

- "1. Counter (fitted at back with shelves, doors and locks).
2. Tripod (for use in taking large beam scales)
3. Water supply run into office (for testing measures)
4. Walls painted.
5. Table for use in testing counter weighing machines.
6. Window casing, etc., repaired (two windows).

It was decided that the County Surveyor be asked for a report in the matter.

ERECTION OF BUILDINGS WITHIN 30 FEET OF PUBLIC ROAD.

Letters were read from William Tobin, Tinraheen, The Ballagh, and Joseph Smith, Tomnalosset, Enniscorthy, in connection with the above. Mr. Tobin pointed out that he was rebuilding a shed the wall of which at the road side was on the old foundation and in consequence he was not certain if it was necessary to obtain the permission of the County Council for its erection. Mr. Joseph Smith referred to the opening of a gateway and widening of the road.

After a discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colloton:-

"That we recommend the Council to instruct Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, to obtain Counsel's opinion as to the powers, duties and responsibilities of the Council under section 92 of the Summary Jurisdiction (Ireland) Act 1851 - 14th and



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15th VIC, Cap 92, and section 33 of Local Government Act, 1935.

GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS.

Notification was received from the Secretary, 4, Cavendish Road, Dublin:- "That the annual meeting of the above body would take place on the 5th August, and matters to be included on the agenda should reach him not later than 31st July."

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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 16th June, 1932 be received and considered."

SLUICE GATES COURTOWN HARBOUR.

Under date 12th July, 1932, the Department of Lands and Fisheries wrote (D/5/2) enquiring how the progress of the fitting of the gates stood at present, and when it was expected ~~that~~ they would be in operation.

The Secretary stated that he had forwarded the following reply to the Department, under date 14th July, 1932:-

"In reply to your letter of the 12th inst., No. (D/5/2) regarding sluice gates at Courtown Harbour, I have to inform you that the following resolution was adopted by the County Council at last meeting:-

"That the Commissioners of Public Works be requested to send down one of their Engineers with experience of harbour work to inspect the sluice gates etc., at Courtown Harbour."

"The above resolution with the following explanatory statement which explains the present position regarding the Contract, was forwarded to the Public Works Department, on the 7th instant:-

"A contract was set to Messrs. Lee Bros., Arklow, to erect new sluice gates at Courtown, and one of the clauses of the Specification provided for the contractor damming the gate chamber and laying dry the floor so as to properly make good sill and the rollerway under the toe of the gates. For some time now the contractor has been endeavouring to properly staunch his dams and to pump out chamber, but he has not succeeded in doing so. The Specification provides that the entire design and responsibility for this work shall be on the contractor, and I, as County Surveyor, have not taken any responsibility in directing him, though I have discussed the matter with him. The County Council considered that as the Fishery Department was responsible for half the cost of the work it might be advisable that their Engineer should inspect the work, and advise the contractor in regard to the completion of the job. I shall be glad if you will bring this matter before your Board."

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 23rd July, 1932, from Mr. Lee, Contractor:-

"In reply to yours of the 19th inst. sorry I was not on the



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"ground when you arrived. I put on a patent foot valve on the 8" pump on 20th. inst. and pumped out the gate chamber until the water was five inches over the gate sill and the pump draws air at the level. I could not get all the water out, but the coffer dams are practically water tight, so I believe the water is coming up in a splay all over the bottom and to overcome this difficulty I have put in a concrete bottom about 8" to 12" thick all over the sea bed on the outside portion, that is from the sill of the gates to the outside or east dam. I have also put in some pipes in the concrete to run some cement grout between the old stones in the bottom. If this should be a success I will be in a position to pump out that portion on Tuesday or Wednesday 26th. or 27th. inst., and then I would be able to fix the gate sill, so if you could call to Courtown on Wednesday you will probably see the gate sill dry."

The following is an extract from the County Surveyor's report:- "The Gate Chamber at Courtown Harbour has not yet been pumped dry. The Contractor, during the past week, has made every effort to deal with this: he has dams quite staunched, and all the large leaks stopped, (but there is a certain amount of seepage coming in through the floor, of the chamber), which it is expected will staunch the chamber, and allow of its being pumped dry."

Mr. Keegan, said it would be admitted that the Contractor was making a great effort to finish the work, but this did not relieve the people who were dying of hunger. At a meeting of the Courtown Harbour Committee the average earnings of the ten boats for ten weeks was £815. Only one boat (and that through an accident) had been able to fish for the past season with the result that 21 men were obliged to make application for home help which he was sorry to say had been refused. They tried on the 23rd. July, to enter the County Home, with their



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families. People should not be allowed to starve like rats in a trap. So far as they could see there was no guarantee that the gates would be finished by October, and there would be no Winter fishing with the result that the hardship and suffering in the district would be appalling. The one man who had been able to get to sea, through an accident, had earned £20 for the last two weeks, fishing out of Arklow. There was no County Council work in the area, and no agricultural labour and he (Mr. Keegan) wished to know what was to be done to save the people. The fault in this matter lay with the Contractor and the County Surveyor, allowing the whole Spring to go by, without having the work carried out.

Mr. O'Byrne said he had every sympathy with the Contractor in his difficulties, but still he was not hungry like the unfortunate fishermen and their families.~ Something should be done for these poor people.

The County Surveyor, in reply to Mr. D'Arcy, said he believed Mr. Lee would complete the job, He nearly had the leakage under control.

The Chairman said that applications for relief were dealt with by a special Committee of the Health Board, who were not ungenerous and there was no doubt they must have considered the applications from Courtown.

Mr. Keegan mentioned that Home Assistance Officer Whitty, told the Courtown men on Saturday last he had no money to give them.

Mr. Hall - About fifty applications came before the Committee but all the money for home help had been expended and really over-expended so it was impossible to deal with the Courtown applications.

Mr. Keegan said there were only 21 cases all told, and so far as he could understand their circumstances had not been



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investigated by anybody.

The Chairman said the County Council had done their best to have the sluice gates put in order but through an unfortunate series of mishaps the work had not been carried out. It was admitted that the Contractor for the past six weeks was certainly doing his best, but if the Council were not satisfied with this, and took up the work, there might be a bigger mess made of it. In his opinion there was a certain amount of exaggeration in these cases from Courtown.

Mr. Keegan challenged the remark of the Chairman's, and invited him to visit Courtown and investigate the circumstances of the distress there for himself.

Mr. O'Byrne pointed out that the people in Courtown were entirely dependent upon the fishing and were unable to procure any other work. As they had not earned a single penny for months back, he could not see where the exaggeration mentioned by Chairman came in.

Mr. Hall pointed out that numbers of other cases of greater hardship than those in Courtown were unable to be dealt with by The Health Board Committee owing to lack of funds. He proposed that they should proceed to the next business. Mr. Walsh seconded the proposal.

Mr. Keegan said the attention of the Superintendant of Home Assistance should be called to the matter.

Miss O'Ryan disagreed. The County Council had no power to interfere with the officials of the Health Board in the discharge of their duties.

The Chairman said the Superintendant would investigate the matter as soon as he could reach on it. He (Chairman) believed it was only on Saturday last, 23rd July, that the matter was considered.

The discussion then ended.



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COMPENSATION FOR CRIMINAL INJURY:- Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

The Chairman referred to a recent application for Compensation for criminal injury from John Cogley, in Tagoat District, in which £20 had been awarded for the burning of a few bushes and interfering with a few fences. He considered it was a great mistake that some evidence was not produced in this case as £2 would have covered the damage. As a matter of fact he would have been prepared to offer his own testimony in regard to the value of the property destroyed.

Mr. Elgee said that some considerable time ago he was in the habit of writing to the County Councillor and to the District Councillors for the district for particulars of criminal injuries, and only in three cases did he ever get any information. He found it impossible to get witnesses for the County Council in these cases.

A poll was taken on the recommendation of the Finance Committee with the following result:-

For: Messrs. Armstrong, Cline, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan and Shannon - (13)

Against: Messrs. Brennan, Hall, Mayler, Murphy, Smyth and the Chairman - (6).

Messrs. Cooney, Jordan and Walsh (3) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

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

"That the recommendation in Minutes of Finance Committee relative to the annulment of law relating to compensation for criminal injury, adopted at this meeting, be forwarded to the General Council of Co. Councils for consideration at the annual meeting of that body.



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

"That all applications for compensation for criminal injury be submitted to the Finance Committee, who are hereby empowered to make arrangements for the employment of witnesses as to value etc."

ERECTION OF BUILDINGS WITHIN 30 ft. OF PUBLIC ROAD:-

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

"That the Department of Local Government be asked to furnish to this County Council the opinion of their Legal Adviser regarding the powers, duties and responsibilities of the Council under Section 9(2) of the Summary Jurisdiction (Ireland) Act 1851 14th and 15th Vic. ~~and~~ Cap. 92 and Section 33 of Local Government Act 1925.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 16th June, 1932, 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 the Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 30th June, 1932 were submitted:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee, was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on June, 30th, 1932.

Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman, County Council, presided, and there were also present: Messrs. John Colleton, James Hall, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4559.1.10d was examined and signed.

#### RENTS - OLD COURT HOUSE PREMISES.

Under date 31st June, 1932, Mr. J. Elgee, County Solicitor, forwarded letter from Messrs. Huggard Brennan & Godfrey, as to the payment of rent to the Sandwith Estate, out of the old Court House premises, Wexford, and pointed out that the County Council could not evade their liability for the payment of the rent, by deciding not to pay same, until title had been shown. Unless they received paying order without delay they would be forced to take proceedings which would involve the Council in further expense.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That in consequence of the undue delay which has occurred in respect of the Sandwith Estate making title to allow the County Council to purchase their interest in the old Court House premises, we cannot recommend any variation in the resolution adopted by the County Council in this



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matter at Meeting on the 13th June, 1932."

In connection with the award of compensation for the burning of the old Court House, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Hall:-  
"That Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, be instructed to make application to the Department of Finance, for the balance of compensation due in respect of the destruction of Wexford Court House, viz. £400."

The Finance Committee are of opinion that this money should be paid without further delay.

#### DEDUCTIONS FROM AGRICULTURAL GRANT.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Shannon and adopted:- "That the attention of the Minister for Finance be directed to the following resolution of the Finance Committee of the 2nd. June, 1932, and which was confirmed by the general meeting of the County Council on the 13th June, 1932, and that an early reply to same be requested from this Department:- "That Minister for Finance be requested to recoup Council from sums received in respect of arrears of Land Purchase Annuities since 1st March, 1932, the sum of £13,255 deducted from Agricultural Grant for 1931/32 in respect of said arrears."

#### EXTENSION OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

Under date 16th June, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.44288-32 Loch Garman Fa) the Minister had sanctioned the extension of Overdraft Accommodation from £20,000 to £33,000 up to the 30th September next. Interest thereon to be paid at the agreed rate."



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INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS.

Notification was received as to applications for the committal of Edward Power, Great Island, (12 years old) and Nellie Brien, Tomsallagh, Ferns ( 7 years old) to Industrial Schools. Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

VOTE OF £250,000 TOWARDS THE RELIEF OF RATES ON

AGRICULTURAL LAND.

Under date 23rd June, 1932, (G.45703/1932 Loch Garman) the following was read from Local Government Department:-  
"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government & Public Health, to advert to your letter of the 18th instant, and to state that as already pointed out, the basis of allocation of this grant has already been decided and must be carried out on uniform lines over the entire country. The Minister could not agree to any different procedure in County Wexford."

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (COMBINED PURCHASING) ACT 1925.

Under date 20th June, 1932, the Department of Local Government, wrote (B.34465/1932 Ilgh (Trachtala) asking for payment of £166.16s. amount assessed upon Wexford County for expenses incurred in the administration of the above Act, during the year ended 31st March, 1932.

It was decided to refer the application to next meeting of the County Council, for consideration.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES) ACT 1926.

Under date 20th June, 1932, (B.31061/1932 Ilgh (S) the Department of Local Government wrote requesting payment of



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£135.2.9d. amount assessed on Wexford County under the  
above Act, in respect of the year ended 31st March, 1932.

Referred to next meeting of County Council .

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Proposed by Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee of 30th June, 1932, be received and considered."

RENTS OLD COURTHOUSE PREMISES: In connection with this matter, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, submitted the following letter from the Department of Finance under date 18th July, 1932, No. (404/296):- "With reference to your letter of the 8th inst., regarding the outstanding balance of an Award of Compensation in respect of the destruction of Wexford Courthouse, I am directed by the Minister for Finance to say that he has been satisfied that the defects to which the attention of the Wexford County Council was previously called have now been remedied and that a sum of not less than £5,000 has been expended in carrying out the work of reinstatement. The Minister has, accordingly authorised payment of the balance, £400, of the Award plus Interest (less Income Tax) making a total of £422.10.5d. As you are aware, the Payees are the Treasurer of the Council and Captain Wm. A. Redmond. The latter Gentleman died recently and before the Paying Order for the above amount can be drawn, it will be necessary to have the Grant of Administration to the Estate of the deceased transmitted to this Department for inspection. As you are, no doubt, in touch with the Solicitors for the late Captain Redmond, perhaps you will be good enough to request them to forward the Grant to this Office. It will be returned when noted."

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (COMBINED PURCHASING) ACT:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Cummins:- "That payment of £166.16s. assessment on Wexford County Council in connection with administration of Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act 1925, be deferred until the Council have funds to meet same. That Local Government Department be asked for details of the cost of the



various heads of administration.

Proposed by Mr. Brennan and adopted:- "That the County Wexford T.D's be requested to take steps to ensure repeal of the Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act 1925, as in our opinion the administration of this Act is of practically no value to the ratepayers."

Mr. Corish suggested that the County Surveyor should be asked to furnish particulars of the amount of materials purchased by him through the Trade Department so that the Council could arrive at some idea of the saving, if any, which had been effected, but no action was taken as regards this suggestion.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES) ACT 1926:- In connection with the assessment of £135.2.9d on Wexford County under this Act, Mr. D'Arcy proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That payment of assessment under Local Authorities (Officers & Employees) Act 1926 be deferred for the present and that it be pointed out to the Local Government Department that the ratepayers of this County were mulcted in hundreds of pounds by the payment of temporary officers, principally medical doctors owing to the manner in which the permanent appointments of officials were held up awaiting recommendations from the Appointment Commissioners."

Proposed by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 30th June, 1932 as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby approved."

Passed.

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 14th July, 1932, were submitted as follows:-



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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on the 14th July, 1932.

Present:- Messrs. John Colloton, Thomas McCarthy, James Shannon and Sean O'Byrne.

The County Surveyor, County Solicitor, Assistant Secretary and Rates Inspector, were in attendance.

The chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy on the motion of Mr. Colloton seconded by Mr. O'Byrne.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £7076.12.1d was examined and signed.

#### HOLIDAYS: COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

The following letter under date 14th July, 1932, was read from Dr. C. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health:-

"I wish to apply for four weeks holiday leave, one week of which is to be taken, beginning July 25th, and the other time to be taken later, probably, in September, The name of my substitute will be Dr. P. Maguire, 24 Gardiner Street, Dublin."

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colloton that Dr. Bastible's application for holidays be agreed to, but that no substitute be appointed, as Finance Committee do not consider a substitute is required at present.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

The state of the Rate Collection as follows, was submitted:-

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| (1) E.J. Murphy: £333. 2. 8d. | (2) J. Quirke: £427.17.6d.    |
| (3) W. Cummins : £257. 8. 5d. | (4) J.J. O'Reilly: £277.5.2d. |
| (5) J. Cummins : £236. 4. 8d. | (6) M. Murphy: £164.13.9d.    |
| (7) T. Rowe: £122.4.7d.       | (8) M. McCarthy: £161.10.7d.  |
| (9) A. Dunne: £216.0.8d.      | (10) P. Doyle: £138.1.10d.    |
| (11) J. Curtis: £133.10.7d.   | (12) T. Bolger: £83. 1. 8d.   |
| (13) S. Cannon: (6) £61.10.8d | (14) P. Nolan: £136.0.0d.     |



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- (15) P. O'Byrne: £61.19.4d. (16) P. Doyle: £46.9.7d.  
 (17) S. Gannon: (10) £30.0.0d (18) J. Deegan: £54.16.7d  
 (19) J.J. Sinnott: £43.9.2d. (20) P. Carty: Nil.

Total £2979. 7. 5d.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, it was decided that the most backward Collectors be notified to proceed more diligently with their collections.

It was also decided to notify Collectors that Finance Committee considered that equivalent to 50% of current warrant excluding arrears should be lodged by 30th September.

EXPLANATION FROM COLLECTOR.

The following explanation from Collector T. Bolger, under date 9th July, as to his failure to attend checking at Gorey on the day appointed by Rate Inspector, was considered satisfactory:

"Reference to your letter of the 9th inst., (1) I did not attend in Gorey for checking on Thursday last. My reason is I have practically all the Demand Notes out now, and on Thursday I called to some of my good clients hoping to be in Gorey by Bank 3 p.m. I called on:

Mr. Jos. Kenny,	Boley, Camolin.	No.
" W. Howell,	" "	"
" Jos. Kenny,	Ballycouran, Craanford.	"
" M. Kirwan,	" "	"
" R. Doyle,	Knockbrandon, "	Yes.
" M. Byrne,	" "	No.
" J. Lyons,	" "	Yes.
" P. Doyle,	Ballyshane, Camolin.	

"When I got to Craanford, which would be 19 Irish miles, as I went it was 2 p.m. old time, so I did not go to Gorey, but checked on Friday evening in Enniscorthy. I asked Mr.O'Kennedy, if he could allow me to check in Enniscorthy which is only 5 miles from me. I trust this explanation is satisfactory."

RATE COLLECTORS' FIDELITY GUARANTEE BONDS.

Correspondence was submitted from the New Ireland Assurance Company and Mr. F. Poyntz, Solicitor, New Ross,



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an agent of the Company, in reference to claim of Mr. Poyntz for agency fees in respect of renewal premiums for Fidelity Guarantee Bonds of five Rate Collectors. The New Ireland Company stated, these fees were payable to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Company, who were recognised agents for this business with the County Council and the New Ireland Company.

It was decided not to intervene in the matter, as the County Council had already approved of insurance business being carried out in all cases where possible, through agency of Irish Public Bodies Mutual Company.

POUNDAGE OF COLLECTORS.

The following letter under date 7th July, No. (G.49201/1932. Loch Garman. Fa) was read from Minister for 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 2nd instant and to state that he sanctions the payment of ordinary poundage in respect of their 1931/32 warrants to the 14 Collectors concerned."

APPLICATION FROM RATE COLLECTORS.

AMALGAMATION OF HOLDINGS.

The following was read from Collector J. Quirke, on behalf of the Rate Collectors:- "I have been instructed by the Rate Collectors of the County to apply to the Finance Committee of your Council for expenses incurred in connection with the Amalgamation of Ratings.

The Collectors consider that 30/- each would be a reasonable remuneration for their services.

I would ask you kindly to place this application before the next meeting of the Finance Committee."

It was decided that County Council be recommended to grant £1 to each Collector.



In connection with cost of preparation of Credit Notes and amalgamation of holdings, which it was estimated would cost between £200 and £250.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. McCarthy seconded the following recommendation:- "That if the full additional Agricultural Grant is to be applied towards relief, on first £10 of valuations of land, we consider the cost of preparing Credit Notes etc., should be borne by Local Government Department, otherwise we are of opinion that the cost of preparing Credit Notes should be deducted from Grant, and that the difference only, be applied towards relief of rates on first £10, or lesser valuation of land held by each Ratepayer.

#### REVISION OF VALUATIONS.

On the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, list of holdings submitted by Collector Bolger, for revision of the valuation on Districts No. 12 and 14, were approved for transmission to the Commissioner of Valuation.

Two licensed houses on which revision was applied for by Surveyor, Customs & Excise, Wexford, were also listed for revaluation in present year's revision.

#### HIRE OF ROLLER.

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from Mr. Peter Scallan, Clonroche:- "I have about four hundred yards of sound car-way that I am thinking of getting rolled, I understand from your Mr. Murphy that I can hire one of your rollers, I would feel obliged if you would let me know if I can do so, it would take about three days to do the job, and I would be ready any time after the end of July.

"The place I am referring to is by the side of the Coolroe road, from Ballymackessy to Chapel Station."



It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon, that Roller be hired to Mr. Scallan at the rate of £2.5.0d per day.

IRISH INDUSTRIAL & AGRICULTURAL FAIR CORK.

The following was read from Great Southern Railways, re special train and cheap excursion fares in connection with Cork Exhibition:-

"With further reference to your letter of the 6th instant submitting copy of a resolution adopted by the Wexford County Council regarding the provision of a special train or cheap excursion fares in connection with the Cork Exhibition. The Company has already run special trains from several important points to Cork in connection with the Exhibition and it is regretted that these trains have not been availed of, to any appreciable extent and the receipts did not cover working expenses.

"If, however, your Council will be prepared to organise a trip from Wexford and Stations to Waterford, the Company will have pleasure in running a train to suit, as it is our experience that without local organisation such trains would not be successful.

"As regards cheap excursion fares: cheap fares are issued to Cork on Fridays and Saturdays available for 16 days, as per copy of handbill enclosed, and for special parties of ten to fifty, single fares are in operation, and for parties over fifty in number the charge is less than single fare."

Mr. Eamonn Barry, official Excursion Organiser of Cork Industrial & Agricultural Fair, attended the meeting.

The Chairman explained that he thought it would be better to have the arrangements made for excursion at meetings of County Council and County Committee of Agriculture on the 25th July. There would be Members present at these meetings



from all parts of the County. He thought that if the excursion were well organised, a party of 500 would travel.

Mr. Eamonn Barry stated, that if that number would be likely to avail of an excursion, he thought it would be possible to arrange a train at a fare of about 8/- , and that if the Company required a guarantee, he would recommend the Exhibition Committee to give same to the Railway Company, so that Council would have no responsibility in that direction.

A general discussion took place as to the most suitable date, length of time excursion party could remain at the exhibition, arrangements re lectures at Agricultural and Horticultural sections etc.

It was decided that final arrangements be dealt with at County Council meeting on 25th July.

Mr. Barry stated that in the meantime he would interview Railway Company, and have definite particulars for County Council meeting.

#### BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER.

##### Case on Premises of Mr. P. Chapman, Haggard, Ramsgrange.

In reference to item on Agenda regarding appointment of Valuer of a Cow and Calf belonging to Mr. P. Chapman, Haggard, Ramsgrange, owing to failure of Veterinary Inspector and Owner to agree as to value.

The Assistant Secretary stated he had been notified by Mr. Lynch, Veterinary Inspector on the 14th July, 1932, that owner had since agreed to Veterinary Inspector's valuation of the animals.



Proposed by Mr. O'Byrne, ~~and~~ seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:- "That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 14th July, 1932, as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

HOLIDAYS COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH:- In connection with the recommendation of Finance Committee letter was read from Dr. Bastible, C.M.O.H., under date 15th July, 1932, pointing out that school inspections had been arranged for week beginning 25th July, in various areas, in addition to inspection of midwives and investigation of water supplies, and it was absolutely impossible for him to leave unless a substitute was appointed to do his work while absent. He would be unable to get any holidays if the resolution of the Finance Committee was not amended."

Under date 22nd July, 1932, the Local Government Department wrote (P.H.55099/1932 Loch Garman Ae) that the Minister was prepared to approve the employment of Dr. P. Maguire, D.P.H., 24, Gardiner Street, Dublin, as substitute for Dr. C. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health during the latter's absence on annual leave.

Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following:- "That Dr. Bastible be granted usual annual leave and that this Council approves of Dr. P. Maguire D.P.H., 24, Gardiner Street, Dublin, acting as locum tenens at a remuneration of £10.10 per week."

This resolution was unanimously adopted.

IRISH INDUSTRIAL & AGRICULTURAL FAIR. CORK:- Mr. Eamonn Barry, Official Excursion Organiser to the Exhibition, came before the meeting and submitted letter from Mr. P.J. Floyd, Traffic Manager, Great Southern Railways, stating that the Railway Company, would run a special train from Wexford town via Rosslare Strand on a suitable date to be selected, with a connection from Enniscorthy, (via Palace East) to Waterford, on condition that guarantees



were given of 200 adult passengers on Wexford train and 100 on Enniscorthy connection. Day trip fares from both places would be 8/-, third class, with proportionate reductions from intermediate stations. Terms had been already given to New Ross for an independent excursion from that town on Sunday 14th August!

Continuing Mr. Barry said those participating in the excursion and who wished to remain over for a second day could do so by paying a fare of 12/-.

After considerable discussion it was decided that Thursday 11th August, be arranged for excursion from Wexford, time of departure 7 o'clock (official time) with corresponding hour of departure from Gorey to meet Wexford train at Waterford."

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. Cline and adopted:- "That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 14th July, 1932, be and are hereby confirmed."

#### COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following report was submitted from the County Surveyor:-

"At a former meeting of the Council the matter of supplying discharging boat for Courtown Harbour was under consideration, and there were two tenders received for same. I was asked to inquire about details of the lower price tender - by Edward Byrne and now report that it is satisfactory, and that the boat to be supplied will be similar to the existing one.

"The painting work at New Ross Bridge is progressing in a satisfactory manner, and as far as the work has gone it is a good job. Provision was made in the Specification for repairing the dolphins when they had been cleaned before the tar was applied by the Contractor, and I am getting this work in hands.

"On the 13th instant a vessel was passing through the opening span at New Ross Bridge which came in contact with the railing and has caused damage. The owner is Captain Crennan of Ballincurragh, Cork. I shall submit full particulars - in report



"from Caretaker. The three standards of the railing which have been damaged I estimate will cost about £6 to have repaired, and I recommend that the matter be placed in the County Solicitor's hands.

"I have had some excavations made on the line of the proposed wall at Saint Helen's Harbour, so as to be in a position to deal with the matter asked for by Department, and have forwarded report.

"I have obtained particulars in regard <sup>to</sup> Pier head light at Kilmore, and I am submitting quotations for same. The lamp we have there at present is not giving satisfaction locally, and I think that if a new lamp be purchased of the design now suggested there should be no further complaint.

"I have application from Mr. Matthew Holbrook, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, to repair water pipe at Ferns. He also asks permission to lay a further water pipe to new house.

"The work on the three road improvement grants, New Ross Road, Bunclody Road and the Rosslare Harbour Road are in satisfactory progress. In connection with the New Ross Road work I ask for allocation from the Contingency Fund for the repair of the diversion from Ballinaboola to Raheenvarren, through Newbawn. This road is now subject to the main road traffic on account of the closing of the direct line, and requires extra expenditure to maintain it. I ask for an allocation of £20 from the County Road Contingency Fund.

The four Relief works approved by the Local Government Department are in progress. The work on Gorey Street is nearing completion, and I believe we may have a small balance in hands from the money allocated. I propose, with the consent of the Council, and the Department, utilising this to improve bad hill on Road No.137 near Tara Hill. I have, on a former occasion, reported this work to the Council, but funds were not available for dealing with it. I attach separate report on Ferrycarrig



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"Bridge".

Proposed by Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Brennan and adopted:-  
"That the Report of County Surveyor presented to this meeting be received and considered."

DISCHARGING BOAT AT COURTTOWN:- The County Surveyor stated he had received tender for the building of a discharging boat similar to the one which was formerly utilised at Courtown Harbour, from Edward Byrne, Courtown Harbour, at £75. There was also a second tender at £115 which he considered too high, though of course, it was for a more elaborate class of boat. The work had been advertised several times and these were the only two tenders which came to hand.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following:- "That the tender of Edward Byrne, for providing discharging boat at Courtown Harbour at £75 be accepted.

Passed.

NEW ROSS BRIDGE:- Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Brennan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-  
"That Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor be instructed to proceed against Captain Crennan, Ballincurrig, Cork, owner of Schooner "Brooklands" to recover cost of repair of damage done by his vessel on 13th July, to New Ross Bridge."

PIER HEAD LIGHT KILMORE:- The County Surveyor submitted from W.R. Hamilton, Bull Ring, Wexford, tenders for Pier Head Light at Kilmore:- One at £10.5s. and a second at £14. less 2½% for discount in London. The existing lamp was unsatisfactory but it had cost only £1.8s.

Col. Gibbon proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded the following resolution which was passed:- "That the County Surveyor be empowered to select either of the lamps in respect of which quotations had been submitted to this meeting from W.R. Hamilton, for Pier Head Light at Kilmore Harbour."



WATER PIPES AT FERNS:- The County Surveyor submitted letter from Matthew Holbrook, under date 22nd July, 1932, asking for permission to open road at Ferns to repair water pipes and also to run water pipe about 30 yards long in road gripe at Ferns Cemetery Road to a new residence occupied by Mr. Walsh.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That the necessary permission to repair water pipes in Ferns and also to lay new water pipe to residence of Mr. Walsh be granted to Mr. Matthew Holbrook, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, work to be carried out in both instances to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

ROAD BALLYNABOLA TO RAHEENVARRIN THROUGH NEWBAWN:- Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Cooney seconded the following:- "That the sum of £20 be withdrawn from Co. Road Contingency fund for repair of road from Ballynabola to Raheenvarren through Newbawn, rendered necessary by this road being used as an alternative route to New Ross - Wexford main road under reconstruction.

Passed.

HILL ON ROAD 137:- Proposed by Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. D'Arcy and adopted:- "That this County Council approves of any sum unspent from Relief Grant for work on Gorey Streets being employed to improve bad hill on Road 137."

FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE.

The following report under date 25th July, 1932, was submitted from County Surveyor:- "Some time ago I had excavations and borings made at Ferrycarrig Bridge to locate line of rock at the abutment on the North side adjoining bascule opening. Subsequently, I have been in consultation with Messrs. Delap and Waller in regard to the best means of dealing with the defective abutment and the contingent jamming of the bascule opening. Owing to the practically vertical drop of the rock at this end of the bridge, we have found that it will be necessary to carry out very extensive alterations, and I have



Preliminary Plans and Estimates for this work, which will run into a high figure: approximately £5,000. This Estimate, I believe, is on the high side, but it would not be safe to calculate at a lesser figure.

On the 15th instant I made a thorough inspection of the bascule, accompanied by Messrs. Delap and Waller, and, also, by a representative of the Firm who originally erected it (bascule). We found that the bascule itself is practically in good condition, and that nearly all the gearing is sound. All these, however, will require a thorough overhaul, and the gearing dismantled, cleaned and made good before reconstruction. I suggest that this work when put in hands should be done by our own mechanics, though the final jacking up of the bascule will have to be in the hands of the Contractor for the re-construction work. Subsequent to our visit we came to the conclusion that the bridge now was in an unsound condition, and that it was advisable to limit the speed of motor and other vehicles over same. Accordingly, I put advertisement in the Dublin and local Papers, and have taken steps to control the traffic at the bridge. I have written to the Local Government Department informing them of this.

"When the reconstruction work is in progress it will be essential to have a temporary bridge to take the traffic, as there is practically no alternative route between Wexford and Enniscorthy and I suggest that this temporary bridge should be immediately erected. I estimate the cost of this at in or about £1,000. Tenders should now be invited for the work as a separate item, and, subsequently, reconstruction work could be put in hands."

The County Surveyor stated the Bridge was erected in 1913 at a cost of £7,000. So far as he could see it was impossible to avoid erection of temporary bridge as Wexford Bridge was unfit for heavy lorry traffic. It would take about three months



to erect a temporary bridge and six months to repair existing structure.

Col. Gibbon mentioned that a fixed bridge would cost very little compared to a swivel bridge.

The County Surveyor said the end of the bridge had been built on a very unsound foundation, and it had been undermined from the start.

Col. Gibbon mentioned that he could not see any probability of boats which would require the opening span of the bridge being used, on the river Slaney.

The County Surveyor mentioned that unless they received an Order from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce to convert the open span to a fixed span the former would have to remain.

Col. Gibbon proposed that a Committee of the County Council be appointed to visit the bridge in conjunction with the County Surveyor, Mr. Delap and an Engineer from the L.G.D. with one representative each from Enniscorthy Urban Council, Wexford Harbour Commissioners and Wexford Corporation, in order to consider in detail the report of the County Surveyor and also the question of closing the opening span of the existing bridge.

Mr. McCarthy seconded this resolution which was adopted.

In reply to Mr. Cummins the County Surveyor stated if the new bridge were erected in line with the railway bridge the cost would be at least £20,000.

The following were appointed a Committee of the Council under Col. Gibbon's resolution:-

Messrs. Culleton, Corish, D'Arcy, Doyle, Gibbon, Jordan, McCarthy, O'Byrne and Walsh.

Date and hour of meeting will be arranged when communications as to the appointment of their representatives have been received from the Wexford Corporation, Wexford Harbour Commissioners and Enniscorthy Urban Council.



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AN ENGINEERING PUPIL.

The Chief Mechanical Engineer of the office of the High Commissioner for India, Belvedere Road, Lambeth, London, S.F.1., wrote as follows to the County Surveyor under date 21st July, 1932:- "The High Commissioner for India desires to obtain facilities for the practical training of Mr. J.B. Singh, a Government of Burma Scholar, in highway engineering for a period of one year commencing at once if possible.

"Mr. Singh is a B.Sc. Rangoon University and recently graduated with Honours B.Sc. London in Civil Engineering.

"I am to enquire whether you are prepared to afford the desired facilities and upon what terms and conditions."

On the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Brennan the following resolution was adopted:- "That the High Commissioner for India be informed by the County Surveyor that the Wexford County Council would be prepared to afford highway engineering training to Mr. J.B. Singh for one year at a fee of £200 to be paid to the Council."

WILD BIRDS PROTECTION ACT.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Col. Gibbon:- "That Wexford County Council make application to the Minister of Justice for a renewal of the following Order under Wild Birds Protection Act 1930:-

"The taking or destroying of the eggs of the following species of Wild Birds to be prohibited throughout County Wexford (including Keeragh and Saltee Islands) between 1st day of March 1933, and 1st. day of August, 1933, and between first day of March and first day of August in each year for a period of four years, from the first day of March, 1933:-

Peregrine Falcon, Raven, Rock-dove, Oyster-catcher, Kittiwake, Puffin, Guillemot, Razorbill, Manx Shearwater and Lapwing."



Mr. Colloton seconded the motion which was unanimously adopted.

ERECTION OF HOUSES WITHIN 30 ft. OF ROAD CENTRE.

The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. Shannon:- "That the resolution of the County Council directing that house erected at Red Pat's Cross be removed as it was within 30 feet of the centre of the Road, be held up until Counsel's opinion has been received as to powers of Council in the matter."

By permission of the meeting Mr. Shannon altered his motion to read as follows:- "That no action be taken on the resolution of the County Council directing that house erected at Red Pat's Cross be removed as it was within 30 feet of the centre of the Road, until this County Council has received the opinion of the Legal Adviser of the Local Government Department as to their duties and responsibilities under the appropriate statutes."

Mr. Clince seconded and the motion was adopted.

DEPUTATIONS TO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

Under date 9th July, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (S) that it had been brought to the notice of the Minister for Local Government that avoidable expense to the rates appeared in some cases to be caused by deputations to Dublin on various local matters. Deputations should not be appointed until it was clear that the matters concerned were relevant to the functions of the local authority and could not be dealt with by correspondence. It was advisable to communicate with the Department concerned beforehand as to the need for the attendance of the deputation, which, when appointed, should be as small as possible, and not more than three in number. When communicating with the Department the estimated expense of the



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proposed deputation should be given.

It was decided to point out to the Local Government Department that since the establishment of the Council not more than half dozen deputations had waited on Government Ministers or officials, and in every instance the members of the deputations had paid their own expenses.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (Officers and Employees) ACT 1926.

Under date 30th June, 1932, the Local Appointments Commission forwarded supply of revised forms which made provision as to whether it was desired that one two or three persons should be recommended to local authorities for appointment to a vacant office.

Mr. Murphy proposed the following resolution:- "That in respect of all vacant offices to be filled through recommendation of the Local Appointments Commissioners, we request the latter <sup>to</sup> send (where available) the names of three suitable candidates."

Mr. D'Arcy seconded the motion.

A poll was taken on this motion with the following result:-  
For: Messrs. Brennan, Cline, Cooney, Corish Cummins, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, Mayler, Murphy, Smith, Walsh and the Chairman - 15

Against: Messrs. Armstrong, Culleton, Jordan, McCarthy, O'Byrne and Shannon - 6.

Miss O'Ryan was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

GOREY TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

Under date 8th July, 1932, the following letter (6290-32) from the Department of Education (T.I.B.) as to erection of Technical School in Gorey, was read:- "I have to acquaint you for the information of the Wexford County Council, that the Department has been informed by the Commissioners of Public Works that the Minister for Finance has sanctioned the issue of a loan



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"of £2,200 from the Local Loans Fund to the Council for the purpose of enabling that body to make a grant of that amount to the County Wexford Vocational Education Committee towards the cost of the erection of a Technical School at Gorey. The loan will be repayable within a period of 25 years with interest at the rate of  $5\frac{3}{4}$  per cent per annum.

"As already intimated in the Department's letter of the 17th May last (No.4474-32) the Minister for Finance consented to a refund being made to the Council out of State funds under Section 51(6) of the Vocational Education Act, 1930, to the maximum extent permitted by the Section, viz., fifty per cent of the actual repayment charges.

"I have to add that no advance on foot of this loan can be made until the Mortgage Deed has been completed and to avoid any delay in issuing the money it is recommended that you should communicate directly with the Commissioners of Public Works relative to the matter at an early date."

Under date 23rd July, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (S55107/32 Loch Garman) that the Minister had obtained the approval of the Department of Finance to the issue of this loan. Formal application for same should be made to the Commissioners of Public Works so that steps should be taken to prepare Mortgage Deed.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne ~~and~~ seconded by Mr. Keegan and adopted:- "That we approve of the borrowing from Local Loans Fund of £2,200 repayable in 25 years with interest at the rate of  $5\frac{3}{4}$  per cent per annum for erection of technical school Gorey on the terms and conditions set out in correspondence from Technical Instruction Branch of the Department of Education. That Commissioners of Public Works be informed that the Wexford County Council are ready to enter into Mortgage Deed for repayment of said loan.



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SOW DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

Under date 16th July, 1932, the following letter (2597/32) was read from the Commissioners of Public Works:-  
"We beg to refer to previous correspondence and to inform you that we have prepared a scheme for the improvement of the drainage conditions in the above named District.

"The scheme provides inter alia for the re-grading of the main river from a point about 800 yards below Kilmallock Bridge to a point about three quarters of a mile above Ballinkeel, so as to drain the low lying flat lands near Ballaghkeen. The excavations will include the removal of 1 to 2 feet of rock below and up to Kilmallock Bridge, at which point extra sinking will be required. Sinking will also be necessary under three accommodation bridges, to the piers and foundations of which repairs may have to be undertaken. All the tributaries in the District will receive such attention as to leave them in good working condition.

"The Minister for Finance has sanctioned the carrying out by us of these works at a cost not exceeding £5,000 which will be borne by the Vote for the Relief of Unemployment - on condition that the Wexford County Council pay the amount due to us under our Charging Order (seven instalments to 1st May, 1932 of £131.12.2d. each or £921.5.2d. plus poundage charge of £46.1.3d, making a total of £967.6.3d) and pass a resolution undertaking to maintain the district as altered by the proposed works, and to pay the other instalments under the Charging Order as they fall due.

"Our Chief Drainage Engineer will be pleased to discuss at this office the particulars of the scheme with the County Surveyor. We shall be obliged if your Council will communicate with us on this subject at an early date."



Messrs. John Murphy, and John Doyle, both of Ballynamuddagh, came before the Council as representatives of the Drainage Ratepayers.

Mr. Corish mentioned that about a fortnight ago Messrs. Mernagh and Doyle, as a deputation from the Drainage Ratepayers, had been introduced to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Works by Messrs. Allen and Keating T.D.'s and himself. They made a proposal that if £500 was given they would deepen the river.

Mr. Olley, Engineer to the Board, who had visited the district on several occasions estimated that the cost would be £5,000 and he (Mr. Corish) presumed that the letter to the Council had been based on the report of Mr. Olley. The inability of the Drainage Ratepayers to pay the amount of the seven instalments under the Charging Order had been referred to, but the Board could not see their way to forego the amount. As far as he understood the matter the Board would be prepared to have the work carried out by the County Surveyor.

After further consideration it was decided that a meeting of the Sow Drainage Ratepayers be held at Glenbrien School house on Monday 1st. August, at 4 p.m. (old time) for the purpose of considering letter from the Commissioners of Public Works as to the improvement of the drainage system.

It was also decided that the County Surveyor, County Secretary and Mr. Corish T.D. should attend this meeting.

#### DEFAULTING LAND COMMISSION ANNUITANTS.

The Secretary stated that according to the lists supplied by the Land Commission the amount of annuities unpaid in the County Wexford to 31st. March 1932, represented a sum of £26,832. 17. 4d.

#### MERCHANDISE MARKS ACT.

Under date 6th July, 1932, the following was read from



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the Department of Industry and Commerce (Trade and Industries Branch), T.I.C. 19336/7:- "I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th ultimo, on the subject of Section 19 of the Merchandise Marks Act, 1932. I am to state that the recommendations made by your Finance Committee, and adopted at a general meeting of the County Council, have been noted.

"I am to inform you that the question of utilising the services of members of the Garda Siochana, as duly authorised officers under Section 19, has been already referred to the Minister for Justice for consideration, and a further communication will be sent to you when a decision on the matter is reached."

CLAIM FOR DAMAGE BY BLASTING.

Under date 12th July, 1932, Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, New Road, Gorey, wrote claiming £15 on behalf of Miss Harriet J. Palmer, Gorey Hill, for damage caused to her meadow and grazing field by stones thrown out from Gorey Hill Quarry in blasting.

The County Surveyor mentioned that the matter had been reported to the Insurance Brokers and would be dealt with by them.

WALLS AT CLOHAMON BRIDGE.

Under date 12th July, 1932, Mr. J.J. O'Connor, Solicitor, wrote on behalf of Mary Agnes Doyle, Clohamon, and William Binnions, Ryland House, calling attention to the condition of the wall adjoining their lands at Clohamon Bridge.

Miss Doyle and William Binnions contended that these walls were built by the County Council some years ago and since then had been kept in repair by the Council. The last work had been done about 1918. One of the walls was broken down in two or three places and was in a dangerous condition, and unless repaired by the County Council proceedings would have to be taken against them.

It was decided to consider this matter in committee.

Mr. Ennis reported that the foreman (A. Clear) who lived in



Clohamon, stated that in 1922 or '23 he put up some loose stone coping which had fallen from these walls. He did it solely to oblige Mr. Kidd and was not paid by anyone for doing so.

John Sheehan, Clohamon, a mason, repaired these walls about 16 or 18 years ago for Mr. Murphy who was then owner of this land. They had never been repaired by the County Council.

It was decided to inform Mr. O'Connor, Solicitor, that the County Council must abide by the advice of the County Solicitor, who held that the County Council were not liable for the repair of the walls in question.

FORD OF LYNG.

The following report under date 20th July, 1932, was submitted from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:- "As instructed, I beg to report the position of the Proceedings herein.

"The Original Summons in the matter was issued on the 17th. November, 1931, naming Joseph M. Meldon, Violet Tynte, and the Great Southern Railways Co., (who were assumed to be the Commissioners constituted under the Wexford Harbour Act 1852) as Defendants.

"It subsequently transpired that Miss Tynte was not the Owner of any Lands in the Locality and consequently, was not one of the Commissioners, and the Great Southern Railways Co., claimed that they were not the Owners of the Railway Property in the Locality, but merely had running powers over the Railway Lines there - Consequently, acting on the Instructions of Counsel the Original Summons was withdrawn in the month of March last.

"Enquiries were then made from which it appeared that a Mrs. Waller, was the Owner of the Lands, which it had formerly been thought belonged to Miss Tynte, and it further appeared that the Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours Company were the Owners of the Railway Line through the Slob Lands.



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"When this information was found out a new Summons was issued, and has been served on all the Defendants through their Solicitors.

"The Statement of Claim in the matter has now to be delivered, and this is in course of preparation, but as the Claim is a very complicated one, and so many Facts, and Acts of Parliament have to be considered, in order that all the points at issue may be covered by the Claim, this will take some time, and the Statement will not be ready for delivery in time to have a Hearing of the Case until next Term at the earliest, but all that can be done, is being done and searches made in different Court and Public Offices for information to enable the Claim to be as full as possible."

The Chairman said he hoped when October arrived, the case would not be deferred until the following term.

FERNS DISPENSARY.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Keegan and adopted:- "That the Seal of County Council be attached to document of surrender of small plot at Ferns Dispensary to the landlord Mr. Donovan, which the Board of Health had agreed to let to Martin Dunbar."

CAMOLIN PARK ROAD.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, in connection with above road:- "I understand from Mr. Allen, T.D., that Land Commission is prepared to finance the cost of making above, conditional on County Council undertaking the after maintenance.

It would be well to take this matter up with Land Commission as the work is necessary both from the point of view of utility and the relief of the many men unemployed in this Area."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the following resolution which was adopted unanimously:- "That provided the Land Commission make suitable road through Camolin Park, the



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County Council will be responsible for its future maintenance."

POISONS & PHARMACY ACT LICENCES.

Proposed by Mr. O'Byrne ~~and~~ seconded by Mr. Hall and passed:- "That renewal of licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act be issued to Myles Byrne, Market House, Main Street, Gorey."

HOUSES WITHIN 30 ft. OF CENTRE OF ROAD.

Under date 2nd. July, 1932, Sylvester Roche, 96 North Main Street, Wexford, wrote that he was building a shed at Park, but was informed by Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, that it should be 30 ft. from centre of road. It was only 20 feet but this was three feet inside wall and railings. He could not go back any further and the shed was almost completed.

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

"That no action be taken by this County Council in connection with the erection of shed by Sylvester Roche at Park, Wexford."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Jordan:- "That as regards house under erection by James McCormack, The Ballagh, Enniscorthy, the County Council take no action although the building is within 30 feet from the road centre."

ANALYST'S REPORT.

It appeared from the Analyst's Quarterly Report to June, 1932, submitted to the meeting that the following analyses had been carried out:-

198 foods, 54 drugs, 1 water, Total 253. Number adulterated  
New Milk - 5 Whiskey - 1

PETROL PUMP LICENCES

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. McCarthy;) "That Petrol Pump LicenceSissue to John Rose, 1 Rafter Street, Enniscorthy."



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"These pumps ~~were~~ formerly licensed in the name of Thomas Stretton, who is succeeded in occupation by Mr. Rose."

DRAINAGE OF BOIRA AND CAHORE DISTRICTS.

In reply to Mr. O'Byrne, the County Surveyor stated he had communicated with the Land Commission as regards Boira Drainage.

Mr. O'Byrne said there were 85 men unemployed in the district and 700 acres of land affected.

The County Surveyor stated he would again call the attention of the Land Commission to the condition of affairs at Boira.

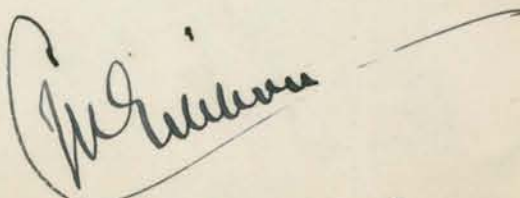
In connection with the gullet crossing the road at Cahore and connecting the drainage ~~system~~, Mr. Smyth mentioned that the official in charge of the work said that the gullet was unable to carry the necessary volume of water and the Council should either enlarge it or take whatever steps were necessary to make it really effective.

The County Surveyor stated he understood from the Engineer to Commissioners of Works that the gullet would be repaired as part of the scheme.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the District, mentioned that the gullet was not broken down but was blocked with silt. It was always considered to be part of the drainage system.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Smyth seconded:- "That in the event of the gullet crossing road at Cahore not being repaired by Commissioners of Public Works, the work be carried out at the expense of the Council."

Passed.



8 August 1932.



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

MEETING HELD ON 8th. AUGUST, 1932.

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COUNTY HALL,  
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY.

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 8th August, 1932.

Present: Messrs. James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Cline, Patrick Colfer, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, Col. C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, Thomas Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryaa, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, James Shannon, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

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

On the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Brennan the chair was taken by Col. Gibbon.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed after which Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman, attended and presided for the remainder of the business.

#### PAYMENTS.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hayes:- " That the several proposals for payment amounting to £674.10.2d submitted to this meeting and including payments for Roads and Public Works certified by County Surveyor on Form 22 be and are hereby adopted subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

#### CONFIRMATION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:- The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 28th July, 1932, were submitted as follows:-



RATE COLLECTION:- The Secretary stated that the following showed the percentage of warrants collected by each Rate Collector, since he had received his books up to the 31st July, 1932:-

	<u>Percentage to 31st. July, 1932.</u>
J. Quirke	11.8
P. Nolan	11.3
J. Curtis	10.7
M. Murphy	10.5
S. Gannon	
(Mr. Kelly's District)	10.2
E.J. Murphy	9.7
S. Gannon (No.10)	9.4
A. Dunne	9.14
W. Cummins	9.13
M. McCarthy	8.9
T. Rowe	8.8
J. Cummins	8.1
T. Bolger	7.2
P. O'Byrne	6.89
J.J. O'Reilly	6.86
P. Doyle	6.8
J. Deegan	6.4
W. Doyle	6.3
J.J. Sinnott	4.9
P. Carty	3.5

Continuing the Secretary stated that the amount of Rate lodged to date was £9255, approximately 9% of warrant. For the corresponding period last year the amount collected was £12,463 or 12% of warrant. The Rate Collectors were anxious to obtain from the Council, a direction which they could show ratepayers as to the necessity for rates being paid promptly. They believed this was necessary owing to the present economic upset.

The Chairman and Mr. McCarthy held that it should be unnecessary to furnish Rate Collectors with any instructions. They knew those who were able to pay as they moved amongst the people every day, and if they complied with the terms of their warrant they could not be asked by the Council to do more.

Col. Quin considered that if a letter were furnished to the Collectors pointing out that unless rates were paid County Services could not be maintained, it might help the



Collectors in the discharge of their duty.

Mr. Culleton said that very large numbers of Ratepayers were just living from hand to mouth and as they could not dispose of their stock they were unable to pay their way.

The Chairman corroborated Mr. Culleton's statement.

Col. Gibbon raised the question as to how the Government Grants had been paid and enquired if any were in arrear.

The Chairman mentioned that as regards the payment of the Agricultural Grant the Local Government Department declined to alter the present procedure.

Col. Quin, after further discussion proposed that the Secretary be instructed to communicate with the Rate Collectors and point out to them that they should impress upon all ratepayers how necessary it was that rates should be paid promptly as otherwise it would be impossible to carry on the County Services and undue hardship would be inflicted upon the poor especially.

Mr. Hayes seconded.

Mr. O'Byrne pointed out there was a standing order from the Council to the Rate Collectors, to secure prompt payment of rates from all who were in a position to pay.

Mr. Murphy mentioned that if the time of payment could be extended till after the harvest it would help the farmers very considerably. At present no money was coming in, and they found it extremely difficult to pay their labour bill. If they were obliged to pay their rates, it would mean they would be compelled to discharge some of their workmen.

A poll was taken on Col. Quin's resolution with the following result:-

For: Messrs. Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Cummins, Gibbon, Hayes, O'Ryan and Quin. (8)

Against: Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Smith and the Chairman (7)



Messrs. Cooney, Corish, Shannon, D'Arcy, Hall, Jordan, Mayler and Walsh (8) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the resolution adopted.

The Chairman stated that since the opening of the meeting he had received a letter from Miss E. Whelan, Ballyorley, Ferns, stating that she wished to come before the Council in regard to seizure of 33 sheep, her property, which had been made at the instance of Mr. Joseph Cummins, Rate Collector, (District No. 8) for rates. These sheep had been put up for sale; there was no bidder and Mr. Cummins then bought them for £10 and had them at present in his possession. She and her people held five farms and paid poor rates of £70 per annum.

After some discussion it was decided to afford Miss Whelan an opportunity of submitting the circumstances of her case to the Council, but she failed to appear and the matter dropped.

Col. Quin considered it was a matter for a Court.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, in reply to Mr. D'Arcy, said it was perfectly legal for the Rate Collector to buy in the sheep when there were no bidders.

PERSONAL SURETIES OF RATE COLLECTOR:- The Secretary stated that he had received from the Manager of Munster & Leinster Bank, New Ross, intimation that Mr. James Furlong, Scullabogue, could be considered as a suitable security in a bond of £400 for Mr. Doyle (Rate Collector No. 2 District).

A similar communication in respect of Mr. Michael Furlong, Raheenakennedy, Adamstown, had been received from the Manager, National Bank, New Ross.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Brennan, and adopted:- "That in view of communications received from Bank Managers, Messrs. James Furlong, Scullabogue, Newbawn and Michael Furlong, Raheenakennedy, Adamstown, be accepted as personal sureties for William Doyle, Rate Collector (District No. 2).



PROPOSED EXCURSION TO CORK.

Mr. Eamonn Barry, official Excursion Organiser, of the Irish Industrial and Agricultural Fair, Cork, wrote that in connection with the proposal made at the last meeting of the County Council, that the proposed excursion to Cork, should take place on the 11th August, 1932, it had been found necessary to change the date of the excursion to the 14th, as from enquiries made in many representative quarters, it would appear, that with the week~~day~~ excursion the numbers would not reach the requisite figure stipulated as a guarantee by the Railway Company, whereas a train on Sunday would be well patronised.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince, the Secretary was instructed to communicate with Mr. Barry and point out to him that, the replay of the Leinster Senior Football Tie (G.A.A.) between Dublin & Wexford, which had been fixed for Sunday 14th August, would very seriously interfere with the number of those who would be likely to take part in the Cork excursion. The Council suggested it might be more advisable if the excursion would be postponed to Sunday the 4th September, 1932.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on the 28th July, 1932 be and are hereby adopted."

BOARD OF HEALTH LOANS.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice stood in the name of Councillor Gaul:- "That the Council consents to the borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of £1,600 for the purpose of acquiring and developing site and erecting a residence for the Medical



"Officer of the Bunclody Dispensary District - County-at-large Charge."

It was circulated to the Members of the Council on the 4th July, 1932.

By permission of the meeting Mr. Armstrong, in the absence of Mr. Gaul, moved the resolution which was seconded by Col. Gibbon and adopted nem. con.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice and which had been circulated to the County Councillors on the 4th July, 1932, was moved by Col. Quin:-

"That permission be accorded to the County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance, to borrow <sup>the</sup> sum of £306 for the purpose of providing water supply at Clonattin Road, Gorey, area of charge to be Gorey Rural District."

Mr. O'Byrne seconded the motion which was passed nem.con.

#### SLUICE GATES COURTOWN HARBOUR.

Under date 29th July, 1932, the Office of Public Works forwarded (14047/32) report of one of their Assistant Engineers Mr. C.S. McNeill, as to his inspection of Courtown Harbour, on the 27th July, 1932,. The following is copy of the report:-

"Along with Mr. Barry the Co. Surveyor, I inspected the work at the sluice gates yesterday.

The new gates are hung in position and cofferdams have been erected on each side of the gates for the purpose of exposing the cill and runway, the former of which is to be renewed while the latter may require repair.

After some little difficulty the Contractor made the cofferdams staunch but could not succeed in pumping the dam dry on account of leakage through the points of the invert or stone pitching in the bed of the channel. To overcome this difficulty, the Contractor covered with an 8 inch layer of concrete, all that portion of the invert seawards of the gates



"Thus raising it to the level of the cill. He then attempted to pump out the dam, and had it almost dry when two serious "blows" or leaks occurred in the uncovered portion of the invert, which, on account of the runways, he was unable to cover.

He is now engaged in trying to staunch these leaks by pressure grouting and provided this be successful the dam can be pumped dry and the works proceed without interruption.

Other than pressure grouting I know of no other method of staunching the leakages that would likely prove successful.

All I could do, in the circumstances, was to suggest, in case the first grouting did not hold, the use of a 1 to 1 mixture instead of neat cement, and also the application of "Sika" to hasten the setting of the grout under water.

The Contractor has been making every effort to overcome difficulties which could not have been foreseen."

Under date 5th August, 1932, the following report was read from the Co. Surveyor:-

"I beg to report, for the information of the County Council, that on Wednesday evening, 3rd instant, the Contractor for this work at last succeeded in pumping dry the gate chamber. I was present at the time, and had an opportunity of examining the existing cill, which is in a thoroughly sound condition. On my leaving the job the Contractor was about putting in new timber piece so as to come flush against the gates, and this should make this portion of the job entirely satisfactory. I left Mr. Treanor in charge of the work."

The Co. Surveyor said there was still a little water coming in but it was kept under control by a small pump. He had notified Mr. McNeill that he had given instructions to Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, to flood the upper chamber and leave the lower one empty, in order that they could ascertain if the flooding had been completely obviated. He had no doubt,



that unless something unforeseen occurred, the work would be finished this week.

TURF V IMPORTED COAL.

Under date 28th July, 1932, the Local Government Department (Circ.S 51/32) wrote that it was desirable for Local Authorities to give early consideration to the possibility of substituting turf of suitable quality for imported coal in the institutions and premises under their charge. In the first instance the Authorities should call for an early report from their officers as to the availability of turf, of the monthly fuel requirements in detail and of the maximum extent to which turf might be substituted and the probable comparative cost. If it was possible in some localities, to more fully avail of coal from Saorstat Collieries than hitherto, this important consideration should receive due attention.

The Co. Surveyor considered, that with anything like the general demand, there would not be sufficient turf in the County.

Mr. McCarthy considered this was a matter more for the Board of Health and the Mental Hospital.

The Co. Surveyor stated that during the coal strike, one Co. Surveyor had utilised turf in his engines fairly successfully.

Mr. O'Byrne thought it would be worth ascertaining whether turf could, or could not, be used effectively in the County Council engines.

Mr. Armstrong said that any amount of turf could be procured on Mount Leinster.

The Chairman said he would like to know what would be the probable cost.



Col. Quin mentioned that he had used turf but had found it very dusty, while the cost of transport was prohibitive. Neither did it give off sufficient heat.

The Co. Surveyor questioned if it would be possible to use turf in their engines. Irish coal would not be suitable, unless the fire bars were altered.

After further discussion it was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Co. Surveyor submit a report to the Council covering the queries set out in the letter of the Department of Local Government under date 28th July, 1932, (Circ. S. 51/32)."

#### HOLIDAYS OF COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

Under date 6th August, 1932, the Local Government Department wrote (P.H.58569/32 Loch Garman) (Ae) approving of the proposal to appoint Dr. Maguire, D.P.H. as locum tenens during the absence, on annual leave of Dr. Bastible, C.M.O.H., the rate of remuneration to be £10.10s. per week.

#### SOW DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

In connection with letter from the Office of Public Works under date 16th July, 1932 (2597-32) the following report was presented:-

"A meeting of the Drainage Ratepayers in connection with the offer of the Board of Works to provide £5,000 for the improvement of the Sow Drainage system, was held at Glenbrien School on 1st. August, 1932.

Mr. John Doyle, Ballynamuddagh, presided and a large number of Ratepayers were present, but some of those whose contributions to the administration of the scheme, were heaviest, were absent.

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



"Mr. Corish T.D. M.C.C., was unable to be present owing to another engagement.

The proposed improvements and also the work which had been carried out by the Board of Works under the Drainage Maintenance Act of 1924 were considered in detail.

It was pointed out by the Ratepayers:-

1. That they were already responsible for the repayment of £3,948.5s. to cover the work under the Drainage Maintenance Act of 1924 and which had been a complete failure. From the time this work was completed to the present, the land had been constantly flooded and was useless for agricultural purposes.
2. The Work complained of, was started by the Board of Works without the approval of the Ratepayers.
3. It was considered something should be done to compensate them for the losses caused by the failure of the activities of the Board of Works to obviate the flooding. In this respect some of the Ratepayers regarded the £5,000 now offered as a set off against their losses.
4. Something should be done to repeal the Drainage Maintenance Act of 1924 under which every drainage system in the Country can be placed under the control of the Board of Works. The latter is empowered to appoint an engineer to inspect any drainage system. If he reports that it does not reach the Board's requirements, they can step in, and carry out any work they desire, and no matter how small this may be the Drainage Ratepayers are ousted from control of the system which is handed over to the County Council, who have no desire to be brought into conflict with numbers of disgruntled people. The Ratepayers present pointed out that they were not aware of the contributions for which they were responsible under the Charging Order of the Board of Works. Neither their welfare, wishes nor convenience was



- taken into account when the control of the system was taken from them by the Board of Works.
5. Bearing in mind the present depressed state of agriculture it would not be possible for them to pay the seven instalments in arrear under the Charging Order. Proposals regarding this matter will be submitted to the County Council later.
  6. If it be found feasible to accept the £5,000 from the State, Ratepayers are strongly of opinion they should be consulted as to the details of the work, and their opinions as to what should be done, should receive favourable consideration.
  7. In view of the present Bank Rate, Ratepayers feel that the Interest under the Charging Order viz.  $5\frac{1}{2}\%$  is exorbitant and should be reduced. Their total indebtedness under the Charging Order is £3,948.5s. representing Principal £2378.0.3d. and Interest £1570.4.9d, the figure in the latter case being over 50% of the advance made.

It was decided to adjourn further consideration of the matter to meeting to be held in Glenbrien School on 5th August, 1932, at 5 p.m. official time.

Those in attendance promised to endeavour to secure the attendance of all ratepayers concerned, at this meeting."

"The adjourned meeting on Friday 5th August, 1932, was well attended.

The Co. Secretary and Co. Surveyor were in attendance.

It was stated that several consultations of the Drainage Ratepayers had taken place in the meantime.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Lambert seconded by Mr. Mernagh:-

"That as the Drainage Ratepayers have derived no benefit from the restoration works carried out in 1925-26 by the Commissioners of Public Works we now offer to be responsible



"for the sum of £1,200, repayment to be spread over a period of 20 years, and payment to run, after the £5000 State Grant has been expended on the drainage system for new restoration work. That the existing loan and arrears be cancelled. The commuted sum now offered represents the full amount of our capacity to pay and will at the moment be a greater burden on us than the original loan was in 1926. It is manifest to all that the capacity of the ratepayers to pay has depreciated by 50 per cent. in recent years.

That we request the Wexford County Council to place our views and the circumstances of our position before the Commissioners of Public Works."

Col. Gibbon proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following which was adopted:- "That the report of Sow Drainage Ratepayers, submitted to this meeting be forwarded to the Office of Works for favourable consideration.

#### SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES.

SECONDARY SCHEME:- The following under date 23rd July, 1932 was read from the Office of National Education:-

"Adverting to your communication of the 8th instant relative to the scholarship awarded by your Council in 1928 to James Donnelly, who is now a pupil teacher in Rockwell College, and to your statement that this boy would have received a scholarship for the fourth year value £50 but for the fact that he had secured a pupil teachership, I am directed to refer to the circular letters (copies herewith) issued to Co. Councils by this Department explaining the attitude of this Department in the matter. I am also to refer to this Department's letter to you in connection with the 1930 scheme in which it was stated in connection with the clause excluding pupil teachers and Preparatory College students from the benefits of your Councils Scheme, that should any case arise under this clause it would be open to consideration by the Department.

In the case at issue at the moment there is the further point



"that the scheme submitted by your Council in 1928 and approved by this Department does not provide for the exclusion of a scholarship holder from the benefits of your Council's Scheme because of appointment as pupil teacher or admission to a Preparatory College. In the circumstances it does not appear that your Council is empowered under the provisions of the approved scheme to withdraw the scholarship for the fourth year from this boy, and I am to request that you will be good enough to have the matter further considered by your Council from this point of view.

An early reply will be deemed a favour."

The enclosures referred to in this communication were also read for the meeting.

Col. Quin proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the letter from the Department of Education under date 23rd July, 1932, relative to fourth year's secondary scholarship of James Donnelly, Hilltown, Ballymitt, with enclosures thereto, be referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, for his advice."

UNIVERSITY SCHEME:- Under date 6th July, the following results of the Summer examination of students holding University Scholarships from the Council in Session 1931/32 and furnished from University College, Dublin, were read:-

Michael Tobin	Passed the First University Examination in Arts with Second Class Honours in Irish.
Mary F. Kelly	Passed the First University Examination in Arts with Second Class Honours in Irish and English.
Barbara Lowe	Passed the First University Examination in Commerce with Second Class Honours in Irish.
John Dunphy	Passed the Second Year College Examination in Commerce.
Michael F. O'Keefe	Did not reach the Pass Standard at the Second Year College Examination in Arts.



John J. Hunt

Passed the Subsidiary subject for the B.A. Degree. Further report after the Degree Examination in Autumn.

Gatherine Kickham

Passed the subsidiary subject for the B.Comm. Degree. Further report after the Degree Examination in Autumn.

In the case of Arthur J. Nix a report will be forwarded after the Autumn Examinations.

The following resolution was proposed by Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted:- "That Michael F. O'Keefe, University Scholar under this County Council be asked for an explanation of his failure to reach the pass standard at second year college examination in Arts, and how he proposes to make good this failure."

Under date 3rd August, 1932, Miss Elizabeth Hogan, 69 South Street, New Ross, wrote, that as she had now completed her training for teachership, she intended to avail of County Council University Scholarship which had been held over for her since 1930. She had decided to attend the Galway University.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That we approve of Miss Elizabeth Hogan, 69 South Street, New Ross, taking up her University Scholarship at Galway University."

MEETING OF SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:- It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That the Scholarship Committee <sup>meeting</sup> to consider syllabuses of Scholarship Schemes (Secondary and University) be held in the County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on Saturday, 27th August, 1932 at 10.30 a.m.

HOUSES WITHIN 30 ft. OF CENTRE OF ROAD.

In connection with the erection of house at Tomduff, Enniscorthy, and which had been referred to the County Board of Health, copy of Minutes of meeting of that Body was submitted. They had referred the matter back to the County Council.



After discussion it was decided that the matter be further adjourned until the Council have obtained the advice of the Legal Advisor to the Local Government Department, as to the powers, duties and responsibilities of County Councils in regard to buildings which have been erected without their permission within 30 feet of the centre of a road or within 30 yards of same.

Under date 11th July, 1932 the County Surveyor submitted letter from Sylvester O'Neill, Ballingale Mills, Ballycarney, stating it was his intention to build a house beside the Ferns - Bunclody road between Tombrack and Strahart. He wished to know if he could build same on old foundations and where there was a house years ago.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Brennan it was decided that Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the District be requested to furnish a detailed report relative to application of Mr. O'Neill.

#### St. Helen's Quarry.

The County Surveyor submitted letter from Mr. Michael McCarthy, St. Helen's, Kilrane, under date 17th July, 1932, claiming £5 loss caused to him since lorries started drawing material from St. Helen's quarry.

Mr. McCarthy stated in his letter he had land rented on the 11 months' system at Ballywittich. He was driving his three cows and one other head of cattle from St. Helen's to this land, until the lorries started drawing stones from the quarry and since then he was unable to put his cattle upon it. The land was idle as a result of having to confine the animals to the small piece of land available at St. Helen's. They were in very poor condition and he asked the Council to give this matter their kind consideration.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, stated that Mr. McCarthy could not sustain any claim against the Council carrying out their ordinary work in using the road and they should disclaim liability.



The Chairman complained of the recklessness with which the lorries drawing stones from this quarry were being driven.

The Co. Surveyor said he had cautioned these drivers several times, but would again communicate with the Assistant Surveyor for the district in the matter.

COMPLAINT BY ROAD WORKER.

Under date 5th August 1932, Myles Noctor, of Barmoney, Bree, who stated he was a labouring man with a wife and family living in a labourer's cottage, wrote that he had only secured a few odd day's road work, amounting in all to about three weeks, during the past nine months. When work was resumed in Barmoney Quarry, a few months ago he had made repeated applications to the foreman, without success, although the foreman knew he was badly in need of work. If there was anything against him, he was not aware of it. There never had been any complaint by previous Surveyors of the manner in which he had discharged his duties. A few weeks ago he approached Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, for work but he was informed that sufficient men had been engaged. He (Noctor) then asked for the drawing of the water but was informed, a man had been already engaged. Noctor pointed out to Mr. Birthistle that the man employed was drawing a weekly pension. Mr. Birthistle mentioned, he knew nothing about that. The man, for reasons other than the pension was not employed for water drawing, but his son aged about 19 years, who left his employment with a nearby farmer took up the job.

Out of about eight men working on the quarry, three were unmarried and only one local. Apart from it being the rule to give preference to married men, it was a wretched state of affairs to give jobs to young unmarried men, whilst a man with a wife and family was allowed to go hungry.



After discussion it was decided to request a detailed report in the matter from Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, for the district.

#### IMPROVEMENT OF CURRACLOE ROAD.

Mr. Corish stated, he had been informed that the men who were hand-breaking stones on the Curracloe road were only able to earn £1 per week at 3/6 per cubic yard.

The Co. Surveyor held that they should break  $1\frac{1}{2}$  yards a day easily.

Mr. Colleton mentioned that some of these men had never broken road material previously, and it was probable they would improve with practice.

Mr. D'Arcy pointed out that the men were being paid at the same rate as breaking by machinery would cost, in accordance with the resolution of the Council.

#### CONDITION OF ROAD - CAIM AND KILLANNE.

A memorial signed by twelve large Ratepayers in the district calling attention to the bad state of the road between Caim and Killanne was read. A good deal of lorry and ordinary motor-car traffic passed over this road and if not put in proper repair before the commencement of the Winter it would be impassable.

The Co. Surveyor stated that this was one of the roads which he intended to bring forward when grants were available. In this particular instance the Memorialists had forwarded copy of that supplied to the County Council, to the Local Government Department, whose Chief Road Engineer, Mr. Quigley, had asked him (Co. Surveyor) for a detailed report in the matter. The road was very badly pot-holed and as soon as grants were available he would endeavour to have it put in good condition.

#### ROAD - NOLAN'S KILN TO DUNMAIN CROSS ROADS.

Robert Conway, Dunmain, New Ross, wrote under date 18th July, 1932, again calling attention to the awful condition of the roads



in his locality, particularly that from Nolan's Kiln to Dunmain Cross Roads. No class of traffic could pass over it after a very short time. There were pot holes on it from 4" to 6" deep and 3ft. square, and as thick as they could be.

The Co. Surveyor stated he had scheduled this road for repair under State Grant and he would carry out the necessary repairs as soon as funds came to hand.

#### CHAPEL LANE BUNCLODY.

The seventeen residents of Chapel Lane, Buncloody, wrote under date 26th July, endorsing the application made on their behalf by Mr. Armstrong, County Councillor to have Chapel Lane, closed to all "through" traffic, which was very dangerous to pedestrians, especially young children and was also very injurious to their houses. The closing of this lane could in no way inconvenience any section of the public.

Mr. Armstrong, moved a resolution that the wishes of the inhabitants in this matter should be complied with. It was not by any means an important thoroughfare, most of it in fact was only 10 feet wide. It was maintained by the County but he never saw any work being carried out. Recently it was being used by lorry drivers as it saved them about 20 yards in contrast with another route.

Mr. Corish pointed out in order to comply with the wishes of the residents of Chapel Lane, it would be necessary to have a Local Government Inquiry.

Mr. Armstrong said in that case he would withdraw his resolution and the matter dropped.

#### BLACKWATER DISPENSARY.

Under date 20th July, 1932, the following was read from Catherine Dunne:-

"I beg to inform you that I am directed by the members of the Co. Board of Health to have the Dispensary (at present on my premises) enlarged and as the extension would be close to



"the main road Mr. Cullen (Surveyor) who has been to see the place directed me to write and inform you so that you may possibly bring the matter before the members of the County Council at the next meeting on the 25th inst. "

The Co. Surveyor stated that he would arrange with Mr. Flood, Engineer to the Health Board, to meet him at the Dispensary, and see how best the matter could be dealt with.

The meeting approved of the Co. Surveyor's suggestion.

#### POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT.

On the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne the following resolution was adopted:- "That renewals of licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act, be granted to Mr. F. Daly, General Manager, Enniscorthy, Co-operative Society, and Edward Redmond, The Harrow, Ferns.

#### PROPOSED PENSIONS FOR ALL COUNTY COUNCIL EMPLOYEES.

The following resolution was submitted from Tralee Urban Council, under date 12th July, 1932:-

" RESOLVED: That the Government be asked to approve of granting pensions to employees of County and Urban District Councils, in whatever capacity employed, when they attain an age which renders them incapable of further employment and that their amount of service be taken into consideration in assessing such pensions. That these pensions be made a Government charge. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all County and Urban District Councils in the Irish Free State and to the seven Kerry representatives in Dail Eireann."

Col. Quin suggested that the resolution should be marked read, but Mr. Cooney proposed and Mr. Hayes seconded its adoption.

Mr. McCarthy considered the resolution was too indefinite.

After further discussion a poll was taken on Mr. Cooney's



proposal, with the following result.

For: Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Hayes, O'Byrne and Shannon. (9)

Against: Messrs. Brennan, Colleton, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Meyler, McCarthy, Murphy, Miss O'Ryan, Quin, Smith, Walsh and the Chairman. (14)

The Chairman declared the resolution lost.

THE COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE GOVERNMENT.

Mr. Cummins said he wished to propose a resolution and judging by the feeling of kindness and harmony which had prevailed that day, he anticipated it would be carried unanimously. The resolution which was very simple was as follows:- "That we express our fullest confidence in the Government and its leader, Eamon De Valera, in the fight that is being made against England."

Miss O'Ryan seconded the resolution.

Col. Quin said this was politics and should be ruled out.

The Chairman said that at the second last meeting of the Council a resolution of this kind had been brought up and Miss O'Ryan then stated these resolutions did more harm than good and should be ruled out of order. He (Chairman) had ruled the resolution of that time out of order, and following that precedent, he also ruled the present one out of order.

Miss O'Ryan sought to speak further, but the Chairman left the chair and said if they were not satisfied with his ruling they could appoint somebody else to preside.

At the close of the meeting the Chairman said that a number of people were in the habit of forwarding correspondence on County Council and other official business to him at his own residence. He wished the Press would publish a note, that for the future all correspondence of this kind should be addressed to the Co. Secretary and unless this were done he would refuse to countenance it at all.

*Michael Doyle*



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

MEETING, 29th AUGUST, 1932.

M I N U T E S.

COUNTY HALL,  
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY.

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 29th August, 1932.

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £389 was examined and signed.

#### ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman said that before proceeding to the election of Chairman for the year, he wished to say that having held the chair for four successive years, he did not wish to hold a monopoly of the position and would be very glad to support any other member for the position. He would be only too happy to support any one who had any anxiety or ambition for the chair. He was very much obliged to the members for having so often elected him and was also very thankful for the support he had as their Chairman received, but really he did not consider it right to have a monopoly of the chair and he would be glad to support any other member who desired to go forward.

Col. Gibbon proposed the following resolution:-

"That Mr. M. Doyle be re-elected Chairman of this County Council for year 1932-33 to hold the position until his successor has been appointed and has taken office." Mr. Doyle, he said, was their oldest member and had the most experience of the work.

Mr. D'Arcy seconded the resolution, which was adopted nem. con.



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The Chairman said he was very much obliged to the members for their unanimous election and appreciated very heartily the compliment they had paid him. He had done his best in the past and would continue doing his best in the future. He could not promise wonders. He feared they would have a very strenuous year and one which it would not be easy to get through. It would be difficult to keep their Institutions financed, while the Country was taxed to the utmost capacity. He wished it had been otherwise as he would be glad to see the Country in a more prosperous condition. He hoped before the year terminated to see some signs for the better and a very considerable improvement on the present position.

The Chairman then subscribed the usual declaration of acceptance of office.

#### ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN.

Col. Gibbon proposed and Mr. Murphy seconded the following resolution, which was adopted without dissent:-

"That Mr. James E. Walsh be re-elected Vice Chairman of this County Council for year 1932-33 to hold the position until his successor has been appointed and has taken office."

Mr. Walsh in returning thanks, said, that the Chairman had given such a good attendance during the past year, that his (Mr. Walsh's) duties were light. In Mr. Doyle they had one of the best Chairman of any County Council in Ireland, one who carried on the business without fear, favour or affection. If it fell to his (Mr. Walsh's) lot to preside, he would do his best to maintain the high traditions of the Chairmanship of Wexford County Council. He endorsed the remarks of the Chairman as to the future. They were passing through very troublous times and he did not see where the Country would land, if something was not done to relieve the agricultural community of their present oppressive burdens.

Mr. Walsh then subscribed the usual declaration of office.



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COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following report was submitted by County Surveyor:-

"The work under improvement grants is proceeding satisfactorily. The two jobs for laying of concrete slabs are working out well as regards cost, and as already approved of by the Council, I am transferring part of estimated saving to the tarring work on the Rosslare Harbour Road. In connection with Grant K.852 - Enniscorthy - Bunclody Road - I wish to ask for extension of time for keeping the road closed. It was impossible to commence the work on the original date fixed, as there was difficulty in getting sand, the greater part of which had to come from the north, and, consequently, the slab work could not proceed until we had sufficient sand on the ground. I suggest that the Local Government Department be asked to extend the time for a further period of three weeks.

"The work on the four Relief Grants on the first allocation of £3,000 is in progress. The original work laid out in Gorey Town has been completed, leaving a saving of about £150, and, with the sanction of the Local Government Department, I am expending this on the improvement of the surface of the bad hill near Tara Hill. This was a work which was before the Council on several occasions, but was held up for want of funds. There is now a further allocation of £3,000, and I suggest that the Killanne - Enniscorthy Road and New Ross - Dunmain Road be improved under this - allocating £1400 to the Killanne Road, and £1600 to the Dunmain Road. Both of these jobs were approved of by the Council, and the subject of memorials.

At a former meeting of the Council the suggestion of making a new road through Camolin Park was under consideration, and the Land Commission asked to be furnished with an estimate of the probable cost. The proposed road is



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"in or about 900 perches in length, and will cost £200.

"On the 12th instant I wrote to Mr. Patrick Rellis, Tombrack, Ballycarney, requiring him to remove a tree which was dangerous to the road. It is particularly necessary that this tree should be now removed as the roots extend under the roadway which is about being concreted, and will certainly injure the slab, besides being a danger to the public. I ask for authority to be given to the County Solicitor to take proceedings, in the event of the owner not removing the tree.

"I submit report in connection with the complaint of Myles Noctor regarding Barmoney Quarry.

"At a former meeting of the Council reference was made to a gullet at Newtown in connection with the Cahore Drainage Scheme. I have inspected the place, and am satisfied that the work is entirely in connection with the drainage, and should not be undertaken as a County Road job. The putting in of a new and sufficient gullet would, I estimate, cost at least £60 and I consider that the Board of Works should be asked to carry out the work.

"The painting of New Ross Bridge is now practically completed, the only work to be done being the tarring of the dolphins, which has been delayed owing to the extensive repairs having to be done to the timber work. I consider the work has been well carried out by the Contractor up to the present time.

"On the 11th instant I met Mr. Doyle, Engineer, representing Board of Works, at Courtown Harbour. On that date Messrs. Lee had the gate chamber pumped dry, and we were able to make a final inspection. I consider that the Contractors have done good work, taking into account the very great difficulty they had in running dry the dam. The restoration of the spillway which had been ~~open~~ opened to relieve the pressure is now in progress, and the Contractors have a diver at work clearing away the under-water parts of the dam which could not be removed otherwise. The job as a whole I consider



"good. On the 24th instant Mr. Waller, representing Messrs Delap and Waller, Engineers, was with me at Ferrybank Bridge. On morning and evening tide he carried out diving work making a full under-water inspection of the bascule opening piles. The lower parts of these piles are thoroughly sound, but on the north side of the bascule at low water level piles have suffered injury from the thrust of the slipping abutment. The repair of these and also of any overhead damage could easily be carried out when the reconstruction of the end is in progress. On the 25th instant the Committee appointed by the Council met at the bridge, and Mr. Waller and myself were in attendance. There will be before you the Committee's detailed report."

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted:-

"That the Report of County Surveyor to this meeting be received and considered."

ENNISCORTHY - BUNCLODY ROAD:- Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem.con.:-

"That application be made to the Local Government Department for a further extension of one month for the closing of the Enniscorthy - Bunclody Road (Grant K.852) alternative route to be as at present."

Col. Quin said the work appeared to be very well carried out.

ALLOCATION OF GRANT £3000 - County Roads:- In connection with Grants for County Roads, the following under date 11th August, (R.F.U.32) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to his letter of 8th June, last, and to state that he has received the approval of the Minister for Finance to the making of a further grant of £3000 to the Wexford County Council for the improvement of County roads, making a total grant of £6,000 to date. Suitable schemes for the



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"expenditure of the amount should be submitted without delay. The needs of the Enniscorthy - Killanne road about which representations have been made to this Department should be borne in mind.

"All labour required for the schemes must be recruited through the Employment Exchange in accordance with the terms of this Department's Circular Letter of 22nd ultimo."

Mr. O'Byrne disagreed with the County Surveyor's suggestion . The grant was made, not on the basis of improving the roads but to relieve unemployment. For that reason he was of opinion that it should be distributed equally over the four County Electoral Areas.

Mr. Cooney called attention to the fact that there was a tremendous lot of unemployment in the districts south of New Ross Area as they obtained less ordinary grants than other district in the County.

The Chairman pointed out that New Ross got an equal share of the first £3,000 Grant for County roads with the other three districts and it was wrong for Mr. Cooney to deny this.

Mr. Keegan said the people in Tara Hill, Gorey, were very badly hit through unemployment and were in a very bad way. The whole countryside was barren with the result that agricultural labour was not required whereas in the other districts there was a possibility of the unemployed obtaining a few days' casual work with farmers.

Mr. Cooney held that New Ross was entitled to preferential treatment with regard to this grant owing to the fact that their ratio for ordinary grants, compared with the other districts, was as 1 to 5.

Mr. Murphy held that the Council should recognise as a general principle that the districts should have equal shares in these grants, £750 would not put the Dunmain Road into good condition but when the next instalment of this grant reached the Council another section of this thoroughfare could be dealt with.



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Mr. O'Byrne then proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following resolution:-

"That the £3,000 grant from Local Government Department for improvement of County roads be apportioned in equal shares to the four County Electoral Areas."

Mr. Cooney proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution:- "That the £3,000 grant for the improvement of County Roads be allocated in accordance with the recommendations of the Co. Surveyor's report."

Mr. Roche argued as the roads in North Wexford were so much superior to those in the South, more of the grants should be spent in the latter area.

The Co. Surveyor stated he looked upon this grant as an instalment and that the Council would obtain £20,000. The recommendation of the two works set out in his report, was caused by the fact that they had been discussed at great length by the Council, and a decision arrived at that as soon as money was available it should be spent on their improvement. He did not object to the division of the £3000 in equal shares over the County provided that the balance of the work on <sup>the</sup> two jobs which he recommended would not be cut out and the Council would be prepared when money was available to finish the full sections as recommended.

A poll was taken on Mr. Cooney's amendment with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Brennan, Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Cummins, Doran, Meyler and Walsh. 8.

AGAINST: Messrs. Culleton, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Keegan, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin, Roche, Smyth and the Chairman. 13.

Messrs. Gaul, Jordan and Shannon (3) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

After discussion a vote was taken on the motion of Mr. O

O'Byrne to distribute the grant in equal shares among the four



County Electoral Areas with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Keegan, Meyler, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin, Roche, Smyth, and the Chairman. 15.

AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, Colfer, Cooney, Doran and Walsh. 5.

Mr. Clince (1) did not vote, and Messrs. Gaul, Jordan and Shannon (3) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

The Co. Surveyor suggested that the £750 for each district should be spent on the following works:-

Enniscorthy : Killanne - Caim Road.

Gorey: Tara Hill Road on road Killenagh to Ballycanew.

New Ross: Dunmain Road.

Wexford: Kerlogue and Murrintown Road.

Mr. O'Byrne mentioned that 45 people were unemployed in the Monamolin District. Sometime ago the Council had agreed to the erection of a bridge there but the work had been held up, owing to want of funds. He considered that in view of the large incidence of unemployment in the district this bridge should now be erected.

Mr. Keegan mentioned that the road from Gorey to Tara Hill, was in a very bad condition and there was also a large number of people unemployed in the district.

Mr. O'Byrne said that Monamolin Bridge would not cover all the portion of the grant for Gorey Area.

Col. Quin pointed out that the Gorey - Tara Hill road was not much used by the public.

Mr. Hall was of opinion that unemployment was more rife in Ballycanew district than in any other portion of the County and for that reason Killenagh - Ballycanew road should, if possible, be included under the grant.

The Co. Surveyor pointed out that he was not certain if the Local Government Department would agree to the erection of the bridge out of the grant but of course he would put the query to them.



Mr. Gaul was of opinion that something should be done for the streets of the Village of Taghmon as they were in a very bad way.

The Co. Surveyor pointed out as they were on a link road they would have to wait for a grant covering their class.

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

"That from the grant of £3000 received from Local Government Department for County roads, the following expenditure be agreed to; Killanne - Caim road - £750; Gorey - Monamolin Bridge; Tara Hill - Gorey Road; Killenagh - Ballycanew Road £750, amount in each of these cases to be apportioned by the Co. Surveyor. Dunmain - New Ross road £750 and Kerlogue Murrintown Road £750."

CAMOLIN PARK ROAD:- On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Hall the following resolution was adopted;- "That the Co. Surveyor furnish to the Land Commission, full details as to the cost of proposed road through Camolin Park and which the Council are prepared to maintain, should the construction be carried out by the Land Commission."

REMOVAL OF DANGEROUS TREE:- Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Co. Solicitor be directed to take proceedings against Patrick Rellies, Tombrack, Ballycarney, to have dangerous tree on Enniscorthy - Bunclody road removed."

Col. Quin said that if this tree was on his land he would allow it to be removed without law proceedings.

EMPLOYMENT AT BARMONEY QUARRY:- In connection with the complaint of Myles Noctor as to his inability to obtain employment at Barmoney Quarry, the following report under date 27th August, 1932, was read from Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, for the district:-

"With reference to complaint made by Myles Noctor the following are the facts, so far as I can gather.

"He has a large family, but practically all members are out



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"at work. He never made application for a job in the quarry except on the one occasion to me. This was just prior to arrival of the stonebreaker.

"I was aware that man drawing water to engine had a small pension. When originally selected this man was in dire distress. He only has the pension for a comparatively short time. He has a wife and two boys to support. The boys get occasional work with the farmers.

"Out of seven men in quarry two are unmarried. One is a regular hand as he has many dependants. The other has been taken on each year, and usually only when the breaker is there.

"In conclusion Noctor has not worked in this quarry since August '22. He lives in a Council cottage, and I am informed is also whole or part owner, with his wife of a house and about six acres of land adjoining the quarry."

Miss O'Ryan said there were two members of the one family employed at Barmoney and this started jealousy. This was the district she represented and she felt sure that the Council would be quite safe in allowing this matter to remain in the hands of Mr. Birthistle. She then proposed a resolution to this effect which was seconded by Mr. O'Byrne.

Mr. Cooney, as an amendment proposed the following:-

"That Myles Noctor be employed at Barmoney Quarry whenever work is available for him.

There was no seconder for this proposal and Miss O'Ryan's resolution was then put and passed without dissent.

#### CAHORE DRAINAGE AREA.

The Co. Surveyor said he was satisfied that the drain in question had nothing to do with the road.

Mr. O'Byrne mentioned that the Board of Works Official in charge of the improvement of the drainage held, he had no authority to interfere with the road, and gave that as a reason why, they would not carry out the work at the bridge.



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The County Surveyor said he had discussed the matter with the Board of Works Engineer who was to submit plans to him. The Board of Works knew they had nothing to do but ask for permission to open the road in order to obtain it. This was an artificial drainage cut, for the maintenance of which the Council would not be liable.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor submit report relative to maintenance of Newtown bridge, Cahore Drainage Area, to the Board of Works."

DAMAGE TO NEW ROSS BRIDGE.

In connection with the paragraph in the Co. Surveyor's report, the following was read from Thomas Lee, Caretaker of New Ross Bridge:- "In putting down Shannon Cable, the Electricity Supply Board damaged a lot of the painting - top rail and base. It would want to be seen to and given another coat of paint."

Under date 20th August, 1932, letter was read from the Secretary, Electricity Supply Board, (A.220/1/1 (a) S1/HJS) referring to his letter of the 20th January 1931 regarding the Board's intention to lay cable in the river bed at the opening span of the Barrow Bridge, New Ross, and which work was not proceeded with, at the time owing to unfavourable weather conditions. The Board now desired to proceed with the laying of this cable and enclosed plans etc.

The Secretary stated that he had written to the Electricity Supply Board, that this letter would be submitted to the meeting of County Council on 29th August, 1932, but the work had been carried out in the meantime.

The Co. Surveyor said that the employees of the Electricity Supply Board did not take particular care in laying the cable with the result that the painting had been considerably damaged.



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Mr. Cooney said that one side of the swivel bridge would have to be repainted.

Col. Gibbon proposed:- "That the County Surveyor furnish Electricity Supply Board with estimate of the cost of repainting the portion of New Ross Bridge damaged by the employees of this Board when laying electric cable and point out to the Board they should authorise the Co. Surveyor to carry out the work in accordance with his estimate, or be prepared to do the work themselves to the satisfaction of the Co. Surveyor."

Mr. Walsh, who seconded the resolution, said the damage to bridge arose from gross neglect. It would have been quite easy with a little care to have laid the cable and done no injury to the painting.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

COURTOWN HARBOUR:- Col. Quin asked if it was a fact that the sluice gates would not open and shut, as they would not go fully back.

The Co. Surveyor said that attention was drawn to this matter in his report. The Contractor was engaged at this work at the moment.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, for the district, mentioned that the work at Courtown was not quite finished but the gates closed easily on the night of the 27th August.

Col. Quin said that owing to the great delay in the construction of the gates he had been informed that the entrance channel at Courtown Harbour would have to be dredged.

The Co. Surveyor disputed this and considered that the amount of water ponded behind the sluice gates would be sufficient to clear the harbour quite easily.

Col. Quin also asked if the end of the South Pier was not being undercut.

The County Surveyor replied that he had no information in regard to this matter, but would have the pier examined.



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Mr. Keegan said the Contractor for the erection of the gates was the worst sufferer and in spite of great difficulties had made a very good job of the work. A whole season's fishing would be lost unless the channel was cleared out and there was no guarantee that this would be done by the ponded water.

The Co. Surveyor stated he would have the place sluiced out on the 31st August, and believed with the freshet in the river after that day's rain that the place could be cleared.

It was decided to await the result of the flushing referred to, by the Co. Surveyor before dealing further with the matter.

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

"That the Report of Co. Surveyor to this meeting be adopted except in so far as same had been altered or amended by resolution."

BUILDING ADJOINING ROAD 349.

Mr. James Middleton, Ballymure, Kilmuckridge, wrote that he wished to build a new concrete shed on an old foundation on a straight line - three feet inside of old hedge.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, reported that he inspected the place on 24th August. The building was inside the hedge and did not cause an obstruction. It was on a line with existing buildings though it was not 30 feet from the centre of the road.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed:- "That the County Council take no action in respect of new shed at the premises of Mr. James Middleton, Ballymure, Kilmuckridge."

Mr. Hall seconded the resolution, which was adopted.



TAIL RACE OF MILL AT MEELGARROW.

Mr. Shannon raised the question of the repair of tail race of mill at Meelgarrow, Clonroche, at Mr. Patrick Oandon's, over-flow from which was injuring the road. If the County Council was responsible for repair, no time should be lost in carrying out the necessary work.

The County Surveyor said it was difficult to fix liability for private gullets. If built under permissive presentment the Co. Council would be responsible.

It was decided that Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, for the district, should visit and report to next meeting of the Council.

BUILDING NEAR INCH RECTORY.

Col. Quin called attention to the erection of a building adjacent to the Rectory at Inch, which was being built inside a hedge and was not 30 feet from the centre of the road.

It was decided that Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, should inspect and report.

ERECTION OF SHED.

The Co. Surveyor submitted letter from John Kavanagh, Old Pound House, Wexford, applying for permission to erect a cow shed at Clonard. This would come against the road wall but on an old foundation and there were sheds there already.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, for the district said he had inspected the place. The proposed building was a lean-to shed on a wall 6ft. 8inches to 8ft. high, and was a continuation of Mr. Kavanagh's dwelling house. It was no more an obstruction than the dwelling house. He (Mr. Birthistle) had no objection to the work proceeding.

On the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Gaul it was decided to take no action in this matter.



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GROUND RENT - WEXFORD OLD COURTHOUSE.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, stated he had been served with a Civil Bill by Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, for the recovery of a half year's ground rent (Sandwith Estate) for old courthouse and he felt sure, as the Grand Jury and the County Council had been paying this rent without objection for a long number of years past, a decree for the amount would be given against the Council.

Mr. O'Byrne was of opinion the Council should fight out this matter in the Court. The position of the County Council was that, they had purchased this ground rent for a sum of about £1400 but the Sandwith people appeared not to be able to make title. If they were unable to produce title for a sale he did not see how they had title to collect the rent.

Mr. Elgee said he was afraid they could offer no defence to the Civil Bill.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That Civil Bill against County Council for recovery of ground rent (Sandwith Estate) Wexford Old Courthouse, be defended. That Mr. Elgee explain the circumstances to the Circuit Court Judge and ask him to put a stay upon the decree, until title is produced, and the owners are in a position to accept purchase money from the Council."

BLACKWATER DISPENSARY.

The Co. Surveyor mentioned that at the last meeting of the Council application had been received from Mrs. Catherine Dunne, Blackwater, owner of the Dispensary, stating that she wished to extend her premises as the Health Board wanted more accommodation for the dispensary than was afforded at present. He met Mr. Flood, Health Board Engineer, on the ground. The



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building was within 30ft. of the road centre. It was proposed to put a lean-to against the existing building and extend in a straight line. The site was above the level of the road and was bounded by a retaining wall. It was in a line with the existing buildings and he had absolutely no objection to the work being carried out.

Proposed by Mr. D'Arcy and seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted.

"That the County Council take no action in connection with the extension of Blackwater Dispensary premises."

#### FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE.

The following report of Ferrycarrig Bridge Committee was submitted:-

"A meeting of Ferrycarrig Bridge Inspection Committee was held at the Bridge on 25th August, 1932, the following being present:-

#### Representing Wexford County Council.

Messrs. J.E. Walsh, Vice-Chairman, County Council, who presided.  
Col. Gibbon, Messrs. J. Colleton, T.F. D'Arcy, Sean O'Byrne, County Secretary and County Surveyor.

#### Representing Wexford Corporation.

Mr. Thomas Walsh.

#### Representing Enniscorthy Urban Council.

Mr. Kenneth Browne.

#### Representing Wexford Harbour Commissioners.

Mr. R. Houston, Chairman.

Mr. Waller (Delap & Waller, Consulting Engineers, Dublin) pointed out that the trouble was caused owing to the fact that the wall, the bridge originally ended in, was slipping and the heavy traffic was shaking down a heavy weight of earth. It was perfectly manifest that this was pushing forward the structure and that the bridge was under tremendous compression. It was absolutely jammed tight and to stop the thrust going any further



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the only thing was to get right back and tie the abutment to the solid rock, putting in extra piles to carry the beams back to the rock. The work would take about six months. They considered a temporary bridge which they estimated would cost £1000 would be necessary.

Col. Gibbon considered they should put the £1000 into Wexford Bridge and strengthen it, instead of putting up a temporary bridge at Ferrycarrig.

The Co. Surveyor said that Wexford Bridge would not be made capable of dealing with heavy traffic by the expenditure of £1000.

Col. Gibbon said it was not fair to put such a huge sum on the shoulders of the Ratepayers. The very heavy traffic should be turned on to the railway or be made take an alternate route.

The Co. Surveyor said when they had to use an alternate route previously a road bridge broke down and the repair cost was £350. Besides they would, if they utilised Wexford Bridge, have to keep a permanent watchman on it.

Mr. Waller thought that the temporary bridge might cost a lot less than £1000 when tenders were received. When they were estimated for this bridge prices were rising.

There had been a forward thrust of  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches within five years and the tops of the piles had been knocked off.

After inspection some of the Members of the Committee said they did not realise until then how serious was the position and admitted it was really necessary that the work at the abutment should be carried out.

In reply to query Mr. Waller stated that when the proposed works had been carried out there could be no further thrust as the abutment would be disconnected from the main structure.

Col. Gibbon believed that the Council would not be satisfied to provide a temporary bridge as practically all the heavy traffic could go around by Ballymackessy and Killurin.



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The actual increased mileage would not be more than seven miles by this route which was by a main road. He considered that if a temporary bridge was not provided the actual time for the closing of the bridge could be considerably lessened.

The Co. Surveyor mentioned that in a work of this description it was difficult to be tied down for its completion to a really definite date, and for that reason they had specified six months. It might be done in four, but no one could say with actual certainty. Mr. Waller suggested that probably if the Committee would ask the Council to keep an open mind as regards the erection of a temporary bridge they could decide definitely upon this point when tenders were received. They might get a satisfactory tender for a temporary bridge at £500.

The members of the Committee stated that even this reduction in cost would not influence them in having a temporary structure.

Mr. Browne said that as one of the principal users of the bridge his firm would not make any objection to using the alternative route in the circumstances.

Col. Gibbon said as regards the opening span if it was found an opening up the structure that very extensive damage was apparent it would be better to put the beams right across. If on the other hand the damage was only as estimated at present it would be better to retain the opening span.

The Committee then decided to report to the Council.

- (1) That the work proposed by the County Surveyor for reconstruction of the abutment was absolutely necessary., and should be carried out with as little delay as possible.
- (2) So far as could be ascertained at present it will be possible to retain the present opening span of the bridge. Should it be found at a later date, more economical to have the present span fixed the Committee recommended that steps should be taken to obtain powers towards that end.



Mr. T. Walsh, on behalf of the Wexford Corporation, said his body objected very strongly to any proposal to interfere with the opening span. It might be possible with future developments that this span would be necessary for navigation and the Corporation had no intention of surrendering any rights which they held in this matter, at the present time.

The County Surveyor mentioned that large vessels would not be able to use the river up to Enniscorthy unless a channel costing half a million could be dredged. It would be very unlikely that this development would be adopted.

Mr. Houston, Chairman of the Wexford Harbour Commissioners, said that so far as his Commissioners were concerned they did not see any possibility of the bridge being used for navigation purposes beyond those at present. He did not think the County Council need expect any opposition from the Commissioners, should they decide upon having a fixed, instead of, an opening span. The Harbour Board would, however, like a proviso put in, that if at any future time it was necessary for the trade of the river, an opening span would be provided. This was a small safeguard as he looked upon the provision of an opening span, to his mind, as a very remote possibility.

Mr. O'Byrne said that all the work possible should be done before the bridge was closed.

Mr. Waller mentioned that in view of the fact that the idea of providing a temporary bridge was now abandoned, the plans and specifications would have to be altered. This would be done certainly by the 3rd September, when everything would be ready for advertising. Intending Contractors should be given up to the 30th September, to lodge their tenders and the latter could be considered at the meeting of the County Council on 10th October. The bridge might be closed by the middle of November but accommodation would be afforded for pedestrians and cyclists.

The Committee agreed to the above dates."



Col. Gibbon proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the report of Ferrycarrig Bridge Committee be received and considered."

Col. Gibbon in moving the adoption of the report, said that in view of the fact that alternative routes were quite suitable for heavy traffic and that the bridge would be closed for probably only three or four months the Council would not be warranted in spending £1,000 on the erection of a temporary bridge, that would be of no value when the work was completed.

Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion which passed without dissent.

Col. Gibbon moved the following which was seconded by Mr. D'Arcy and adopted:-

"That in addition to obtaining the consent of the Minister for Local Government to close Ferrycarrig Bridge for essential repairs the Minister be requested to invest the Council with powers prohibiting the passage of heavy traffic - viz. lorries of over 4 tons all in - over the road from Enniscorthy via Ballyhogue to Killurin. Unless this was done the cost of repairing the damage to the Ballyhogue road would be nearly as much as would be spent in the erection of a temporary bridge."

Mr. O'Byrne seconded the resolution which was adopted.

Col. Gibbon called attention to the necessity of further banking of the dangerous corner at Ferrycarrig Castle. He considered this was absolutely necessary for the safety of the public. He then proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted:-

"That a sum of £20 be withdrawn from appropriate Contingency Fund for the purpose of providing increased banking at the dangerous corner at Ferrycarrig Bridge, Wexford District."



DANGEROUS BATHING PLACES.

Mr. Murphy referring to a recent drowning accident at Duncannon said there were dangerous spots all along the Wexford coast about which bathers were unaware, and he wished to know who was responsible for providing notices calling attention to the public in this matter.

Mr. Cooney said the inhabitants of the locality should be able to put up notices for a couple of shillings.

The Chairman said the County Council had no responsibility in the matter.

Mr. Murphy pointed out that all along the shores of small bays there were no inhabitants and it would be very difficult to collect local subscriptions to purchase notices in these cases.

After further discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Murphy seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:-

"That the attention of the Irish Tourist Association be called to the necessity of having notices exhibited in places dangerous to bathers along the Wexford coast. That County Councillors be requested to supply the necessary particulars for such list, each in respect of his own immediate district."

BURROW ROSSLARE.

On the 7th July last, the following letter was written by the County Surveyor to Local Government Department and the Land Commission, but beyond an acknowledgment no reply had been received:-

"At meeting of the Wexford County Council held on 30th June last, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That application be made to Local Government Department and Land Commission with a view to securing a grant in order to provide a wall and road for the people of the Burrow, Rosslare"

"I have been directed to bring this matter before your Board and to ask for consideration in the matter. The Wexford County Council considers that as the work is outside of the ordinary



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"routine of road maintenance, and that it is mainly also a benefit to local land owners on the Burrow it is proper that it should be dealt with under a Relief Grant. It is estimated that the cost of the work would be in or about £1,000."

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

"That the Department of Local Government (Roads) and the Land Commission be requested to furnish a definite reply as to the application of this Council for a Relief Grant to provide a wall and road for the people of the Burrow Rosslare."

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES) ACT 1926.

Under date 26th August, 1932, letter was read (B.31061/32 Ilgh (S) from Department of Local Government requesting payment of the sum assessed on Wexford County Council under the above Act.

The Chairman stated that application for payment in this matter was before the County Council at a recent meeting when it was decided to hold up payment until the finances of the Council would improve. He proposed that the question of payment be further adjourned.

This was seconded by Mr. Culleton and adopted.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (COMBINED PURCHASING) ACT 1925

Under date 25th August, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (B.34465/32 Ilgh (Trachtala) asking for payment of the amount assessed on Wexford County Council under the above Act.

The Chairman proposed that the payment be deferred until the Council's finances improve. He pointed out that this was a confirmation of a resolution already adopted by a recent meeting.

Mr. Culleton seconded the motion which was adopted.

ROAD GRANTS.

The Secretary reported that since the last meeting the following amounts of Road Grants had been received from the

Department of Local Government:-

£1,750, £2,998, £1,920, and £3,077.



APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS.

Under date 16th August, 1932, the following letter was read 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 further consideration the procedure to be followed by local bodies under Section 5 (1) of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, where they desire to appoint to offices or employments within their control and to which the Act applies, subject to the sanction of the appropriate Minister, certain pensionable or pensioned officers of local bodies, without requesting or obtaining a recommendation from the Local Appointments Commissioners.

"Where this method of appointment is proposed the Minister desires that the local authority should issue advertisements inviting applications from persons who are legally qualified to be appointed to such offices or employments under Section 5 (1) of the Act, being pensionable or pensioned officers of the local authority or any other local authority or any two or more local authorities the duties of whose office relate or have related to matters the same as or similar to the matters to which the duties of the office which the local authority propose to fill relate.

"It will be necessary before inviting applications to obtain the approval of the Minister to the salary for the position.

"Each applicant applying for the position should be required to state ~~th~~ clearly the nature of the duties of his present office, or if a pensioned officer the nature of the duties of the office in respect of which he is in receipt of an annual allowance specifying the local authority or local authorities from whom the allowance is received and the amount thereof. Particulars should also be obtained from each applicant of his length of service in present office, or in case of an applicant who is in receipt of an allowance, in his former office; and his date of birth.



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"When the period for receipt of applications has expired and before making any appointment to the position the local authority should submit the applications to this Department together with a summarised statement of the position at present held or that have been occupied by the several applicants, and of their period of service etc.

"Upon consideration of the applications received, the Minister will decide whether he will give his sanction to the Local Authority proceeding under Section 5 (1) of the Act.

"Appointments by local authorities in pursuance of the provisions of section 5 (1) of the Act must be made within three months after the occurrence of the vacancy. It will be necessary therefore in any case where a local authority desires to proceed under that Section that the advertisement inviting applications for the position to be filled should be issued as soon as possible after the occurrence of the vacancy. Not more than two weeks should be given for the receipt of applications."

BUILDINGS WITHIN 30 FEET OF ROAD CENTRE.

LEGAL POSITION OF COUNCIL.

Under date 15th August, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (R/RM/32) as follows:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 2nd instant embodying a resolution on the question of the powers of the County Council under section 9 (2) of the Summary Jurisdiction (Ireland) Act, 1851, and section 33 of the Local Government Act, 1925; and to state that the matter should be dealt with by the Council through their own legal advisers, obtaining the advice of Counsel if necessary."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Gaul seconded the following resolution:- "That the recommendation of the Finance Committee instructing Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, to obtain Counsel's opinion



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"as to the powers and responsibilities of the Council under the Summary Jurisdiction Act and Local Government Act 1925 in respect of buildings erected or to be erected within 30 ft. of the centre of the road be confirmed."

As an amendment Mr. Murphy proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded:-

"That the Council take no action relative to certain provisions of the Summary Jurisdiction Act and Local Government Act, 1925, dealing with the erection of buildings and their proximity to the road."

A vote was taken on the amendment as follows:-

FOR: Messrs. Brennan, Clince, Colfer, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran, Jordan, Keegan, McCarthy, Meyler, Murphy and the Chairman.

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AGAINST: Messrs. Cooney, Gaul, Gibbon, O'Ryan, O'Byrne, Roche, Shannon and Walsh. 8

Messrs. Hall, Smyth and Col. Quin (3) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

#### CASTLETOWN PUMP.

Under date 20th August, 1932, the Department of Local Government forwarded Sealed Order (P.H.58568/1932) fixing Coolgreany Dispensary District as the area of Charge for the purpose of maintaining pump at Castletown.

Under date 8th August, 1932, the Local Government Department forwarded Sealed Order (P.H.42580/1932) fixing Killanne Dispensary District as the Area of Charge for providing and maintaining water supply at Rathduff.

Under date 8th August, 1932, the Department of Local Government forwarded Sealed Order (P.H.42578/1932) fixing Killenagh & Wells Dispensary District as the Area of Charge for maintaining water supply at Ballygarrett.



SOW DRAINAGE.

Under date 19th August, 1932, the following (15770/32) was read from Office of Public Works:-

"We have given careful consideration to your letter of the 13th instant embodying a resolution adopted by the Wexford County Council recommending for favourable consideration a proposal made at a meeting of the Drainage Ratepayers in the above named district. The proposal in effect is that the Charging Order made under the Drainage Maintenance Act 1924, and all payments due under its terms should be cancelled and that the loan of £2,378.0.3d which together with interest of £285.4.1d makes a total of £2,663.4.4d should be reduced to a sum of £1,200 repayable over a period of twenty years commencing from the completion of the works now projected.

It will be clear from Section 4 and subsequent sections of the 1924 Act that there is no power in the Commissioners of Public Works to accede to this proposal, as to do so would involve a free grant from State funds far in excess of the limit specified under the Act. Apart however from legal considerations we could not justify it to the Minister for Finance.

The offer we submitted to the Council on his behalf to expend the sum of £5,000 in improving the district represents an extremely generous offer to meet the situation. It is unnecessary to point out that legally the Council are bound to maintain the district as it was handed over to them and that the instalments payable under the Charging Order must be duly met. The present offer of a grant out of the Relief Vote, if accepted, will mean that a scheme much superior to the original works will be carried out, and that, out of a total cost of over £8,000 spent on the district, the Government contribution will amount to almost £6,000.

Bearing in mind that the improvement value in the original



"scheme was assessed at 6s.2d. per acre on the average, and that the charge now to be made upon the occupiers for a better scheme will work out at 2s.8d. per acre on the average, it is obvious that the proposal contained in our letter of the 16th ultimo confers a real benefit upon the occupiers and we shall be glad to learn whether the Co. Council are prepared to accept it."

The Secretary stated that on the 20th August, 1932, copy of this letter was sent to Mr. John Mernagh, Oulartleigh, Kilcotty, with the suggestion that he should call a meeting of the drainage ratepayers for its consideration, and inform the Co. Council as to their decision. He had not heard from Mr. Mernagh in the meantime.

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

"That consideration of letter of 19th August, 1932 (15770/32) from Office of Public Works as to expenditure of £5,000 in carrying out improvements at Sow Drainage area be deferred to meeting of the Council to be held on 12th September, 1932, and that in the meantime our Secretary communicate with Mr. Mernagh, and point out to him how necessary it is that the views of the drainage ratepayers as to the communication from the Board of Works, should be presented to this meeting."

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

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

"That as recommended by the Academic Council, of University College, Dublin, four University Scholarships provided by the Scheme of the County Council be awarded the following:-

John J. Murphy, 4, Main St., Enniscorthy.	<u>1183</u> marks.
Ellen J. Cadogan, Newbawn.	<u>1147</u> marks.
Patrick Doyle, Quay Road, Duneannon.	1121 $\frac{2}{3}$ marks.
James Kenny, 14, Georges Street, Gorey.	<u>1110</u> marks.



Should any of these pupils not avail of Scholarship the <sup>28</sup> Council will allocate said Scholarship to the next candidate in strict order of merit."

#### PRIMARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

On the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne the following resolution was adopted:- "That as recommended by the Department of Education four scholarships under Primary Scholarship Scheme of the County Council be awarded the following:-

Bridget T. O'Donnell, Fort, Duncannon.	<u>610 marks.</u>
Dermot J. Fenelon, Ballycowan, Tagcoat.	<u>581 marks.</u>
Kathleen Ennis, Dringagh, Broadway.	<u>548 marks.</u>
Margaret D. O'Leary, Castleboro, Clonroche.	<u>537 marks.</u>

"That we approve of the selection by the pupils of the following schools at which their scholarships will be tenable:-

Bridget T. O'Donnell.	- Loreto Convent, Wexford.
Dermot J. Fenelon.	- St. Peter's College, Wexford.
Kathleen Ennis	- Loreto Convent, Wexford.
Margaret D. O'Leary.	- Loreto Convent, Wexford.

#### RENEWALS OF PRIMARY SCHOLARSHIPS.

The following letter under date 17th August, 1932, was read from the Department of Education (Secondary Education Branch):-

"With reference to your letter of the 14th June last I have to inform you that the Department is prepared to sanction the renewal, for the school year 1932/33, of the Primary to Secondary School Scholarships awarded by the Wexford County Council to the under-mentioned pupils:-

James Meyler	St. Peter's College, Wexford.
Edward P. Rossiter	" " "
Daniel F. Butler	" " "
James M. Druhan	" " "
Richard R. O'Donnell	" " "
Ellen Sinnott	Loreto Convent, Wexford.
Margaret M. O'Neill	" " "
James A. Forde	Christian Schools, Gorey.
Kathleen F. Donnelly	Loreto Convent, Gorey.
Mary C. Daly	" " "



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"The Department's decision in the case of the undermentioned pupils will be sent to you when the results of the Intermediate Certificate Examinations, 1932, are available:-"

Mary A. Ronan  
Mary E. Doyle

Loreto Convent, Wexford.  
" " "

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

"That renewal of Scholarships under Primary Scholarship Scheme be allocated to the several pupils whose names are set out in letter from Department of Education (S.E.B.) under date 17th August, 1932."

#### SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE.

The following report of Scholarships Committee was submitted:

"A meeting of Scholarships Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 27th August, 1932, for the purpose of considering the details of syllabuses of University and Secondary Scholarship Schemes for 1933.

Present:- Very Rev. W.F. Murphy, President, St. Peter's College; Rev. Brother Foran, Superior, Christian Schools, Wexford; Messrs. John J. Kelly, N.T., and Hugh O'Byrne.

The County Secretary was also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Brother Foran, the chair was taken by Father Murphy.

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

The Committee recommend the adoption with necessary changes as to dates - of the provisions of University Scholarship Scheme which obtained in 1932.

The Results Sheet with awards of Scholarships as decided by the Academic Council of the National University was considered.

#### PRIMARY TO SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

The Committee regret that only 14 candidates were presented for examination. They recognise that this to a certain extent, can be accounted for by the fact that the teachers have such an



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"overloaded programme to deal with they cannot find the extra time necessary, to prepare pupils for this exam. If steps could be taken to utilise the results of preliminary leaving certificate in order to provide a roll of pupils for County Council Scholarship Examinations, substantial competition could be secured.

It would be advisable that the General Council of County Councils should be requested to invite the County Councils in An Saorstát to furnish their considered views as to the provisions of the existing scheme and to offer suggestions as to how it can be improved.

The Committee are of opinion that in the near future Rural Science should be a compulsory subject and History and Geography be regarded as an optional one. In view of the very large percentage of failures in the last named subject they consider the examination in History and Geography should be dealt with orally only, and no written paper be required.

For the information of the Council and of this Committee one full set of examination papers should be supplied by the Education Department to the Council without charge."

Mr. O'Byrne contended that a change should be made in the Valuation of parents or Guardians presenting children for award of Scholarships and proposed the following:-

"Competition for Primary Scholarships to be limited to children whose parents or guardians reside in the rural districts of the County and who are rated on a valuation not exceeding £90 in the case of families with eight children or more; £80 for families with six or seven children; £75 four or five children; £70 three children; £60 one or two children. Children in all cases must be under 18 years."

Mr. Hall seconded.

As an amendment Mr. Gaul proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following:- "That no change be made as regards age in Primary Scholarship Scheme of this County Council."



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

FOR: Messrs. Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Cummins, Gaul, Meyler, Quin, Roche and Shannon. - 9.

AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Doran, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, Keegan, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, O'Ruan, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman. 15.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The original resolution was then put and passed without dissent.

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. Brennan seconded the following resolution:-

"That Minutes of Scholarship Committee submitted to this meeting be approved."

Passed.

SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP - JAMES DONNELLY.

Under date 17th August, 1932, Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, submitted the following letter:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 13th inst., with the Copy Letters which have been received from the Department of Education relative to the above James Donnelly, who is now a Pupil Teacher at Rockwell College.

This boy was awarded a Scholarship in the year 1928.

It appears that in the Scholarship Scheme for the year 1928 there is no Provision made limiting the courses which the Scholar should take, and this being so, in my opinion it is not now possible for the County Council to debar a Boy who has decided to take up teaching as a Profession from the benefits of his Scholarship for the fourth year of his course, and accordingly I am of opinion that James Donnelly is entitled to retain his Scholarship for the fourth year notwithstanding the fact that he is now a Pupil Teacher."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution:- "That in view of the fact that James Donnelly,



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"Primary Scholarship Holder of this Council is preparing for the teaching profession, and that cost of said training should in our opinion be provided from Government funds, we hereby refuse to pay over the amount of County Scholarship in this case."

A poll was taken on this resolution with the following result:-  
FOR: Messrs Gibbon, Hall, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, and Roche. 5.  
AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, Colfer, Cooney, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Doran, Jordan, Keegan, Meyler, McCarthy, Murphy, Quin, Shannon, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman. 17.

Messrs. Clince and Gaul (2) did not vote.

The Chairman declared the proposal lost.

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

"That in accordance with advice of Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, the amount of Primary Scholarship for current year be paid James Donnelly."

#### POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCE.

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

"That renewal of licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act be issued to Mr. ~~W~~ Leacy, Merchant, Monamolin."

#### THE LAND ANNUITIES.

The following resolution from Mayo Co. Council was submitted:-

"That in view of the extraordinary situation created in this country altogether due to the failure of the British Prime Minister to agree to an impartial and independent tribunal to settle the question of the payment of the Land Annuities and other monies claimed by England, we the Mayo Co. Council, hereby pledge our fullest support to our Government in this struggle and we call upon the people to stand solidly behind them."

Col. Quin - Isn't this politics?

Miss O'Ryan formally moved the adoption of the resolution.

Chairman - You will allow me to speak first. I say as I did at the previous meeting when a similar one was read that this in



My opinion, is a political resolution and as the Co. Council is composed of different sections in politics such a resolution is going to create disorder and discontent in the County Council. I rule it out of order.

Miss O'Ryan said the resolution was not a political one. She wondered why the Chairman would not be more logical in his attitude seeing that he and Mr. O'Byrne attended a meeting of the General Council of Co. Councils and voted on a similar resolution. It got out that the Chairman of the Council went to that meeting with a mandate pledging the Council. He had no such mandate and when he took part in a vote on that resolution he should allow the Council to vote on the one which she proposed.

Chairman - Didn't the Chairman of the General Council of County Councils rule that the resolution was non-political? I appeal to Mr. O'Byrne on that point.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne - Yes.

Miss O'Ryan - I ask how you say this resolution is political; its exactly the same resolution.

Chairman - I hold it is political and has a political tendency.

Miss O'Ryan - You and Mr. O'Byrne voted on a similar resolution at the meeting of the General Council of Co. Councils.

Chairman - I went on the ruling of the Chairman.

Miss O'Ryan - You should have allowed your own mind to guide you and not have voted on it. You accepted it as non-political. The same resolution is up here to-day and you say it is political. You should, at least be logical. You had no mandate from the people to vote on the resolution.

Chairman - I had the mandate and I had to abide by the ruling of the chairman.

The Chairman then left the chair and meeting concluded.

*Michael Doyle*



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

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MEETING 12th SEPTEMBER, 1932.

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COUNTY HALL,  
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary.



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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in Co. Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 12th September, 1932.

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

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor and Rates Inspector were also present.

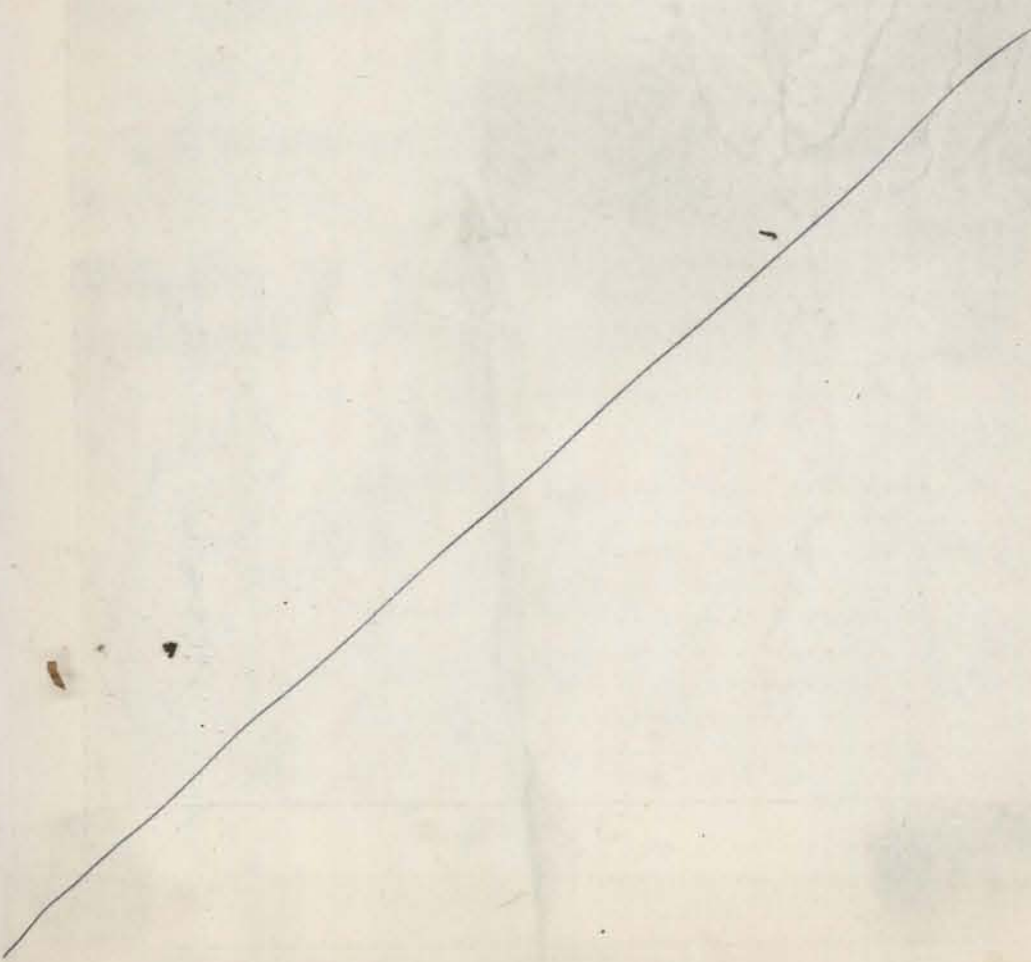
The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £41.4s.0d. was examined and signed.

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 11th August, 1932 were submitted as follows:-





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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 11th August, 1932.

Present: Messrs. James Hall, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, and James Shannon.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Solicitor and Rates Inspector were also 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 confirmed.

REPLY TO VOTE OF CONDOLENCE.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon the following letter from Mr. J. Cummins, Rate Collector, in acknowledgement of vote of condolence on his father's death was directed to be inserted upon the Minutes of the day:-

"Will you please convey to your Finance Committee, my sincere thanks for their very kind vote of condolence to me. I wish especially to thank yourself for your very kind letter and also your staff."

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4565 was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

STATE OF:- The state of Rate Collection up to the date of meeting was submitted as follows:-

1.	S. Cannon (6)	13.3
2.	J. Quirke	12.5
3.	P. Bolan	11.9
4.	E.J. Murphy	11.7
5.	E. Cummins	11.3
6.	J. Curtis	11.0
7.	S. Cannon (10)	11.0
8.	M. Murphy	10.6
9.	M. McCarthy	10.5
10.	T. Rowe	10.2
11.	A. Dunne	9.9
12.	T. Bolger	8.4
13.	J. Cummins	8.3
14.	P. O'Byrne	7.7
15.	J.J. O'Reilly	7.7
16.	J. Deegan	7.3
17.	W. Doyle	6.4
18.	J.J. Sinnott	6.3
19.	P. Carty	6.1
20.	P. Doyle	6.0



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It was stated that the Collection showed a reduction of 3% as compared with the corresponding period last year.

MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIMS

Under date 6th August, 1932, the following was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"I have received Notices of Application for Compensation for alleged Malicious Injuries for hearing at the Sitting of the Circuit Court in November next, as follows:-

1. Application by Michael Henahan of Kilmannock, for £20:0:0d in respect of the alleged poisoning of 5 pigs on the 6th May, 1932.
2. Application by the same man for £60 for the alleged poisoning of a Horse on the 15th April, 1932.
3. Application by the Great Southern Railways for £20 for the alleged damage of a Cottage at St. John's Ennisceerthy.

In none of the above cases have I received any Reports from the Gardai which they usually send.

With regard to Nos. 1 & 2 - I raised the point before the Circuit Court Judge that the Notices of Application were served late (The Notices should have been served within 7 days from the date of the alleged injury subject to the right of the Judge to extend such time if he deems it necessary) In No. 1 above Notice was not served until the 6th of June, that is, one month from the date of the occurrence, and in the case of No. 2 the Notice was not served until the 15th day of July, 1932 that is, three months after the occurrence.

In both these cases it appeared to me, that owing to the facts, it was essential that immediate Notice should have been given in order to enable the Council to have an independent Analysis made; while owing to the long delay in these cases such was impossible as the Carcasses had long since been destroyed. The Judge adjourned both these cases to the



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November Sessions, without prejudice to my right to then raise the point as to the delay in serving the Notices.

I believe that it is suggested that traces of strichine were found in parts of the Animals on Analysis.

With regard to No. 3 - This claim for £20 is in respect of damage to a Cottage on the Railway Line near St. John's Enniscorthy, on the 23rd July last. There was a previous Claim lodged in respect of Damage to this Cottage on the 22nd March 1932 which Claim was heard on the 8th day of June 1932 when a Decree was given for £17. The entire inside fittings of the Cottage had been removed on that occasion. I have written to the Solicitors for the Railway Company asking them to have the Key of the Cottage available so that an inspection of same can be made."

A detailed report of an examination by the Gardai in Enniscorthy was furnished by District Superintendent Garberry.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Finance Committee appreciate the manner in which report as to alleged criminal injury at Railway cottage near Enniscorthy, was submitted in such detail by District Superintendent Garberry, Garda Siochana, Enniscorthy."

It was also decided that Mr. Elgee request the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana to furnish to him, reports in connection with criminal injury applications by Mr. Henehan, respecting the alleged poisoning of animals on his premises.

#### LECTURE ON TOBACCO GROWING.

Under date 9th August, 1932, the following was read from Mr. Thomas Funge, 63, Main Street, Gorey:-

"I wish to apply for use of Court House, Gorey, for Lecture on Tobacco Growing by Rev. Dom. Sweetman on Friday,



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"August 19th at 8.30 p.m. (Summer Time).

As the lecture will be of an educational nature and much help to the farming community of Gorey Area, I would suggest it be advertised in Local Press by the County Committee of Agriculture. It would be very much appreciated if Mr. Hall, Chairman of the Committee would kindly preside."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That Mr. Funge be informed Gorey Courthouse will be available for lecture on Tobacco Growing, on Friday, 19th August, 1932. It is not, however, feasible to arrange for the County Committee of Agriculture to advertise the lecture, as the contract with the local papers covers only advertisements relative to matters dealt with directly by the said County Committee."

#### FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE COMMITTEE.

Under date 9th August, 1932, Mr. C.J. Morris, Hon. Sec. Wexford Development Association, wrote that he was instructed by the Committee of the Association to ask that they be allowed representation on Conference re proposal to have a fixed span on Ferrycarrig Bridge.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Wexford Development Association be informed that the personnel of the Ferrycarrig Bridge Committee has been confined to Representatives of Statutory Bodies. As Wexford is represented by the Corporation and the Harbour Commissioners the Finance Committee feel that its interests will be well looked after.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS.

Application was received from Sergeant Kelly, Garda Siochana, New Ross, forwarding notice of application to New Ross District Court for the committal of John Murphy, Barrack Street, New Ross, aged 11½ years to Artane Industrial



School under Section 58 (b) Children's Act 1908.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

Mr. Elgee, said he had received from the Garda Síochána at Gorey, Certificate of a Sample taken from milk of Mr. Denis Allen, Raheenagurren, Gorey, which showed the fats as 2.63 instead of 3

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That no action be taken as regards sample of milk taken from Mr. D. Allen, as the deficiency in fats was very small, and no water had been added to the milk."



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 11th August, 1932, and as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby confirmed."

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 25th August, 1932, were submitted as follows:-



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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held on the 25th August, 1932, in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.

Present: Messrs. John Culleton, James Hall, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

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

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

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5605. 3. 6d. was examined and signed.

STATE OF RATE COLLECTION.

The state of the Rate Collection to date was submitted as follows:-

		Percentage of Warrant.
1.	S. Gannon (6)	17.5
2.	E.J. Murphy	16.0
3.	W. Cummins	14.7
4.	J. Quirke	14.0
5.	P. Nolan	14.0
6.	J. Curtis	14.0
7.	A. Dunne	13.2
8.	T. Rowe	13.1
9.	S. Gannon (10)	13.0
10.	M. McCarthy	12.8
11.	J. Cummins	11.5
12.	M. Murphy	11.3
13.	P. Carty	9.6
14.	P. O'Byrne	9.6
15.	T. Bolger	9.4
16.	J. Deegan	8.9
17.	J.J. O'Reilly	7.8
18.	J.J. Sinnott	7.7
19.	W. Doyle	7.7
20.	P. Doyle	7.0

The Secretary stated that as compared with last year the Collection was 5.8% behind.



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AMOUNTS DUE BY URBAN COUNCILS.

Proposed by Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:-  
"That the three Urban Councils of the County be requested to pay without delay amount due on foot of their Demands up to 31st March, 1932.

ADDITIONAL RELIEF - RATES ON AGRICULTURAL LAND.

Under date 23rd August, 1932, letter (C.L.48 (4) 32) from Local Government Department, as to issue of Credit Notes in respect of Additional Relief of Rates on Agricultural Land was read for the meeting.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon and adopted:- "That the additional Relief for Rates on Agricultural Land be applied to all land in the County Council area."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded the following:- "That with reference to paragraph 8 in letter from Local Government Department under date 23rd August, 1932, the Finance Committee are of opinion that refunds representing the amounts of credit to which Ratepayers are entitled should be made only in cases in which the full amount of rates for current financial year have been paid."

The Chairman and Mr. Hall were not in favour of the motion which, after further discussion, was dropped.

COMPENSATION, WEXFORD OLD COURTHOUSE.

Under date 17th August, 1932, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote forwarding Pay Order for £422.10.5d. from the Department of Finance being the balance of the compensation award in respect of Wexford Old Courthouse.

FOOD & DRUGS ACT.

Under date 16th August, 1932, the District Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Enniscorthy, wrote that a sample of new milk



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taken from Mr. Peter Murphy, Ferns, was found not genuine by the County Analyst, 5.33% of fats having been abstracted. No certificate for prosecution had, however, been issued, as the Analyst stated the adulteration was so slight as not to warrant prosecution.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES.

Intimation was received from the District Court Clerk, New Ross, as to the committal of Anastasia Cosgrave, Ballynabola, an illegitimate child aged 11½ years, to an Industrial School. The Mother was recently before the Court on a charge of concealment of birth, and was being detained for a period of 12 months in the Good Shepherd Convent, New Ross, by order of the District Justice.

Garda Morrissey, Killurin, wrote as to application to be made on 31st August, 1932, for the committal of James Keegan, aged 6½ years, also an illegitimate child, to Rathdrum Industrial School. The Mother died on the 23rd July, 1932, since which date the child was destitute.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

Under date 19th August, 1932, Mr. Michael F. O'Keefe, 61, The Faythe, Wexford, a University Scholar of the County Council wrote as follows:-

"In reply to yours of the 13th inst., I regret that I have not fulfilled the conditions required in the University Scholarship Scheme of your County Council.

"To explain my failure in the Second Arts examination, I state with sincerity that I did not attempt all the questions set out in the examination papers, but overestimated the quality of my answers to those which I did attempt. The result was, my failure to reach the required pass standard.

"However, to make good this failure I intend to sit for, and pass, the Second Arts examination next year.

"At the same time, with the consent of your Council I



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"shall pursue my studies for the third and final Arts examination. To this, I am sure both your Council and the Authorities at University College, Dublin, will be agreeable.

Thanking you in anticipation of your kind consideration in this matter."

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

"The Finance Committee are not prepared to accept explanation offered by Mr. Michael F. O'Keefe as to his failure to pass his second Arts Examination, as satisfactory.

"That the University Authorities be communicated with and asked their opinion as to whether they would recommend the Council to renew Scholarship in this case."



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee of 25th August, 1932, as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby confirmed."

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 8th September, 1932, were submitted as follows:-



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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 8th September, 1932.

Present: Messrs. John Culleton, James Hall, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor and Rates Inspector 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 confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £6370. 9. 7d. was examined and signed.

#### R A T E C O L L E C T I O N .

STATE OF:- The state of the Rate Collection to 7th September, 1932, was submitted as follows:-

		<u>Percentage of Warrant collected.</u>
1.	S. Gannon (6)	23.3
2.	J. Curtis	17.6
3.	E.J. Murphy	17.6
4.	A. Dunne	16.4
5.	W. Cummins	15.4
6.	J. Quirke	15.1
7.	M. McCarthy	15.1
8.	P. Carty	15.0
9.	P. Nolan	14.7
10.	T. Rowe	14.5
11.	S. Gannon (10)	13.7
12.	J. Cummins	13.3
13.	M. Murphy	13.2
14.	J.J. O'Reilly	12.6
15.	T. Bolger	11.7
16.	J. Deegan	10.8
17.	P. O'Byrne	9.9
18.	J.J. Sinnott	9.2
19.	Wm. Doyle	8.5
20.	P. Doyle	14.7

The Secretary stated that as compared with the same period last year the collection showed a reduction of 9.3%. The Rates Inspector had reported to him that he was of opinion Collectors were not making the necessary effort to secure the prompt payment of rates from persons who were in a position to pay.



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The Chairman said there had been a rumour in some districts that farmers were about to combine not to pay. It was probable that some people who were not dependent upon farming but who farmed as a hobby only, would be in a position to pay, and the Rate Collectors should take steps to recover the rates from them.

After further discussion it was decided to take no further action until the Finance Committee are in a position to ascertain how their direction that 50% of collection warrant should be lodged by the 30th September, 1932, had been complied with.

PERSONAL SURETIES - RATE COLLECTOR Wm. DOYLE:- Mr. Elgee mentioned that some time ago the County Council had accepted as sureties under Personal Bond of Collector Wm. Doyle, (No. 2 District) Messrs. Michael Furlong, Raheenakennedy, Raheen and James Furlong, Scullabogue, Newbawn.

He wrote Mr. Doyle to bring in his sureties for his Personal Bond, but as a matter of fact, Mr. Doyle brought in, his father, Thomas D. Doyle and his uncle James L. Doyle, Scullabogue. When Mr. Elgee called attention to the fact that these men had not been selected as Personal Sureties by the Co. Council, Mr. Doyle said he made a mistake and thought that Messrs. Furlong had been selected only as collateral sureties for him with the Insurance Company.

Under date 7th September, 1932, Mr. William Doyle, wrote that the names of the sureties now proposed for his Personal Bond Messrs. James L. Doyle and Thomas D. Doyle, Scullabogue, were the same as heretofore for No. 19 District. They had been sureties under Personal Bond for his late brother until his death, and for himself since the death of his brother. He asked the Finance Committee to approve of them.

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

"That Messrs. James L. Doyle and Thomas D. Doyle be



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"be accepted as Personal Sureties for Mr. Wm. Doyle, Rate Collector (No. 2 District) provided they are in a position to supply Bankers' references. If they cannot submit these it will be necessary for Mr. Doyle to procure sureties who are in such a position as it is provided by the regulations of the Department of Local Government that Bankers' references must be submitted in all such cases.

COLLECTORS BOLGER AND CARTY:- It was decided to ask Rate Collector T. Bolger (No. 14 district) for an explanation as to why he did not lodge until the 8th September 1932 amount (£28.8.3) which had been found by Rates Inspector on the 3rd September, 1932 as having been omitted from his accounts on checking.

A similar resolution was adopted in connection with Rate Collector P. Carty (No. 20 district) in respect of his neglect to lodge £10.8.3d in respect of checking on 1st September, 1932 until 6th September, 1932.

CREDIT NOTES - RELIEF OF RATES ON AGRICULTURAL LAND.

Under date 6th September, 1932 (G.70252/1932 Loch Garman) the following 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 31st ultimo, regarding the allocation of the above grant and to state that in cases where the first moiety of the rates has been paid, the credit notes should be issued to the ratepayers to be used by them in part payment of their second moities. In any case where the amount of the credit note exceeds the amount of the second moiety due, a credit note for the amount of the second moiety should be issued to the ratepayer who can thus liquidate his liability for rates by handing it to the Rate Collector; the balance of the credit note being paid to the ratepayer by Paying Order as set out in Paragraph 8 of this Department's circular letter of the 23rd ultimo."



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Three tenders were received for the printing of 150 books of Credit Notes, viz. The "People" Newspaper £9.5. "The Echo" Newspaper £9. and Messrs. John English & Co. Wexford £7.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That the tender of Messrs. John English & Co., Wexford, for supply of 150 books of Rate Credit Notes at £7. be accepted.

POSITION OF COUNTY COUNCIL MESSENGER.

The Secretary pointed out that on the 13th June, 1932, the following resolution had been adopted by the Co. Council:-

"That the Co. Council retain for County Council Offices, Nicholas Roche, at present temporary messenger for a further three months as from the 14th June, 1932."

It was now necessary to review the position.

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

"We recommend the Co. Council to appoint Nicholas Roche, as permanent messenger to Co. Council Offices at a wage of £1 per week, <sup>and</sup> that he be allowed to reside free in the apartments he has at present."

EXTENSION OF PERIOD OF OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

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

"That application be made to the Local Government Department for extension of period of overdraft accommodation from the 30th September, 1932 to 31st December, 1932 and on receipt of sanction that the matter be brought to the attention of the Directors of the National Bank with a view to obtaining their consent to said extension."

SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEMES.

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

"That County Council be recommended to approve of the



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"renewal of University Scholarships to the following students for Academic Year 1933"-

1. John Dunphy, 21, Convent Hill, New Ross.
2. Michael Tobin, Bohreen Hill, Enniscorthy.
3. Barbara Lowe, Maudlintown, Wexford.
4. Mary E. Kelly, 18, North Main Street, Wexford.

In connection with University Scholarship of Michael F. O'Keefe 61, The Faythe, Wexford, the following is extract from letter of Secretary, University College, Dublin, under date 7th September, 1932:- "The case of Mr. Michael F. O'Keefe, who failed at the Second year College Examination in Arts, and your query in reference thereto, will be submitted to the first meeting of the Academic Council in October."

It was decided that resolution of Finance Committee of August 25th 1932 declining to accept Mr. O'Keefe's explanation for his failure at University Examination as satisfactory and also the reference to his case in the letter from University College, be furnished to him for his information.

Under date 7th September, 1932, the Secretary, University College, Dublin, wrote stating that the Academic Council approved of the University Scholarship Scheme 1933/34.

The Secretary stated that Miss Eileen Cadogan, who had obtained second place at the recent University Scholarship Exam. had called upon him and stated she was not availing of the Scholarship. The next on list in order of merit was William Meyler, Blackhall, Glynn.

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

"That vacant University Scholarship ~~should~~ be awarded to William Meyler, Blackhall, Glynn."

Under date 6th September, 1932, Mr. Arthur J. Nix, 48, South Street, New Ross, applied for an extension of his



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Scholarship to enable him to proceed for the LL.B. degree. He was taking his examination for B.A. degree in a fortnight.

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

"That Mr. Nix be informed as regards his application for extension of University Scholarship, the Finance Committee consider they have no power under the University Scholarship Scheme to agree to his request."

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

"That our Secretary communicate with the schools at which Primary Scholarships of the Wexford Co. Council are being held and ask for the names of any Scholars of the Council who occupy the position of Pupil Teachers."

SANITARY ARRANGEMENTS MACHINERY-YARD ENNISCORTHY.

In connection with provision of sanitary accommodation for machinery yard at Enniscorthy, County Surveyor submitted quotation from Mr. Matthew Holbrook, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, at £28. He (Co. Surveyor) regarded the quotation as reasonable in view of the fact that the water main at the Urban Council was 180 yards away from the place at which connection would be made at the machinery yard.

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

"That tender of Mr. Matthew Holbrook, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, to provide the necessary sanitary arrangements at the machinery yard, Enniscorthy, to the satisfaction of the Co. Surveyor, for the sum of £28. be recommended to the Council for acceptance."



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 8th September, 1932, be received and considered."

**RATE COLLECTION:-** Miss O'Ryan mentioned it was stated that in some districts a combined attempt was to be made to refuse to pay annuities or rates.

The Secretary stated that since the meeting of the Finance Committee about £300 had been received up to date. A circular was issued to the Rate Collectors under date 29th August, 1932, pointing out that it had been noted at the previous meeting of the Finance Committee that the first moiety had not been collected from a number of ratepayers who could without difficulty pay the amount, and that it was essential that all possible outstanding rates should be collected in order that the County services might be maintained.

The Chairman said he had not heard of any combined attempts being made to prevent rates being paid. He considered the Rate Collectors should lose no opportunity in endeavouring to secure payment from those who were able to pay. A great many people did not want to pay twice over if they could help it, because since the tariff was established they were paying on the double.

Miss O'Ryan said that at the last meeting of the Council a certain man had been singled out for not paying his annuities. She went to the trouble in this particular instance to ascertain the truth and found that the holding was being vested and the amount was not carried forward as arrears. Another matter to which she wished to call attention was the statement of Col. Gibbon at the last meeting when he said that the Co-operative Society owing to the slackness of trade had been obliged to dispense with two of their employees. This was not the case. The two men concerned had been engaged on a temporary job painting sheds and their services were dispensed with when the work was completed.

The Chairman said no one would dispute that the country was



in a worse position this year than last.

Col. Quin said as regards the particular man referred to by Miss O'Ryan, in connection with the non-payment of his annuities, he had been returned as a defaulter in the lists which had been supplied by the Land Commission. He had every confidence that these lists were accurately prepared and a man such as the person referred to, should not have allowed his annuities to remain outstanding.

Mr. O'Byrne pointed out that the Finance Committee had already instructed Rate Collectors to take proceedings against those who were able to pay and who did not.

Mr. Murphy pointed out that there were certainly to his knowledge a number of men who were able to pay but they did not know when they would see money again, and were they to pay their rates and dismiss their workmen thus creating further unemployment?

Col. Gibbon mentioned that in the official returns of the Dublin Market last week, the average price for cattle was 18% below pre-war and the average price for sheep was 35% below pre-war. Some people said that prices were falling in sympathy with the prices in England, but the price of cattle in England was 10% above pre-war, so it was manifest there was a difference in price between the two countries of 28% for cattle. The cost of living owing to tariffs etc. was 58% above pre-war. A cool examination of these figures proved how very difficult it was for people to meet their liabilities.

Mr. Cummins said that the instruction of the Finance Committee to the Rate Collectors to lodge 50% of the current rate by the 30th September asked for an impossibility.

Mr. Keegan said that a number of people were using the present situation not to pay their rates although they were well able to do so. He considered the Council should take some steps in connection with the dishonesty which was being



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practised against the consumers of bacon who had to pay an exorbitant price to retailers.

Mr. D'Arcy said that the same remark would apply to beef and mutton. Good commercial cattle had been sold in the Dublin market last week at 25/- and 26/- per cwt.

Mr. Murphy considered it was time the Government did something to stabilise prices.

Col. Gibbon said that from that day's paper the price of pigs was 37/- dead weight and 28/- live weight per cwt, while there was cut for pigs over a certain weight bringing live weight prices down to 21/- per cwt. Farmers could not possibly produce at these prices, bacon, at a profit.

The Chairman said that even with these prices people were paying 1/- per lb. for bacon rashers.

After further discussion it was decided to make no order in the matter but to await the report of the Finance Committee as to the position of the collection at the end of September, 1932

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

"That Scholarship awarded Miss Mary A. Ronan be renewed for 1932/33, subject to sanction of Department of Education. That in the case of Mary E. Doyle, Duncannon, who failed in Intermediate Certificate Examination we accept as satisfactory the letters of explanation as to illness of this Scholarship Holder submitted by Rev. Mother, Loreto Convent, and we hereby approve of renewal of Mary E. Doyle's Scholarship. That Department of Education be requested to sanction its renewal as Co. Council consider its non-renewal would inflict great hardship on Miss Doyle and her family who are not in a position to meet school fees for the final year of Scholarship."



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 8th September, 1932 be and are hereby confirmed!"

#### HOUSING ACTS.

The following notice of motion by Mr. Doyle, Chairman, had been postponed from meeting of the County Council on 13th June, last, until the new Grants under the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1932, had been ascertained:-

"That the resolution of the County Council agreeing to provide for Grants of £20 from Rates under the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1931 be rescinded."

Circular letter (No. 14/1932 Ilgh - Pc) under date 30th August, 1932, and letter relative to reconstruction of houses was read from the Department of Local Government.

The Secretary explained in detail the provisions of the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1932 and pointed out that the Grants under the Act of 1931 were now no longer in force.

The Chairman moved his notice of motion which was seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted nem. con.

The following notice of motion was handed by Mr. Gaul:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at the meeting of the Wexford County Council to be held on 26th September, 1932, that the Council agree to adopt the provisions of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act 1899 (62 and 63 Vic c44) to enable advances being made to persons who desire to build houses."

#### FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE.

In connection with the decision of the County Council not to provide temporary bridge during the period the



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permanent bridge at Ferrycarrig had to remain closed for the purpose of repairing the abutment, the following deputation came before the Council to urge on them that, owing to the great public inconvenience caused to the people who resided in the neighbourhood of the bridge, the Council should reverse their decision and provide a temporary bridge:-

Captain Harvey (Kyle) Richard Doyle, Killowen, John Lambert, Newcastle and Harry Carty, Galbally.

Captain Harvey, who acted as spokesman, handed in a memorial signed by over 100 Ratepayers protesting against the closing of the bridge unless a temporary bridge be erected. Unless a temporary bridge was provided some of the farmers in the district would have to <sup>go</sup> out of business. He lived on the concrete road and was familiar with the heavy lorry traffic which passed over it. If this traffic was turned on to side roads they would be cut to bits. He was certain that the cost of the temporary bridge would not exceed the amount the County Council would have to spend in repairing the damage done to these side roads. When the main road from Wexford to Enniscorthy was under reconstruction the roads forming the alternate route had suffered heavy damage; in fact so extensive was this that the roads in question had not yet recovered.

The County Surveyor said that the amount spent on a temporary bridge would be dead money while the work carried out in repairing the roads of the alternate route would allow of a foundation for their improvement.

In reply to a query the Co. Surveyor said a temporary bridge that would carry foot passengers and cyclists would not cost a great deal as it would be only an extension of the staging which the Contractor would have to put up; a temporary bridge that would carry horse traffic might cost £500 as it would have to be erected on independent piles; a temporary bridge to carry all sorts of traffic might cost £1000.



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Mr. R. Doyle, one of the deputation pointed out that the closing of the bridge and the non-provision of a temporary bridge would cause serious loss and inconvenience to people who were delivering milk twice daily in Wexford and vegetables every day nearly.

The Co. Surveyor suggested the Council should advertise for tenders for both kinds of bridges and when these were received the Council would know where they were.

Miss O'Ryan considered it would be inadvisable to expend £500 for a bridge which would carry very limited traffic while they could for £1000 erect a bridge which would carry all sorts of traffic.

Col. Quin said he would give notice of motion for next meeting to have the decision of the Council not to provide a temporary bridge rescinded, and that tenders be invited for the erection of a temporary bridge for light traffic and a temporary bridge to carry all traffic, these tenders to be considered after the Council had decided on the motion to rescind their former ruling in this matter.

Mr. Corish seconded.

Mr. Cooney proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following amendment:- "That the Council make no change in the recommendations of Ferrycarrig Bridge Committee as adopted at last meeting."

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

FOR: Messrs. Brennan, Cooney, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Smith and Walsh. 8

AGAINST: Messrs. Armstrong, Cline, Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin, Roche, Shannon and the Chairman. 16.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

After further discussion Col. Quin withdrew his motion



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and Mr. Corish in substitution gave the following notice of motion:- "I will move at the meeting of the County Council to be held on 26th September, 1932 that the decision of the Council not to provide a temporary bridge at Ferrycarrig during the period the permanent structure is under repair be rescinded."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin:- "That consideration of amended plans and specification for repairs to Ferrycarrig Bridge be deferred to the meeting of the Co. Council on 26th September, 1932."

Col. Gibbon said there should be a paragraph in the specification that preference would be given to the tenderer who kept the bridge closed for the shortest possible time other things being equal.

Col. Quin considered this would not be feasible. They might have a man saying he would do the work in a month, when he could not do it and applied for an extension of time what could they do.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That in view of the fact that owing to the closing of Ferrycarrig Bridge for repair it will be necessary to utilise as one alternate route the direct road between Killuren and Enniscorthy via Ballyhogue, and as this is a County road of indifferent quality, entirely incapable of bearing heavy traffic, we request the Minister for Local Government to issue an order under the Heavy Motor Car (Ir) Order 1905 - Article 5 (3) reducing the maximum registered axle weight of heavy motor cars so that this thoroughfare shall not be used by vehicles above four tons laden weight, and that the Co. Surveyor furnish report to the said Minister pointing out that this request of the Council is reasonable and that the road is unsuitable for any traffic above the weight (laden) mentioned in this resolution."



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SEALED ORDERS WATER SUPPLIES.

Under date 25th August, 1932, the Department of Local Government forwarded Sealed Order (P.H.55101/1932) fixing the Crossabeg Dispensary District as the area of charge for supplying and maintaining water supply at Artramon.

Under date 25th August, 1932, the Department of Local Government forwarded Sealed Order (P.H.55101/1932) fixing the Crossabeg Dispensary District as the area of charge for Ballytramon No. 2 water supply.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (COMBINED PURCHASING) ACT 1925.

The following under date 8th September, 1932 (B.70826/32 Loch Garman (M.)) was read from Local Government Department:-

"With reference to your letter of the 2nd instant and previous correspondence in regard to the decision of the Wexford County Council to defer payment of the amount assessed on the County in pursuance of Section 10 of the Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act, 1925, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to point out that there is a statutory obligation on the County Council to meet this charge. The costs of administration assessed on the various Local Bodies are computed strictly in accordance with the statutory provisions. It is accordingly recommended that payment of the amount may be made as soon as possible."

Proposed by Col. Quin seconded by Mr. D'Arcy and adopted:-

"That payment under Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act 1925 be postponed for the present."

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES) ACT 1926.

Under date 8th September, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (B.70826/32 Loch Garman (M.)):-

"With reference to your letter of the 2nd instant in regard



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"to the amounts payable by Wexford County Council in pursuance of Section 12 of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the Minister trusts that on reconsideration of the matter by the County Council the amount will be forwarded without delay."

On the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. D'Arcy it was decided that payment of amount under Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926 assessed on Wexford County Council, be deferred for the present.

#### SOW DRAINAGE AREA IMPROVEMENTS

In connection with the proposal of Office of Public Works to provide a State Grant of £5,000 for the improvement of Sow Drainage System and which was before the Council on two occasions, Messrs. John Mernagh, Oulartleigh, Kilcotty and John Doyle, Ballynamuddagh, Glenbrien, as Representatives of the Drainage Ratepayers came before the meeting and submitted the following resolution which had been adopted by these Ratepayers at a meeting on the 10th September, 1932:-

"That we now offer to pay back to the Board of Works the loan expended on the Restoration Works 1925/1926, without any interest or charge outside the actual loan of £2378. on account of depreciation of land, and trade of all kinds having gone so low. We cannot with the present prospect of the country see our way to do any more. Payment of the said loan to be extended for a period of 30 years by yearly or half yearly instalments. First instalment to be paid when the Restoration Works now proposed are completed."

Col. Gibbon proposed and Mr. Murphy seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem. con.:— "That the resolution from the Sow Drainage Ratepayers be submitted to the Office of Public Works for their favourable consideration and that our



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"Secretary point out that from the statements made by the Representatives of these Ratepayers at this meeting the Council consider that the present offer is fair and one which should be accepted by the Commissioners of Public Works."

PROPOSED TECHNICAL SCHOOL GOREY.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Col. Quin:-

"That the Corporate Seal of the Wexford County Council be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the Repayment of the sum of Two Thousand, two Hundred Pounds proposed to be advanced to them by us under the Vocational Education Act &c."

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

"That inasmuch as this Council does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland the total sum mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them this day executed by this Council, but prefer to receive the same by Instalments as occasion may require, It is resolved that the requisition for each advance shall be intimated to said Commissioners by the Chairman of this Council for the time being Countersigned by County Surveyor for the time being and that each such requisition shall be forwarded to the Accountant of the said Commissioners and that all such advances shall be lodged to Credit of our Account in the Wexford Branch of the National Bank Ltd."

COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL - DEFAULTING  
ANNUITANTS UNDER LAND PURCHASE ACTS.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon, the following resolution was adopted:- "That we endorse the



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"resolutions furnished to us by the General Council of County Councils in connection with loss to the rates by Defaulting Land Commission Annuitants as follows":-

- (1) "That the County Councils' General Council calls upon the Government to repeal the law, making the Local Taxation Account liable for uncollected land purchase annuities."
- (2) "That we the County Councils' General Council, call upon the Ministry to make good to County Councils losses incurred by them consequent upon the postponement of the collection of arrears of land purchase annuities accrued up to 31st December, 1931."

The proposals embodied in these resolutions have been adopted at more than one meeting of this County Council.

COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL - DRAINAGE ACTS.

Proposed by Mr. O'Byrne and seconded by Mr. Shannon and passed:-

"That the following resolutions submitted by the General Council of County Councils in connection with the working of the Drainage Acts be confirmed by this Council as they contain proposals which have been already adopted by this Council":-

- (1) "That in order to minimise the difficulties arising out of wrong applotments in connection with restoration works under the Drainage Maintenance Act, 1924, we request the Commissioners of Public Works to lodge in the County Council Offices and local Garda Barracks a provisional applotment of the Drainage Assessments and to specify a date upon which objections may be made to wrong assessments through the County Council. A representative of the Commissioners to investigate the objections locally - That this procedure should be applied also in the case of existing Restoration Assessments."
- (2) "That the County Councils' General Council desire to



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"impress upon the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance the necessity for amending the existing Drainage Acts procedure by providing that before a County Council takes over a completed scheme, the County Surveyor or some competent authority, other than an Engineer of the Board of Works should be required to certify whether or not the scheme has been properly finished."

- (3) "That the limit of £1000 under the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act 1928 should be extended.

That in any amendment of the Act increasing the limit under which County Councils may undertake Drainage Schemes, provision shall be made that the Schemes carry with them the same percentage of free grant which the work would carry if operated by the Commissioners of Public Works."

COURTOWN HARBOUR.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the District:-

"As result of sluicing during past week most of accumulated sand and gravel at Bar Mouth has been removed. On 10th instant I made special inspection after sluice of about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet head and found same had given good results. It was expected that after another sluice, for which water was being stored up at time of my inspection that boats would be able to get out."

The Co. Surveyor pointed out that the sluicing had taken place on Neap tides and he expected that with the Spring tides the heavy flush of water would clear the bar. Of course from the present position of Courtown it was not possible to have the most effective sluicing as the inner basin required dredging and until this had been done it would be impossible to pond back the very large volume of water necessary for the most effective sluicing. The County Council had already voted a sum of £600 (half cost of dredging the basin) on condition that the Department of



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Fisheries would put up a similar amount. Now that the sluice gates were finished he recommended the Council to apply at once to the Department and endeavour to arrange for the dredging of the basin. He had written to Mr. McNeill, Engineer to the Board of Works as to what was known as "spoon and bag" dredging, because he believed that the inner harbour should be cleaned up by local labour. He had not yet received a reply from Mr. McNeill.

In reply to Col. Quin the Co. Surveyor said in his opinion the work on the sluice gates had been properly carried out and was a good job. There was a certain amount of leakage in the head of water but where there was a movable paddle against other timber, it was absolutely necessary that some small clearance should be provided and at Courtown this clearance was only about one-eighth of an inch.

Mr. Keegan said that the gates were a complete failure and did not provide the amount of flush as was obtained by the old gates.

The County Surveyor denied Mr. Keegan's statement in its entirety and explained that the only difference between the old and new gates was that three paddles were provided instead of two and from the new gates a more powerful flush could be secured along the ground which was really the most effective way to clear the channel.

Mr. Keegan again contended the gates were an absolute frost and only one boat could fish from Courtown at the moment.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Col. Quin and adopted:- "That Department of Lands and Fisheries be requested to arrange at once for a State Grant of £600 to provide for the dredging of the inner basin at Courtown Harbour, the County Council being prepared to put up a similar sum. We would remind the Department that this proposal has been the subject of correspondence with them for some years past and that the work should in the interests of the fishing industry be carried out without delay."



ROAD GRANT - RELIEF OF UNEMPLOYMENT.

The Co. Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 30th August, 1932, (R.F.U./32) which he had received from the Department of Local Government (Roads):-

"We are now about to notify your Council of a further grant amounting to £7,200. This may be taken as the final allocation in respect of the period ending 31st March 1933 and brings the total sum allocated to the County Council since the 8th June last to £13,200. It is desired that there will be no substantial unexpended balance of the £1,000,000 grant at the 31st March next and I have been asked to obtain from each County Surveyor as well as from the Surveyors of County Boroughs and other Urban Districts a schedule setting out the rate of expenditure per month up to the 31st March next. It is particularly desired that the money will be available ~~when~~ unemployment is severest and accordingly in order to give effect to the desire of the Government in this matter, you will be so good as to frame your programme in that direction. Will you kindly send me a programme showing how you propose to expend such ~~monies~~ as with the additional grant above-mentioned you will have available for the period between this and the 31st March.

You might also be so good as to send us a scheme for the expenditure of the new grant and in doing so perhaps you would be good enough to connect up the new works where applicable to any preliminary work undertaken with the ~~two~~ grants previously notified. It is more than likely grants will be made later to or on behalf of Urban Districts in your County so that for the present they might be excluded from your scheme."

Mr. Murphy proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following resolution which was adopted unanimously:-

"That the State Grant of £7,200 to be expended on roads in relief of unemployment be apportioned equally between the four



"County Electoral areas of the County, viz £1,800 each."

Suggestions were made as to the necessity of improving roads in Oylegate district; from Knockeen to Taghmon Village, including the streets; Gorey - Carnew Road etc., but it was finally decided that consideration of the details of the allocation of the £1800 for each district should be adjourned until meeting of the County Council on 26th September, 1932, when it is expected that the Councillors will be in a position to make detailed recommendations dealing with the amount.

ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR.

The Co. Surveyor submitted the following letter from the Department of Lands and Fisheries, under date 10th September, 1932, (D/2/14/5):-

"With reference to your communication of the 22nd July, last, I am directed by the Minister for Lands and Fisheries to state that the Assistant Engineer to the Commissioners of Public Works reports as follows, viz.

"Before erecting a storm wall or breakwater on the rubble mound of the old pier we should know definitely if the mound is on a rock foundation or built on sand. Also if it is proposed subsequently to clear out the basin we should know beforehand what depth of water will be available in it at the times of low water.

"All this information could be obtained by excavating at several places in the basin and in 3 or 4 places along the centre line of the mound, the excavation being made to rock level and the depth given relative to the level of low water springs.

"It would be useless to construct a breakwater to shelter a basin that had no water in it at the times of low water."

The Department would be glad to have your observations on the matters referred to."

In connection with this matter the Co. Surveyor stated the



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following was the letter which he had written to the Department on 22nd July, 1932:-

"I have been directed by the Wexford County Council to reply to your letter of 27th May last.

In regard to the depth at which a solid foundation can be obtained, I beg to note that the whole of the area is covered with a rubble mound ~~some~~ 4 to 6 feet in depth. I have had holes opened here and there in the mound, but without opening a continuous trench along the line of proposed wall it ~~will~~ not be possible to definitely give depths. From the configuration of the surface rock along the shore to north and south, it is quite obvious that rock exists here also; this is confirmed by local history. The exposed rock surface is very irregular, and any excavations to rock bottom must certainly vary considerably. It is not proposed to remove the rubble mound on the sea face of the wall, so the foundation will be well protected, and, in any case, it is quite usual to erect a solid superstructure on a rubble mound. In this case the mound has been so long in situ that in my view it is a perfectly secure foundation if the bottom of the wall be carried down some five feet or so. If it be desired by the Department I could have one or two excavations made to the ~~actual~~ rock. These will give little useful information as the rock - a few feet away on either side - will certainly be at a greater or lesser depth."

Continuing the Co. Surveyor stated as St. Helen's was not a scheduled harbour it would not be advisable for the County Council to expend any large sum of money in its improvement. In his opinion the work mentioned in the letter of the Department of Lands and Fisheries of the 10th September, 1932 would not be worth the expense. He then explained the position of the harbour and why in his opinion there was no necessity for putting into operation the recommendations of the Department.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the



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Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That the Co. Surveyor be instructed to again communicate with the Department of Lands and Fisheries as to proposed improvements at St. Helen's Harbour and explain in all possible detail to them the work which he considered should be carried out in order to afford protection for the fishing boats at this harbour at a minimum cost."

PROPOSED WALL AND ROAD - BURROW, ROSSLARE.

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from the Irish Land Commission, under date 8th September, 1932 (36947/32):-

"With reference to your letter of the 2nd instant, and previous communication relative to the above matter, I am desired by the Land Commission to inform you that the matter has been referred to the Secretary, Office of Public Works, the Department entrusted with the administration of the funds provided for the relief of unemployment."

MAINTENANCE OF MAIN ROADS - NEW ROSS

URBAN DISTRICT.

Under date 1st September, 1932, the following was read from Town Clerk, New Ross Urban District Council:-

"I am directed by my Council to draw your attention to the condition of the main roads within the Urban area and to say the Council desire:-

1. That the old rotten wooden stumps in the kerbing - referred to in previous communications to the County Surveyor - be removed as they are a danger to the Public.
2. That gritting be placed on the roads leading into the town on the eve of the fairs of New Ross to obviate the slipping of horses etc., (the roads are referred to in two previous communications to the County Surveyor),
3. That your Council would favourably consider the reconstruction in concrete of the main roads within the Urban District. In



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"this connection I am to state my Council consider the present surface inadequate to the traffic and is constantly in need of repair. The adjoining County Council has already had the main roads even in villages concreted and has devoted moneys ex Grants in relief of Unemployment to that purpose.

I am also to request that you will be good enough to state the amount of money allocated towards the maintenance of the main roads within the Urban Area and how much was expended last year."

The Co. Surveyor said that £482 had been expended last year plus £71 from Railway Company for Chilcomb Bridge. This amount did not include what was spent on New Ross Bridge.

Mr. Walsh appealed to the Council to finish the concreting of the streets, the most important of which were already laid down in cement. He referred to the fact that the Kilkenny County Council had concreted the streets of Thomastown, a much smaller town than New Ross. In his opinion, owing to the very large amount which would be saved in maintenance, the concreting of the streets would be an economic proposition.

Mr. Cooney questioned how the expenditure of £482 had been made up and asked for details.

After further discussion it was decided on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by the Chairman that the Co. Surveyor submit all particulars as to employment of men and expenditure for maintenance of the main roads in New Ross Urban Area to the meeting of County Council on 26th September, 1932.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the main roads in New Ross Urban Area had been well maintained.

#### CAMPILE STREET.

Mr. John Cheevers, Secretary, Horeswood Branch Irish Labour Party, forwarded the following:-

"Owing to serious complaints of the People of the village of Campile with regard to fairs held on the street and the



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"unnecessary trouble of cleaning and sweeping after each fair we call on the County Council to have one of their road men on duty at each fair until there is a fair green provided.

"It was also pointed out that there is a strong complaint from the ratepayers and merchants of the district of the deplorable condition of the roadway of the village and that one half or one mile of it should be steamrolled owing to heavy increase of traffic in the village."

Mr. Murphy said that some of the State Grant of £1,800 might be employed to improve the street of Campile which was without doubt in a very bad condition.

Mr. Cooney proposed the following resolution:-

"That a Road Worker be employed to clean the streets of all villages of the County after live stock fairs."

Mr. Corish seconded this proposal, which was adopted, Col. Quin dissenting.

#### DANGEROUS BATHING PLACES.

Under date 12th September, 1932, the following was read from the General Manager, Irish Tourist Association, O'Connell Street, Dublin:-

"I have your letter of 2nd instant re the erection of warning notices at bathing resorts. I shall be glad to bring the matter before my Board at their meeting within the next fortnight, after which I shall write you further.

Meanwhile, I may say that one of the activities on which we are engaged at present is the formation of Committees in all resorts big and small, and where such Committees are in existence, we are suggesting immediate attention to matters of this kind. There are of course, a number of undeveloped resorts with no nucleus of a local organisation to be found. In these cases, some alternative method of dealing with the matter should be sought. I think the I.T.A. can provide this but I prefer not to anticipate the considered opinion of my Board at this stage."

*Mr. Quin*  
26 Sept 1932



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

MEETING, 26th SEPTEMBER, 1932.

M I N U T E S.

COUNTY HALL,  
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,  
SECRETARY.

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 26th September, 1932.

Present: Messrs. James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Cline, 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 McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, James Shannon, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

The Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Six Assistant Surveyors and Co. Solicitor were also in attendance.

The Chairman, (Mr. Doyle) wrote regretting his inability to be present at the meeting owing to an important engagement and offered his apologies to the Members for his absence.

On the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. Brennan the chair was taken by Col. Gibbon.

Subsequently Mr. J.E. Walsh, Vice Chairman, attended and presided to the end of the meeting.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £1414. 6. 2d was examined and signed.

#### COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following report was presented by the Co. Surveyor:-

"I beg to report that during the past week there was an unfortunate accident caused by our County Machinery, and notification has been sent to the Insurance Company. It appears that the engine and stonebreaker were coming down the Clonhaston Road into the Town of Enniscorthy, and below the Railway turn the Engine Driver had to steer out wide in order to avoid a Van which was parked opposite the Railway Hotel. The surface of the concrete was very slippery, and at this place there is a steep side fall, with the result that the engine wheels skidded with the weight of



"the breaker behind, and turned the engine completely around. The breaker itself swung in on the footpath, and damaged a rain water down pipe. The serious part of the accident is that a man was attending a horse and cart at the place, and he was badly injured, and is now in Hospital. It is claimed that the horse also was injured to the extent of £35.

"Notice has been served by Miss Palmer in regard to damage done by blasting in Gorey Hill Quarry, and it is stated that an injunction will be sought to prevent blasting there in the future. If this injunction be obtained, it will be absolutely necessary to close down the quarry, which is really essential for work in the locality. I submit copy of letter from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, in regard to this matter.

"Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, reports to me that it will be necessary to extend the ~~Area~~ under Kiltrea Quarry, and he has had an interview with the owner in regard to this. I submit copy of his report which states that the owner is asking a most exorbitant price for the necessary extension.

"I have now received from the Electricity Supply Board notification that their Engineer will meet me during the week to discuss the damage to the painting caused in carrying out the recent work by the Board, and I shall arrange an appointment.

"On the 17th instant, by appointment, I met Mr. Lee, Contractor for the work at Courtown Harbour. His men were at the time of my visit running in cement grout below sill, and I arranged with him in regard to reducing the leakage at the Gate Paddles. There has been very little chance of getting full sluicing owing to lack of water in the river and low tides, but clearing already done is enabling boats to go out at high water. I have arranged with Mr. Lee to carry out some necessary repairs to the South Pier, and the work of completing repairs to the North Pier which can only be carried out when the drift sand has gone away from the base.



"The Road Improvement Grants are well advanced. On the New Ross Road the slab is completed to **Rabeenvarren** Cross, and I am, now making arrangements to lay slab through the Street of Ballinaboola. This I purpose putting in, in Rapid-Hardening Cement, so as not to delay opening of the road. The slab on the Enniscorthy Buncloody Road should be completed on the 26th (to-day), and was somewhat delayed by failure in receiving proper cement. The laying of the tarred stones on the Rosslare Harbour Road is completed, and I am now arranging about putting on a sealing coat so as to finish off the job.

"The Relief Grants authorised on the 10th August are in progress with the exception of the Bridge at Monamolin. This work was held up awaiting the preparation of Quarry material, which is now commenced. In regard to the allocation of £7,200 I have particulars for the meeting.

"Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, asks for transfer of £150 from Main Road No. 41 to Main Road No. 30, and I ask for sanction to this."

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

"That the Report of Co. Surveyor as presented to this meeting be received and considered."

INJURY BY CO. COUNCIL MACHINERY:- In connection with this matter letters were read from Mr. H.J. Frizelle, Solicitor, Slaney Place, Enniscorthy, claiming £49 compensation for injury to horse and cart, the property of John Behan, Ballymotey; and also stating that claim would be made on behalf of Patrick Jennings, Ballymotey, the driver of Mr. Behan's cart, and who was at present in hospital in Enniscorthy.

On the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. O'Byrne the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we approve of the action of our Co. Surveyor in



"placing the circumstances of the injuries caused by Co. Council stonebreaker before the Insurance Company."

BLASTING AT GOREY HILL QUARRY:- Under date 21st September, 1932, Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey wrote that in the course of the last few months two claims arising out of damage caused to the property of their client, Miss H.J. Palmer, Gorey Hill, by the blasting operations of the Council at the adjacent quarry had been settled. The damage was done to meadowing, fencing and the surface of the land.

Miss Palmer's property had been permanently damaged, the structure of her dwelling house suffering from shocks of explosions. This damage could not be satisfied by payment of lump sums and the only protection their client could seek was to apply for an injunction to restrain blasting in the quarry. Before taking any steps towards this, they wished to know whether the Council intended to continue blasting and if so how often and at what intervals.

The Co. Surveyor, (to whom copy of this letter had been supplied) obtained from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, for Gorey District, a report under date 23rd September, 1932, in which it was pointed out that in Mr. Treanor's opinion, the dwelling house did not suffer injury from shocks as the result of blasting operations. This matter could be easily decided by an independent inspection of the house before and after a blast. With reference to the future, blasting operations of this character would be only necessary if the quarry was to be kept working and the number of blasts would depend on the nature of the work to be done. For ordinary maintenance and machine breaking one blast after Compressor or steam drill per year would be sufficient, but where Relief Work was being carried out and hand drilling adopted so as to give more employment, small shots might be necessary about three times per week. But these would require less than half a lb. of explosives to each hole of four feet."



On the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. Brennan it was decided that this matter should be considered in Committee.

The Co. Surveyor stated that the quarry was absolutely essential for the use of the Council. If Miss Palmer sought an injunction against the Council it would be necessary to enter an appearance against same.

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

"That Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, be instructed to take the necessary steps to defend any proceedings, whether by way of injunction or otherwise which may be taken to secure an injunction to prevent the use of Gorey Hill Quarry by the County Council."

KILTREA QUARRY:- Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, for the district, wrote that under the Relief Grant for Killanne - Caim Road, material was required from Kiltrea Quarry. The good material had been now worked back almost to old fence between quarry and owner's land and it was necessary to secure an extension of the quarry. On the 21st September, 1932, he had seen Mrs. Roche, Newtown, owner, and she referred him to her son, Michael. The latter was not satisfied that the quarry be worked into his field at the rate of 3d per cubic yard, but was prepared to sell out portion of the field, a plot approximating one rood in area for the sum of £220. The usual quarry lease agreement signed by Mrs. Roche would run to the 31st March, 1934.

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

"That the Co. Surveyor arrange for an interview with Mrs. Roche, as to an extension of Kiltrea Quarry and report to the next meeting of the Finance Committee the conditions upon which she is satisfied this extension should be given. If the amount of compensation claimed by Mrs. Roche be found unreasonable we direct the County Surveyor to apply to the Court for the necessary order to extend the Quarry."



COURTOWN HARBOUR:- Mr. Keegan complained that the sluice gates at Courtown were not water tight, at the bottom.

The Co. Surveyor pointed out that the work at the gates had not yet been finished by the Contractor, and when it was the gates would be found to work efficiently.

Mr. Keegan mentioned he had been informed by expert opinion that the gates were not a success and the paddles were three feet deeper than before, which for flushing purposes, would be of little use. If the gates were three feet above and below it was impossible to keep the water ponded back. He denied that the work had been well done and stated that a boat from the harbour which went to Dublin with sand and returned with 12 or 13 tons of coal had to return to Arklow for shelter as she had not sufficient depth of water to enter Courtown.

The Co. Surveyor said the new paddles were exactly on the same level as the old ones. It was impossible to expect a great flush of water with the recent Neap tides.

The Chairman suggested it would be advisable to wait at least three months and see what ~~the~~ effect the Spring tides would have in keeping the harbour clear.

The Co. Surveyor pointed out that for over twelve months the outer channel had been packed with an accumulation of sand and the very small amount of freshet sluicing from the ponded water had cleared a great deal of this accumulation. The amount of leakage at the gates between high and low water was only four inches and if it were necessary this could be reduced. The work would be carried out by the Contractor.

Mr. Keegan said it had been stated at a Co. Council meeting that it was owing to representations from the fishermen that the Contractor had held over the work from the Autumn. The fishermen denied this. If leaks were still at the top and bottom of the gates the County Surveyor was not correct in describing the ~~job~~ as a good one.



The Co. Surveyor said that in his report he had suggested the employment of bag and spoon dredging in order to clear the outer channel quickly. The rise and fall of the tide at Courtown was only about three feet and this was not sufficient for efficient flushing at the present.

In reply to the Chairman (Col. Gibbon) Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, said the width of the accumulation was 38 feet and the length thirteen. One flushing which was carried out nearly cleared the harbour but the prevailing North-East wind was depositing sand and gravel in the bar mouth again. If there was a plentiful fall of rain they would, in his opinion, make a proper clearance at the outer harbour, as they had been almost able to do this with only  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet of water.

The Co. Surveyor in reply to Mr. Keegan denied that the job was a failure, but he was not prepared to give any guarantee in connection with the matter. No one would give a guarantee for sea work.

Mr. O'Byrne said in his opinion the gates were a success. At one time owing to the hard packed accumulation of sand the County Council had under consideration the employment of a dredger. Now by the flushing from the gates nearly all the sand had been cleared from the bar mouth, and he was sure the whole of it would have gone were it not for the North-East wind depositing a fresh amount of sand. As for the boat Mr. Keegan referred to she had always lightened outside the bar. The one thing Courtown wanted at the moment was the dredging of the inner basin. If these were done a most effective height of water would be ponded back, and the flushing would keep the bar mouth practically always clear.

In connection with the dredging of the basin the Secretary stated that he had had an acknowledgment from the Department of Lands and Fisheries under date 19th September, (D/5/2) acknowledging the resolution of the Council which asked for a moiety of the



expenditure in connection with this work.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Brennan seconded the following resolution which passed:-

"That we request the Department of Lands and Fisheries to take into favourable consideration at as early a date as possible the resolution of this Council dealing with the dredging of the inner basin of Courtown Harbour. That Mr. Corish, T.D., be requested to interview the responsible officers of the Department in this matter and point out how, owing to several unforeseen circumstances, the fishing industry at this harbour has been greatly hampered for some considerable time past."

ROAD RELIEF GRANTS:- Under date 30th August, 1932, the Local Government Department wrote to the Co. Surveyor (RFU/32) as to £7200 further road grant in relief of unemployment bringing the total sum allocated since 8th June, 1932, to £13,200. It was desired that the money should be available when unemployment is severest and the road programme should be framed in that direction .

Under date 7th September, 1932, the Co. Surveyor read letter (RFU/32) from the Department of Local Government, that no objection would be raised to the expenditure of a portion of this grant on the improvement of main roads. The selection of the works should, however, follow the incidence of unemployment as far as possible.

The Co. Surveyor said that at last meeting it was decided to allocate the grant to the four areas of the County in equal shares giving £1,800 each. He had sent a circular letter to the Councillors asking for suggestions as to the works upon which the money should be spent and had also obtained recommendations from the Assistant Surveyors. If however, all these were adopted the expenditure would run to £50,000. The only thing <sup>that</sup> could be done was to go through the suggestions and recommendations seriatim and make a selection. Several works were then suggested but during their consideration Mr. McCarthy moved and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution:-



"That the £1800 for each area in the County be allocated in accordance with the old Rural District Councils' bounds bearing in mind the incidence of unemployment in each case.

A poll was taken with the following result.

FOR: Messrs. Clince, Colfer, Cooney, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Keegan, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Byrne, Smyth and the Chairman (Mr. Walsh) (14)

AGAINST: Messrs. Armstrong, Brennan, O'Ryan and Shannon. (4)

DECLINED VOTING: Messrs. Corish, Gaul and Hayes. (3)

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Shannon protested and held that the resolution was out of order. The Council had already agreed to distribute the amount per County Electoral area.

The Chairman held the resolution to be in order. The only provision to be observed in the allocation of the money was to see that it went to districts with the largest amount of unemployment.

Considerable discussion took place as to the selection of roads and works. Finally the following were agreed to:-

ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT: Road 482, Clonroche to Killegney £700; No. 531, Oylegate to Kilmallock £600; No's 23 and 219 Bunclody streets £500. Total £1800

GOREY DISTRICT: Road 73 and 74. Annagh Gap £200; No 94 Cloneranny Cross Roads to Killowen £115; No. 120 Hollyfort Road £400; No. 140 and 141 Gorey Town - Back streets £350; No. 168 and 169 Ballyellis Road (extra material) £80; No. 320 Monamolin £100; No. 213 Riverchapel to Courtown £100; No. 215 Ballycanew Road £325; Roads in Kilmuckridge area maintained by sea gravel £130. Total £1800.

NEW ROSS DISTRICT: No's. 682 and 789 Campile streets £800; No. 816 Ballycullane streets £400; Nos. 859 and 860 Hook to Porters' Gate £200; No. 565 Maudlin's Road £400; Total £1800.

WEXFORD DISTRICT: No. 72 Knockeen - Taghmon (streets) £700;



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Nos. 639 and 640 - Curracloe Road £400; No. 962 - Kate's Cross - Baldwinstown £400; No. 35 - Kilmore - Wexford Road £200 and No. 1007 St. Ivors to Lady's Island £100; Total £1800.

Mr. Cooney said the stones for this relief work should be broken by hand. It was unfair when so many unfortunate people were idle that material should be brought three or four miles away.

Mr. Gaul - That is being done on the Curracloe road.

Co. Surveyor - Where you are doing patch work it cannot be done. The practice will be observed as far as possible.

Mr. Cooney referred to the fact that the names of married men only were being furnished as workers under Relief Grants. This was unfair to single men with dependents. He was of opinion that the number of dependents should be the determining factor for employment. He then proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:-

"That our Secretary communicate with the Manager of the Unemployment Exchange, Waterford, and request him to point out to the Branch Manager, New Ross, that in future the names of single men with dependents should be furnished to Assistant Surveyors with those of married men in order that they will secure a fair amount of employment"

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Gaul:- "That we **urge** on the Local Government Department to advance portion of their Relief Grant of £7,200 to this Council for works agreed to at this meeting in districts in which acute distress prevails.

TRANSFER OF ROAD MONEY:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That a sum of £150 be transferred from main road No. 41 to main road No 30."

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the report of County Surveyor presented to this meeting be and is hereby adopted."



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O.A.P. SUB COMMITTEE NO. 5.

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

"That as recommended by Sub Committee No. 5 (Old Age Pensions) Rev. J. Wadding, C.C. Enniscorthy be appointed a Member of this Sub Committee vice Rev. R. Talbot resigned.

HOUSING ACTS.

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

"That the Co. Council agree to adopt the provisions of the Small Dwellings Requisition Acts 1899 to 1919 to enable advances being made to persons who desire to build houses."

Mr. O'Byrne seconded the resolution which was adopted.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That advances under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts from 1899 to 1919 by this Council be confined to houses the cost of the erection of which shall not exceed £400."

In connection with amount of loan to be raised for this purpose the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That the amount of loan to be raised by Co. Council under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be governed by the number of applications for loans agreed to by the Council."

FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Corish:- "That the decision of the Council not to provide a temporary bridge at Ferrycarrig during the period the permanent structure is under repair, be rescinded and that the question of providing a temporary bridge be considered."

Mr. Corish said everybody should have been influenced by the case which had been made by the deputation asking for a temporary



bridge at the last Co. Council meeting. They had proved conclusively it would be inconvenient to a very great extent. It was the desire of every Co. Councillor to afford all the facilities they could to the ratepayers and in this instance there could be no question but substantial hardship would be inflicted upon a number of people, unless the decision of the County Council not to provide a temporary bridge, was reversed. If his motion was carried the Council could then decide whether the temporary structure should be one to bear horse traffic only or one to carry all traffic.

Mr. Culleton seconded the motion.

Mr. Hall opposed the erection of a temporary bridge in these very hard times when they could not get in the rates. Mr. Corish had referred to the hardships on the ratepayers in the vicinity of the bridge but he said nothing about the hardships on the ratepayers, who would have to provide nearly one penny in the pound for the purpose. It was really "drowning" the £1000 which was estimated to be the cost of the temporary bridge. And as regards inconvenience there was no doubt that thousands of the ratepayers had permanent inconvenience of a much worse character than was the case in the present instance.

Miss O'Ryan said she was not impressed by the views of the deputation. She admitted there was a certain amount of hardship to a limited number of people but nothing that would justify the expenditure of £1000 for the provision of a temporary bridge.

Mr. Cummins held as there was only a few people concerned the expenditure on a temporary structure would be wasted.

Mr. Culleton contended that diverting all the traffic on roads which had never been built to carry lorries would do enormous damage. In fact it would take three times the cost of erecting a temporary bridge to repair the roads which would form the alternative routes.



The Co. Surveyor stated there were only seven or eight people in the vicinity of the bridge who would be very much inconvenienced.

After further discussion a poll was taken on the motion and which resulted as follows:-

FOR: Messrs. Cline, Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Gaul, Hayes, McCarthy, and Shannon. (8)

AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, Armstrong, Cooney, D'Arcy, Cummins, Gibbon, Hall, Keegan, Murphy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Smyth and the Chairman. (13)

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

On the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. D'Arcy it was decided that tenders for the repair of Ferrycarrig Bridge be considered at a meeting of the Council to be held on 7th November, 1932, and in consequence that the ordinary meeting of the County Council fixed for 14th November, 1932, be dropped."

COUNTY COUNCIL - HOUR OF MEETING.

Mr. Armstrong moved the following of which he had given previous notice:- "That the time fixed for meetings of the Co. Council in future be at 1.30 p.m. instead of 10.30. a.m. as at present."

Mr. Hall seconded.

In the course of the discussion it was ascertained that Councillors residing in New Ross Area would not be able to travel by train at a convenient hour to attend a meeting at 1.30 p.m. and, in consequence, Mr. Armstrong with-drew his motion.

Mr. Murphy gave the following notice of motion:- "I hereby give notice of my intention to move at next meeting to be held on 10th October, 1932, that the meetings of this Co. Council be held once a month at 10.30 a.m. in future."

NEW ROSS URBAN MAIN ROADS.

Letter from New.Ross Urban Council under date 1st September, 1932, as to maintenance of Main Roads of the district and which



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appeared on last Co. Council Minutes, was read.

Under date 20th September, 1932, the Town Clerk, New Ross, wrote that his Council had decided to ask the Co. Council to consider the advisability of reconstructing the main roads in New Ross Urban area in concrete. In the opinion of the Urban Council Interest on a loan could not exceed the amount expended last year on maintenance. The work would be permanent and was necessary and should result in a saving to the Ratepayers.

The Co. Surveyor said there had been a proposal for £482 last year with £52.17.6d. from the Post Office Authorities - cost of damage by them in restoring road-ways - and £71.2s. from the Railway Co. for Chilcomb bridge. Total £605.19.6d. The amount expended was £604.10.1d. of which the principal items were:- Wages £234.4.11d; Carters £56.17.6d; Materials £158.3.0d; tar and bitumen £99.5.2d. and hire of roller £31.10.0d.

The Chairman (Mr. Walsh) held that as there were a number of New Ross streets concreted the balance could be done for the amount of the proposal by way of loan. It was a sound proposition financially and it was not necessary to point to the advantage it would be from the point of view of transport and maintenance to have concrete thoroughfares.

The Co. Surveyor said that the mile of streets undone in New Ross would cost about £5000 to lay in concrete. The latter was he was absolutely convinced a great saving in maintenance. The Wexford Enniscorthy road formerly cost £20,000 a year to maintain in a very indifferent manner; the present concrete road cost £80 - less than £8 per mile. There was no sign of any deterioration and he was convinced that in 20 years it would give a big capital return.

After further discussion it was decided that the Co. Surveyor would obtain and submit to a meeting of the Council at an early date, definite figures as to the cost of concreting the remainder of the main roads in New Ross Urban Area.



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SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES.

The following extracts from Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee, held on 22nd September, 1932, were submitted:-

UNIVERSITY:- Under date 19th September, 1932, the following was read from William Meyler, Blackhall, Glynn, recently awarded a University Scholarship:-

"I received your letter today informing me that I have been awarded a University Scholarship. I thank the Council for their kindness in awarding me this Scholarship, and I would be greatly indebted to them if they would hold over my Scholarship for two years as I have been called to De La Salle Training College. I understand there is a precedent for such cases."

After a long discussion the following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "The Finance Committee cannot see its way to recommend the Co. Council to agree to Mr. Meyler's application to hold over for him for two years his University Scholarship. In the event of Mr. Meyler being unable to avail of same it should be awarded to Joseph Byrne, Bayview, St. John's Road, Wexford, who is next in order of merit on the list of successful candidates."

The following is result of poll on this resolution:-

FOR: Messrs. Hall, O'Byrne and the Chairman (3)

AGAINST: Messrs. Culleton and Shannon (2)

SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME:- Under date 21st September, 1932, the following was read from the Department of Education (Secondary Education Branch) 1, Hume Street, Dublin:-

"With reference to previous correspondence I have to inform you that the Department approves of the renewal for the school year 1932-33, of the Scholarship held by Mary A. Ronan, Loreto Convent, Wexford.

"With regard to the pupil, Mary E. Doyle, I have to point out



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"that according to the School Attendance Book, only one class day was missed by her during the school year. Furthermore, it is not the practice of the Department to attach any importance to pleas of illness unless supported by a medical certificate.

" In the circumstances, the Department considers that the pupil's progress in the past three years is not sufficient to warrant the renewal of the Scholarship for another year. If the Council, however, who are primarily responsible in this matter, adhere to their previous decision with this expression of opinion before them, the Department will raise no further objection to the proposal."

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

"That the question of agreeing to Scholarship of Mary E. Doyle, Quay Road, Duncannon, be referred to the Council, for decision."

The following resolution was moved by Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That we confirm the recommendation of the Finance Committee refusing application of William Meyler to hold over his University Scholarship for two years be confirmed."

As an amendment Miss O'Ryan moved and Mr. Culleton seconded the following:- "That we dissent from the recommendation of the Finance Committee refusing to ~~allow~~ University Scholarship awarded William Meyler being held over until he has completed his training as a teacher in De La Salle College, Waterford."

A poll on the amendment resulted as follows:-  
FOR: Messrs. Culleton, O'Ryan, Shannon, Smyth and the Chairman (5)  
AGAINST: Messrs. Armstrong, Brennan, Colfer, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gaul, Gibbon, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy and O'Byrne. (14)

Messrs. Cline and Murphy (2) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The resolution was then put and passed.



In connection with Secondary Scholarship Scheme, Mother M.J. Raphael, Superior, Loreto Convent, Wexford, wrote that Mary E. Doyle, had missed quite a lot of time devoted to study last year when she had colds and had to retire early. It was on this account her lessons suffered. She attended the classes during the day even when weakly but that was all she could often accomplish.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That we confirm renewal of Secondary Scholarship of Mary E. Doyle, Quay Road, Duncannon, for year, 1932-33."

PETROL PUMP LICENCE.

In connection with application from Messrs. John Bolger & Co.Ltd (David J. Bolger) Ferns, for petrol pump licence, Mr. R.J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, reported that he saw no objection to granting this licence as the petrol pump would be on a line with the existing pumps at the premises

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That petrol pump licence issue to Mr. David J. Bolger (John Bolger & Co. ) Ferns."

CASTROL LUBRICATING OIL PUMP.

Application was received from Messrs. Bates & Sons, Gorey, for permission to erect a Castrol Lubricating oil Pump on kerb side at their garage, St. Michael's Road.

The Co. Surveyor said the erection of the pump would not cause any obstruction

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That this Co. Council will not offer objection to the erection<sup>of</sup>/a Castrol Lubricating Oil Pump at Messrs. Bates & Sons' garage, St. Michael's Road, Gorey, on condition that same will be removed at any time on a month's notice in writing from the Council."

*[Handwritten signature]*

*10 October 1932*



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

MEETING 10th OCTOBER, 1932.

M I N U T E S.

COUNTY HALL,  
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary.

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in Co. Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford, on 10th October, 1932.

Present: Messrs. James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Cline, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, James Gaul, Col. C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, William P. Keegan, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, M.M. Roche, James Shannon and Myles Smyth.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor and Rates Inspector were also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Brennan the chair was taken by Col. Gibbon.

After the reading of the Minutes the Chairman (Mr. M. Doyle) attended and presided for the rest of the meeting.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £29,589. 10s. for Transfers to Public Bodies was examined and signed.

#### VOTE OF CONDOLENCE WITH CO. SURVEYOR.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed the following resolution:- "That we offer our sincere condolence to Mr. Barry our County Surveyor on the death of Sister M. Angela of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame Convent, Glasgow, his only surviving Sister. We sympathise with him most heartily in his bereavement."

Mr. Cummins seconded and the resolution which was supported by the Chairman, Co. Secretary and Co. Solicitor, was passed in silence.

Mr. Barry suitably replied.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 22nd September, 1932, were submitted as follows:-



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

MEETING, 22nd SEPTEMBER, 1932.

M I N U T E S.

COUNTY HALL,  
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary.

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 22nd September, 1932.

Present: Messrs. John Culleton, James Hall, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

The Co. Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor and Rates Inspector, were also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Hall the chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy..

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5333. 8. 6d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

STATE OF:- The state of the Rate Collection up to 22nd September, 1932, was submitted as follows:-

	Percentage of Warrant Collected.
1. E.J. Murphy	25.3
2. S. Gannon (6)	25.0
3. P. Carty	19.6
4. J. Curtis	19.3
5. A. Dunne	19.2
6. J. Quirke	16.6
7. M. McCarthy	16.3
8. T. Rowe	16.2
9. W. Cummins	16.0
10. P. Nolan	15.7
11. S. Gannon (10)	15.2
12. J. Cummins	15.0
13. T. Bolger	14.9
14. M. Murphy	14.3
15. J.J. O'Reilly	14.2
16. J. Deegan	13.2
17. P. O'Byrne	11.4
18. J.J. Sinnott	10.5
19. W. Doyle	10.3
20. P. Doyle	<u>9.5</u>

The Secretary stated that the amount collected was 12.2% less than at the corresponding period last year.

Mr. O'Byrne suggested that further consideration of Rate Collection should be held over until the close of the half year in order to ascertain what the Collectors had done to carry out the resolution of the Finance Committee as to the lodgment of 50% of the current year's warrant.



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excluding arrears by the 30th September. At the next meeting of the Finance Committee each Collector's books could be examined and the Committee would be in a position to ascertain if any people who were able to pay had not done so and they could have explanations from the Rate Collectors concerned.

The meeting decided to fall in with the suggestion of Mr. O'Byrne and accordingly adjourned further consideration of the Rate Collection to the meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on the 6th October, 1932.

EXPLANATION BY RATE COLLECTOR:- The following explanation for his neglect to lodge a sum of £10.12.3d Poor Rate within the stipulated 48 hours after receipt was received from Collector Patrick Carty (No. 20 district):-

"The Bank was closed on 1st inst. when I got finished checking and I went to Fethard on that evening.

Fethard is 20 miles from New Ross (The nearest Bank) and it means a whole day to get there and back, so I thought it would be time enough when I got finished there.

To lodge every 48 hours would mean losing 4 days every fortnight and one day checking would be 5 days out of every twelve. As I am further from a bank than any Collector in the Free State, I would be glad if you allow me to lodge once every week."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Finance Committee accepts the explanation of Collector P. Carty as to his failure to lodge £10.12.3d within the proper time, but desire to point out to this Collector that neither the Finance Committee nor the Co. Council have power to abrogate regulations made by the Local Government Department.

The Secretary stated he had not received any explanation from Mr. T. Bolger (District No. 14) as to his failure to lodge



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within the proper time.

It was decided as Mr. Bolger had recently changed his residence to write to him at his new address and point out that his explanation must be to hand in time for next meeting of the Finance Committee.

PART PAYMENT OF POOR RATES:- Under date 15th September, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (G.64052/32 Loch Garman) :-

"With reference to your letter of the 17th ultimo relative to the proposal adopted by the Wexford County Council at their meeting on the 25th July last to authorise their Rate Collectors to accept payments on account of rates due under certain specified conditions, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the procedure for the collection of rates and the checking of such collections laid down in the Public Bodies Orders was framed both for the protection of Local Authorities and the ratepayers, and it would be with considerable hesitation that the Minister could see his way to consent to any modification of the conditions hitherto imposed.

"At the same time the Minister recognises the difficulties of the present situation and appreciates that the Council in their proposals have laid down certain safeguards which may enable the satisfactory collection of rates on account. In the circumstances the Minister is disposed to the view that the suggested scheme might be given a trial for an experimental period not exceeding three months when the results should be reported and the matter then further considered."

#### MALICIOUS INJURY APPLICATIONS.

Malicious Injury Applications were submitted on behalf of Michael Henehan, Kilmannock, Campile, for £60 for alleged poisoning of a horse and from Michael Furlong, Rathmure, Killane for £12 for injury to a Corn Binder.

The Committee discussed the circumstances of both cases with Mr. Elgee, Solicitor.



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## INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES

Intimation was received from St. Michael's Industrial School, Wexford, as to the committal of Isabella (aged 6 years) and Kathleen (aged 5 years) Clement, Oulart, to this Industrial School. The children's mother was dead and the father ( a farm labourer earning 9/- per week) was unable to exercise proper control over them.

Mr. Elgee mentioned that the application was before the District Justice on the 21st when he decided to commit both children to St. Michael's Industrial School

### WEIGHBRIDGE - COURTTOWN HARBOUR.

Under date 8th September, 1932, the following was read from D. Murphy, Harbour Master, Courtown:-

"Sergt. Scanlon, Inspector of Weights and Measures has been here inspecting the Weighbridge. He reports it 14 lbs. out of balance. P. Kenny of Enniscorthy who was with him repairs scales and weighbridges. He says it requires a new set of centres and other equipment. The scales is a very old one. It was taken over with the Harbour by the County Council. It cost £3.4.8d November 1931 and now it is worse than ever and would cost a larger amount. Of course if it was condemned it would be a hardship on a great many people who use it for weighing hay, straw and coal."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That Mr. Patrick Kenny, Mary St., Enniscorthy, be requested to furnish Co. Council with quotation for repair of weighbridge at Courtown Harbour, work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Weights and Measures."

### SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEMES.

UNIVERSITY:- Under date 19th September, 1932, the following was read from William Meyler, Blackhall, Glynn, recently awarded a University Scholarship:-

"I received your letter today informing me that I have been



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"awarded a University Scholarship. I thank the Council for their kindness in awarding me this Scholarship, and I would be greatly indebted to them if they would hold over my Scholarship for two years, as I have been called to De La Salle Training College, and I understand there is a precedent for such cases."

After a long discussion the following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne and seconded by Mr. Hall:- "The Finance Committee cannot see its way to recommend the Co. Council to agree to Mr. Meyler's application to hold over for him for two years his University Scholarship. In the event of Mr. Meyler being unable to avail of same it should be awarded to Joseph Byrne, Bayview, St. John's Road, Wexford, who is next in order of merit, on the list of successful candidates.

The following is result of a poll on this resolution:-

FOR: Messrs. Hall, O'Byrne and the Chairman (3)

AGAINST: Messrs. Gulleton and Shannon (2)

SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME:- Under date 21st September, 1932, the following was read from the Department of Education, (Secondary Education Branch) 1, Hume St., Dublin:-

"With reference to previous correspondence I have to inform you that the Department approves of the renewal for the school year 1932-33, of the Scholarship held by Mary A. Ronan, Loreto Convent, Wexford.

"With regard to the pupil, Mary E. Doyle, I have to point out that, according to the School Attendance Book, only one class day was missed by her during the School year. Furthermore, it is not the practice of the Department to attach any importance to pleas of illness unless supported by a medical certificate.

"In the circumstances the Department considers that this pupil's progress in the past three years is not sufficient to warrant the renewal of the Scholarship for another year. If the Council, however, who are primarily responsible in this matter,



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"adhere to their previous decision with this expression of opinion before them, the Department will raise no further objection to the proposal."

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

"That the question of agreeing to renewal of Scholarship of Mary E. Doyle, Quay Road, Duncannon, be referred to the Council for decision."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 22nd September, 1932, be and are hereby confirmed."

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 6th October, 1932, were submitted as follows:-



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

MEETING 6th OCTOBER, 1932.

M I N U T E S.

County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary.

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in Co. Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford, on 6th October, 1932.

Present: Messrs. T. McCarthy, James Shannon, Sean O'Byrne, James Hall and J. Culleton. (Mr. McCarthy presided on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne.)  
The Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor and Rates Inspector were also in attendance.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5178.18.5d was examined and signed.

STATE OF RATE COLLECTION.

The state of the Rate Collection was submitted as follows:-

Name of Collector.	£	S	D	Percentage of Total Warrant lodged.	Percentage of current Warrant lodged excluding arrears.
Sean Gannon (6)	1126	12	3	35.0	40.6
E. J. Murphy	1588	6	10	34.0	35.0
Patrick Carty	1264	9	4	29.1	30.4
John Curtis	1412	1	10	27.8	29.0
A. Dunne	2022	8	2	26.5	28.9
W. Doyle	1052	3	1	20.0	27.0
P. Nolan	1622	13	4	22.6	26.05
W. Cummins	923	9	5	22.0	25.00
J. Quirke	1689	15	1	23.1	24.35
J. Cummins	1029	5	11	20.0	22.30
M. Murphy	748	7	4	19.7	22.30
T. Rowe	769	11	1	20.7	21.5
M. McCarthy	1016	16	11	19.6	21.1
J.J. O'Reilly	1066	7	0	20.4	21.1
Sean Gannon (10)	672	8	0	19.7	21.0
J. Deegan	1304	8	8	18.8	19.1
T. Bolger	806	17	9	18.6	19.1
Patrick Byrne	667	0	5	17.1	18.45
J.J. Sinnott	875	16	3	16.4	18.0
P. Doyle.	733	12	8	13.8	14.6
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>£22462</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>22.</b>	<b>24.</b>

It was pointed out that the percentage of total warrant collected compared with corresponding period last year amounted to 36.6%.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman that all Collectors be instructed to attend next meeting of Finance Committee to explain outstanding amounts in the various districts as none of the Collectors had carried out the Council's instructions to lodge 50% of current warrant excluding arrears by the 30th September.



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The Members having examined Rate-books, Mr. O'Byrne stated there were several outstanding amounts which could have been collected without inflicting the slightest hardship on anyone.

Mr. Hall stated he also noticed there were a number of amounts unpaid which could have been collected.

#### OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

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

"That National Bank, Ltd. Treasurer be requested to sanction an extension of present overdraft limit of £33,000 by £13,000 for period ending 31st December, 1932. This is rendered necessary owing to backward state of collection. The limit of £33,000 agreed to by Treasurer up to 30th September last includes £13,000 deducted from Grant to meet arrears of Land Purchase Annuities. Had normal Agricultural Grant been paid the Council's Overdraft for said period would have been £20,000."

#### SEIZURE FOR RATES.

##### COLLECTOR J. CUMMINS V E. WHELAN.

Mrs. Ellen Whelan, Ballyorley and her son Edward Whelan came before Committee in reference to seizure of sheep by Collector J. Cummins on foot of a Decree of District Court for £40.7.2d obtained by Mr. Cummins against her son, for rates. Mrs. Whelan said the amount of the Decree was wrong, being for £2 more than the amount due. She also complained that at the auction of the sheep in the pound they had been purchased by the Collector, she wanted to know if that procedure was legal. She had received legal advice that the Council was responsible for any illegal action of their servant. The sheep were seized months ago and she had received no credit in respect of the sale.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, pointed out that Mrs. Whelan had signed consent to Decree.

The Chairman stated that Collector had instructions from the Council to collect rates with all due diligence. So long as a Collector carried out his duties in a legal manner the Council



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could not interfere. The Council in all legal matters would be guided by the advice of their Solicitor, Mr. Elgee, who was present.

Mr. Elgee, said in his opinion Collector had acted legally.

Rate Inspector said that Collector had sold the sheep and amount realized by the sale, viz. £20 less costs, would be lodged, by the Collector as a part payment (under recently sanctioned Scheme) in respect of amount due by Mrs. Whelan.

#### APPLICATION FOR COMMITTAL TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Mr. Denis Corish, District Court Clerk, New Ross, wrote as follows, under date 27th September, 1932:-

"I have been notified that an application will be made at New Ross District Court of 4th October next for the committal to St. Aidan's Industrial School, New Ross, of Mary Tobin, illegitimate daughter of May Tobin, Michael Street, New Ross, and aged about four years, on the grounds that the mother is unable to support her.

"Please let me know if the County Council will object."

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, stated this case would not come before the District Court until the 11th instant, he would have necessary inquiries made in the meantime.

#### RENEWAL OF UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

##### MICHAEL F. O'KEEFE.

The following letter from Mr. Michael F. O'Keefe, 61, The Faythe, Wexford, under date 5th October, 1932, was read:-

"In answer to yours of the 16th ult., "That the Finance Committee is not prepared to accept my explanation as to my failure in the Second Arts examination as satisfactory." I respectfully submit that they attach undue importance to this examination.

"Its unimportance, on the other hand is indicated by the fact that the majority of students do not sit for it. It is treated by all as being only a "House" examination; and among the few who sit for it there is a good percentage of failures.

"The addition of 'old Irish' and 'old English' to the curriculum



"for second arts students is responsible, to no small extent, for these failures. The subjects are new to the students who fail to grasp them properly until far into the third year.

"At the same time I was attending evening classes at Kevin St., Technical Schools for chemistry. The idea, prevalent among the students at the University that the Second Arts examination was more or less a matter of form gave me this opportunity.

"I may add that my failure does not in any way reflect on my ability to secure the pass, if not the honours standard in the Final Arts examination, nor do I entertain any doubt that I shall justify the renewal of my scholarship on these grounds.

"It would give me great pleasure if you would make these facts known to your Finance Committee as soon as possible."

It was reported that Mr. O'Keefe's case would again be considered when recommendation promised by University College Authorities on his application came before the Council.



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

"That the Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee held on 6th October, 1932, be received and considered."

RATE COLLECTION:- As regards Collection the Secretary stated that the Collection was 14 per cent behind last year at the same period of the year. The amount collected to date of meeting was only 25 per cent of current warrant excluding arrears instead of the 50 per cent required by the Finance Committee.

Miss O'Ryan said that she could furnish names of Ratepayers who were prepared to pay and who had not been called upon and there were people who were behind a movement not to pay rates.

Mr. Roche said that a large amount of rates would be collected after the corn was sold.

Mr. Cummins considered that if Rate Collectors were not calling on Ratepayers some explanation should be demanded by the Council.

Mr. Keegan complained that in his district landlords who had collected rates in the rents through the Local Government (Rates on Small Dwellings) Act 1928 had not paid these rates.

The Chairman pointed out that landlords who did not pay these rates in good time would not get the bonus attached to early payment.

Mr. O'Byrne considered that in such cases as referred to by Mr. Keegan it would be the fault of the Rate Collector if the rates were not paid.

Miss O'Ryan said it would be no harm if Rate Collectors were asked to furnish the names of people who had stated they had the rates but would not pay them.

Mr. Roche held that the campaign out against the payment of rates



should not be tolerated, No matter what people thought they were bound to act according to the law of the country. It was poor people who were paying and those better off were evading their responsibilities. This should not be tolerated.

Mr. Keegan said his rent which was formerly 4/6d was now 6/10d which included the rates. Although his rent was paid he understood the rates had not been handed to the Rate Collector.

The Chairman said his experience was that the landlord generally paid before he received anything from the tenant.

Mr. McCarthy - That is also my experience in Enniscorthy. The owners of small dwellings are most willing to pay.

The Chairman said that not long ago in a certain quarter a resolution was adopted asking the people not to pay rates.

Col. Quin - The persons behind that should be prosecuted.

Chairman - There must be something in it. But people should realise that if the rates are not paid some of the public services should lapse.

Mr. Gaul complained that Collectors were paid only at infrequent intervals, long periods elapsing between payments. This was putting a premium on dishonesty.

Mr. Roche said he would give notice of motion for next meeting that Collectors should be paid on each ten per cent of their lodgments after the first ten per cent.

Mr. Keegan said he would give notice of motion that Collectors be paid by the month.

The Chairman held that if this latter proposal was adopted the Council would have no security that the collection would be closed, Some collectors would probably at the end of the collection period leave the Council with a big deficit. It was a dangerous thing to disturb the present procedure for payment of poundage.

Mr. Keegan then withdrew his notice of motion.

The meeting approved of the recommendation of the Finance



Committee instructing Collectors to attend next meeting of Committee to explain outstanding amounts.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION:- Under date 7th October, 1932, letter (G.86445/1932 Loch Garman Fa) was received from the Department of Local Government stating that the Minister sanctioned overdraft accommodation not exceeding £45,000 up to 31st December next, Interest to be paid thereon at the agreed rate.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded the following resolution which was adopted unanimously:-

"That application be made to the Treasurer of the Co. Council viz National Bank, Ltd., for overdraft accommodation of £45,000 up to 31st December, 1932."

SEIZURE FOR RATES:- Mr. McCarthy, who presided at the Finance Committee meeting stated the Committee decided they could not interfere in the dispute between Mrs. Whelan and her Son with Collector J. Cummins. He had advised Mrs. Whelan at Finance Committee meeting that if she thought she had any grievance she should consult her Solicitor.

Rates Inspector stated that Collector bought the sheep which consisted of Ewes and Lambs (32) for £10 and had since sold them for £20 and Mrs. Whelan would be credited with latter amount less costs.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Armstrong the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 6th October, 1932, be and are hereby adopted."

ADMINISTRATION OF SMALL DWELLINGS' ACQUISITION ACT.

The Secretary said that in connection with the Small Dwellings' Acquisition Act, there were a number of points in administration of the Act by the Council, to be decided on. The two resolutions passed by the County Council at the last meeting were not the end of the matter. The Council had decided by these resolutions to put the Act into operation and also to confine any loans which they would give



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under the Act to applicants whose houses would not cost more than £400. The Council would now have to decide if they would advance the money to people buying houses already erected. He had received one application of that nature and the decision that the Council would make on this application would rule all other cases.

Miss O'Ryan said that she thought the Council should allow loans in such cases because in the 1932 Housing Act people were getting the benefit of the Act for houses erected as far back as June, 1931. They should give the same benefits under the Small Dwellings Act.

The Secretary said he had already expressed his opinion that the interest to be charged was extraordinarily high, 6 per cent, for 35 years. Taking a £200 house the applicant who borrows 90 per cent. of the money would have at the end of 35 years repaid £252. 10s. 10d. The rent looked small, 4/9 per week, but it would amount to £252.10s.10d in interest in addition to the loan. In the case of a £300 house, if the Council advance £270 the interest repaid by the applicant would be £378 19s 2d.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr Gaul seconded that the Council advance as maxima loans of 90 per cent of the cost of houses, less the Government Grant.

Passed.

Mr. Keegan - You are not taking into account the cost of the site of the house. In my area there was £500 asked for one acre.

Mr. Corish - A man must get a site before we can do anything for him.

Chairman - If a man must have a site you will debar everyone except the small farmer.

Mr. Gaul said that he knew numerous people who owned a piece of land on which they could build. They were not small farmers.

Mr. Corish - If anyone is not in the position to get a site then the Co. Health Board can help him out.

Mr. Keegan - The Co. Health Board left houses idle for two



months, so I know where anything else will wind up.

Mr. D'Arcy - Can the Council acquire land compulsorily?

The Secretary said that the County Council could not do so under the Small Dwellings' Act.

Mr. Roche asked how the Council would know whether the house being built by an applicant for a loan was a suitable one to advance money on.

Mr. Corish said that the appointed officer would have to pass the plans and inspect the house,

The Secretary said that if a man gets a Government grant his plans must be passed by the appointed officer, and it would make the matter simple for the County Council in the issue of the loan.

Would the Council issue a loan to men not getting a Government grant?

Mr. Corish said that any applicant under £25 valuation would get the grant. These men would be building what he would consider to be a small dwelling in the meaning of the Act. Anyone having a greater valuation than £25 would not get the £70 grant, and would not be a fit person to get assistance from the Co. Council.

Miss O'Ryan - Confine it to the houses inspected and passed by the appointed officer.

The Secretary said that if Mr. O'Byrne's resolution was passed the houses must be approved for a Government grant before a loan can be given, and the appointed officer will have carried out the inspection.

Mr. Corish said it would safeguard the Council if they confined the loans to the case of houses passed for a grant ~~under~~.

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

"That advances under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be confined to persons who are erecting houses in respect of which the Government have agreed to provide a State Grant."

In reply to Mr. Shannon, the Secretary said the appointed



officers were Mr. Gerald Flood, Castleboro', Clonroche, for Enniscorthy Rural district; Mr. E.J. Murphy, 27 Molesworth Street, Dublin, for Gorey Rural district, and Mr. R. Murphy, John Street, Enniscorthy, for New Ross and Wexford Rural districts.

The Secretary asked if the Council would give any loan to people to buy houses already erected.

The Chairman said that the Act was intended to alleviate unemployment, and it was not going to alleviate unemployment if they gave loans for the purchase of houses already erected.

Mr. O'Byrne said that his resolution that only houses getting a Government grant should get the loan would cover the matter.

Col. Quin proposed that the loans apply only to new houses.

The Chairman seconded the proposition, which was passed unanimously.

The Secretary said that the Council should fix a time limit for the receipt of applications for loans.

Mr. Gaul proposed the last meeting of the Finance Committee in December and the first meeting of the Co. Council in January could deal with the applications on report from the Finance Committee. All applications must be received before the last meeting of the Finance Committee for the year.

Mr. Corish - Will any applications be considered between this and January?

The Secretary said they could be dealt with according as they are received. He would issue advertisements shortly showing applicants the position regarding Government grants, and the Co. Council loans, and how they could be obtained.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, suggested that the Council should have two sureties for each loan issued.

Colonel Quin proposed and Mr. Hall seconded a resolution to this effect. +

Mr. Gaul asked if a mortgage on the house would be sufficient.



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Mr. Hayes said that it was very hard at the present time for any man to get security for money.

Chairman - If so you may as well say that it was a humbug for the Government to start their cattle-buying scheme or any of the other schemes, because security is required in them all.

Mr. Roche - Who owns the houses when they are built?

Secretary - I expect the man that builds them.

Mr. Roche - He can sell the house if he likes?

Mr. Corish - How could he without the permission of the Council? The first week he only owns 3/- of it, and the second week 6/- of it and so on until it is paid for. Till then the Co. Council owns it.

Mr. O'Byrne said that a mortgage should be sufficient. It would be a mortgage on the house and not on the man that built it.

Col. Quin - We all know that a mortgage is not worth the paper it is written on. At the present time a man would say he would put a bullet into the person that buys the house. It is happening every day where people are put out of a house.

Mr. Elgee said the Land Commission had met with that sort of difficulty.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Armstrong seconded, that the only security required by the Co. Council would be a mortgage on the house.

Mr. Elgee said a mortgage on the house would not be sufficient without security for the man that borrows the money. If the Council had to take up possession it would be treated like an evicted holding and would be left on their hands. They could not sell it.

Mr. O'Byrne - It seems ridiculous. If a house is built for £200, and there is a free Government Grant of £70, and the man building it puts up 10 per cent., that is nearly half the cost of the house paid. Do you mean to tell me that the house would not be security for the remaining 50 per cent. of its value? X



Chairman - In many ways it would not be security. If the Council have to evict a man out of a house it will be like many of the derelict farms through the country. How will you manage then?

Mr. Corish said that a mortgage on a house was a safer proposition than personal security at present. In present-day financial conditions a man who is solvent to-day may be broken to-morrow. He did not believe that public opinion would back up any man who took the Council's money to build a house and would not repay it. He did not think that the Council would have difficulty in getting back their money.

Miss O'Ryan said the Health Board had none of these difficulties in evicting cottage tenants.

Col. Quin - The Health Board tenants do not own the houses.

Mr. Corish - No, but the same argument would apply.

The Chairman said there was a very big difference between the position of the Health Board, who owned the cottages and the other case where the man owns the site, and built the house himself.

Mr. Corish - I submit he does not own the house until he has paid for it.

A poll was then taken on the amendment to accept a mortgage on the house as the only security with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Shannon, Miss O'Ryan and Col. Gibbon. (15)

AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, Hall, Roche, Smyth, Col. Quin and the Chairman (6)

Mr. O'Byrne's proposition was accordingly declared carried.

Mr. Elgee asked who would pay the cost of the mortgage.

Mr. Corish - As a rule the tenant pays.

The Council agreed that the tenant would pay the cost.

Regarding the amount of loan which the Council would give,

Mr. O'Byrne said that £330 was the maximum.



The Chairman said the Council could give anything under 90 per cent.

The Secretary remarked that in Cork the Co. Council decided to give 50 per cent.

Mr. Gaul proposed and Mr. Clince seconded that the full 90 per cent be lent for houses costing up to £400.

Col. Quin proposed that 50 per cent be given in all cases.

Mr. Corish suggested giving 90 per cent up to £200 and 50 per cent above that sum.

Col. Quin said he would agree.

Mr. O'Byrne - Does that mean £200 less the grant?

Chairman - I expect it is.

Mr. O'Byrne - That would be 90 per cent of £130.

Miss O'Ryan said under the Small Dwellings Act people were expected to do a good deal of their own work. The new labourers' cottages were only costing £270.

Mr. Armstrong said he would favour Mr. Gaul's proposition only it might run away with the amount to be borrowed by the Council. A farmer could not build a six-roomed dwelling for less than £250, and if the 90 per cent loan was not allowed up to £400 it would rule out some of the farmers who would otherwise build.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded that the Council lend 90 per cent of the cost up to £200, exclusive of the grant, and 50 per cent of the cost of houses between £200 and £400. ~~Passed.~~

#### FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE.

Col. Gibbon said that the Co. Surveyor had handed him a copy of the terms of the contract for the repair of Ferrycarrig Bridge. He saw that the time specified for the completion of the work was six months. He understood that Mr. Waller, of Delap and Waller, the consulting engineers thought that the work would probably be done in four months.

The Secretary said that Mr. Waller would not give a guarantee that



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the work would be completed in four months.

Mr. Colloton - He said it might be done in four months.

Col. Gibbon referred to a clause to the effect that the Contractor would if he completed the work within the maximum time allowed, receive a bonus at the rate of £10 a week for every week in the time between the completion of the work and the six months allowed, and said that if the contractor did the work in four months it would mean a bonus of £80 that the Council would have to pay, but it would pay them to pay the £10 a week if it would hurry up the work.

In reply to Col. Gibbon with regard to his request that the bridge should not be allowed to be closed until all material was on the spot, excavations and rock-boring carried out, etc., the Co. Surveyor said the contractor would not be allowed to close the road to traffic until the last moment.

Mr. O'Byrne said they had been given to understand that the road would not be closed for more than four months.

The Co. Surveyor said that he considered that a bonus clause would be very advantageous, because it would probably mean saving inconvenience and loss. They had a penalty clause of £50 per week for delay, and a bonus clause for completion would strengthen the penalty clause.

Col. Gibbon said he thought there should be a specification that the maximum amount of work be carried out before the closing of the bridge was allowed.

Mr. Keegan said he wanted the contractor for the work to come before the Council, have the conditions read out to him and sign his contract. Then the Council would know where they were, and would be able to recover penalties from the contractor.

Mr. McCarthy asked if it would be possible to postpone the commencement of the work until the spring. It would be much more satisfactory for everyone if the work were carried out in fine



weather. They would get the work done more expeditiously, and the back roads would not be cut up so badly.

The Co. Surveyor said he thought it would be advisable to adopt Mr. McCarthy's suggestion. They would probably get more satisfactory work done, the contractor would have less calculation on waste time, and there would be less damage to the roads.

Col. Gibbon - I think that before you agree to postpone the work to the spring you ought to get the opinion of the consulting Engineer on the subject. Mr. D'Arcy and I saw the way the bridge is slipping, and if it really does slip the expense is going to be very much greater, and there will also be risk of considerable injury.

Mr. D'Arcy - Supposing the bridge happened to go down by any chance, who would be responsible?

Chairman - I do not know. If you think it is going to go down it would be better to go on with the work.

The Co. Surveyor said he considered that there was no danger of immediate collapse. If he thought there was such danger he would have the bridge closed at once. The control of speed over the bridge was obviating further injury.

Mr. McCarthy proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded that, providing the consulting engineers, agree, the work should not commence until February.

Col. Gibbon said they should consider the convenience of the farmers in the district. If the work were done during the winter months, after farmers had brought in their corn and before the drawing of seeds and manures for spring work, he suggested that it would be more advantageous for the people of the district.

Mr. Roche said that a point to be considered was that there was very much more unemployment in the winter. There seemed to be a lot of unemployment at present, and it might relieve some of it if they got the work done now. There was some chance of getting work in the summer, but evidently there was no chance in the winter.



The Chairman said that in his opinion Mr. McCarthy's proposition would make very little difference, because by the time they considered tenders and got a contractor it would be very near February, and for that reason he thought it would be no harm to pass the proposition.

The resolution was then put and passed.

Mr. Keegan proposed that the documents connected with the contract be signed before the Council.

Mr. D'Arcy seconded.

The Co. Surveyor said that if they had a tender submitted with the contractor's name, and his sureties, etc., they would have all the particulars on which to decide whether to accept the contract or not. The mere signing of the documents afterwards was a purely legal point.

Mr. Keegan said it appeared to him that with regard to contracts for the past four years the Council were the losers all the time in connection with delay, bad workmanship, etc. It appeared to him that whenever there was a question of penalising a contractor the contractor won.

A poll on Mr. Keegan's proposition resulted as follows:-

FOR: Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, D'Arcy, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, O'Byrne, Roche and Smyth. (12)

AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, Gaul, Gibbon, McCarthy, Quin and Shannon. (7)

Miss O'Ryan and the Chairman (2) did not vote.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

#### SOW DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS.

The following letter under date 3rd October, 1932, (17553/32) was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"We have considered the terms of the resolution adopted at a meeting of the proprietors of lands in the Sow drainage district which was transmitted with your letter of 12th ult., and we regret that we



are unable to agree to the recommendation of the Co. Council that the proposed terms should be accepted. We have already informed the Council that we regard the offer of the Minister for Finance to expend £5,000 in this district on works in addition to the works carried out under the Drainage Maintenance Act, 1924, as an extremely generous contribution to meet the situation and we are not prepared to recommend any extension of the offer. The manner in which advances made by the Commissioners for the execution of works under the Drainage Maintenance Act, 1924, are to be recovered is set out in Section 6 of that Act, and the charge of £285.4s 1d for interest included in the charging order in respect of the Sow drainage district is therefore a statutory charge, and cannot be remitted by us. The Council are, of course, aware that the responsibility for punctual payment of the instalments due to us under the charging order rests upon them, and that there is now due from them a sum representing seven instalments of £131.12s 2d. together with a poundage charge arising out of their failure to make the payments regularly as they fell due. This latter charge is also statutory and we have no power to waive it. If the Council agree to accept the conditions laid down in the third paragraph of our letter of 16th July, 1932, we will be prepared to explore the possibility of permitting them to spread over three or four years the repayment of the arrears which have accumulated and this represents the utmost concession which we could recommend. Having regard to the many requests for relief work which have to be considered the Council will appreciate that the offer of £5000 for works on the River Sow cannot remain open indefinitely and will, failing prompt agreement in this matter have to be withdrawn. We shall accordingly be glad to be apprised of their decision at the earliest possible date.

The paragraph in letter of July 16th referred to stated the Minister sanctioned the carrying out of <sup>the work.</sup> by the Board of Works at a cost not exceeding £5,000 which would have to be borne by the vote



for the relief of unemployment on condition that the County Council paid the amount due the Board of Works under their charging order (seven instalments to May 1st, 1932, of £131.12s each, or £925.5.2d, plus poundage charge of £46.1.3d, making a total of £967.6.3d) and the Council passing a resolution undertaking to maintain the district as altered by the proposed works and to pay the other instalments under the charging order as they fell due.

A letter was read from Mr. John Mernagh, Oulartleigh, Kilcotty, acknowledging the letter of the Board of Works, and stating that the time was too short to advertise, and therefore a meeting of the ratepayers could not be called to decide the matter.

If the Council adjourned consideration the decision of the Drainage Ratepayers would be sent in time for next meeting of the Council.

Mr. Corish said it was a terrible pity that there could not be an arrangement settled in order to avail of the £5,000 offer which would be a boon for the relief of unemployment.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne stated the offer of the £5,000 was a very generous one.

Mr. Corish stated that the whole £5,000 would be spent on the relief of unemployment in the area, and no material would be required. He thought the Council should accept the offer. It would be a very serious situation not to accept it. He waited upon Mr. Hugo Flinn, Parliamentary Secretary, who was very annoyed about the offer not being accepted, and was disposed to withdraw it.

Chairman - Are you prepared to meet their claim for £967.6.3d arrears?

Mr. Corish - Are not we liable for that?

Secretary - Yes.

Mr. Corish - Would you not save that on the repayment of home assistance if you accept the £5,000?

County Secretary - The £5,000 is a free grant.



Chairman - We have often heard that cry about the saving on home assistance. But if this is such a catch as it is represented to be how is it that the ratepayers of the Sow district are so dissatisfied?

Secretary - They are complaining of the bad job that was done before, and of being now asked to pay.

Chairman - Are you sure you will be able to collect it from them?

Mr. Colloton - If we do not collect it off them we will have to pay it.

In reply to Mr. Corish the Secretary stated that the Council were liable to be sued by the Board of Works for the arrears.

Mr. Corish - Why refuse the £5,000?

Chairman - We are not refusing the £5,000 at all.

Mr. O'Byrne urged the Council to agree to accept the offer. They had been fighting with the Office of Public Works on behalf of the drainage ratepayers, and he believed they had succeeded when they got this offer of £5,000.

Mr. Corish - It is because the ratepayers are grumbling that the last job was not a good one that the Department agreed to give this huge amount.

Mr. Hall said he did not want the offer thrown away, but the ratepayers were in a worse position now than when the previous job was done.

Mr. Colloton - There is money already spent, and the ratepayers are liable for it. If we do not collect it we are liable for it.

Chairman - Why was this deferred?

Secretary - Because the opinion of the drainage ratepayers was taken on every letter that was sent down.

Miss O'Ryan proposed that the offer of the Department be accepted.

Chairman - If you do not pay the £967 you will not get the £5,000. The payment of the £5,000 hinges on you consenting to pay



the £967. This is no time to be collecting extra rates.

Mr. Corish - The £967 is spread over four years in order to get the £5,000.

Chairman - The Council is not going to benefit a single iota out of it.

Mr. J. Gaul - If you turn down the offer of the £5,000 will you have to pay the £967?

Chairman - You will some time.

Mr. Gaul - Where is the difference then?

Chairman - You have a big overdraft already. Where are you to get the money to pay for all those hundreds?

Miss O'Ryan - Is it not the intention that if we collect the money off the drainage ratepayers?

Chairman - There should be an effort made to collect it.

Miss O'Ryan - If you refuse to accept the £5,000 it will mean that you refuse to collect the £900 due to the Department. Is not the liability on the people to pay if the Department wish to press it?

Secretary - Yes.

Mr. O'Byrne - And we run the risk of losing the £5,000 by not collecting the amount.

Chairman - If we are going to accept the £5,000 are not we undertaking the liability to make those people pay the £967.

Mr. Hayes - Have ~~we~~ not the drainage ratepayers made an offer?

Secretary - They have made an offer to pay without interest.

Mr. Colloton - The excuse for not collecting the rate in the past was that the job was not completed. Now the Board of Works have come along with an offer of £5,000 and there is no excuse for not collecting it.

Mr. Hall - Would there be any danger of losing the £5,000 if we adjourned the matter, in order that the drainage ratepayers could meet.

Mr. Corish - There is every danger.



Chairman - We are told that with every grant, but I have never heard of any of them being lost. Why would we be called upon to pay £1,000 for one particular district and let others do as they pleased? If we are going to accept this £5,000 we should make what the Department states a condition of the payment.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution which was passed nem. con:-

"That we agree to accept the £5,000 from Office of Public Works for improvement of Sow Drainage area on the conditions mentioned in letter from Office of Public Works (17553/32) under date 3rd October, 1932, and we further agree to take over the maintenance of this drainage area and collect amounts for its maintenance and in Charging Order (including arrears) and that said amounts be collected from the Drainage Ratepayers, the repayment of arrears to be spread over as long a period as possible."

The Co. Surveyor stated he had been in correspondence with Messrs. Batchen and Olley and the Department's engineers, and they deferred a conference with him to go into the details of the work to be done pending the decision of that meeting.

#### COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING DAYS.

The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr. Murphy:-  
"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at next meeting to be held on 10th October, 1932, that the meetings of this Co. Council be held once a month at 10.30 a.m. in future."

Mr. Doyle mentioned that he intended to hand in a notice of motion at the Co. Committee meeting that the resolution adopted at the last meeting of that body to hold their meetings on days other than Co. Council meeting days be rescinded and that as heretofore the meetings of the Co. Committee be held on the same days as meetings of the Co. Council. He did not see the use of coming to the Council Chamber a second day where full justice could be done to the business



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of the Co. Committee and Co. Council on the one day.

Mr. McCarthy suggested that consideration of the notice of motion of Mr. Murphy should be adjourned until the Co. Committee had decided upon the notice of motion referred to by Mr. Doyle, and this proposal was agreed to.

#### TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROAD.

Under date 29th September, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote forwarding Sealed Order (I.R.107/1/1932) extending the time for the temporary closing of the main road between Coolattin Bridge and Tombrick Bridge to the 29th October, 1932.

#### RELIEF GRANTS.

Under date 4th October, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote that a payment of £1683 in respect of above mentioned grant was made to the County Treasurer on the 3rd October.

In reply to Col. Quin, the Co. Surveyor said that the work on New Ross - Wexford Road had been finished except a bit through the village of Ballynabola. This, however, was not sufficient to interfere with the traffic. The Enniscorthy - Bunclody Road would be opened when the slab matured which would be practically the end of October.

Mr. Corish dealing with the Relief grant said the position in Oylegate was very bad and he wished the Co. Surveyor could inform the Council when the Relief work for that district could be started.

The Co. Surveyor said that in connection with the last allocation the Minister had stated the work should be provided in the winter when distress was severest.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That the Co. Surveyor inform the Minister for Local Government it is necessary in order to relieve distress in Oylegate district that work under Relief grant should be started without delay."



WILD BIRDS PROTECTION ACT.

Under date 27th September, 1932, letter (312/8) the Department of Justice wrote stating that the Minister for Justice was prepared to grant renewal of the Order made by the Wexford Co. Council on the 25th April, 1928, prohibiting the taking or destroying of the eggs of certain birds in Co. Wexford. He desired, however, to point out that the birds mentioned in the Order of the 25th April 1928 included the Shag and Tern in addition to those mentioned in the last resolution of the Council and he wished to know whether the Council desired the eggs of these birds to be included in the Order.

Col. Quin proposed the following resolution:-

"That the Minister for Justice be requested to include in the renewal of the Order of the 25th April, 1928, the eggs of the Tern but not those of the Shag."

Mr. Culleton seconded this proposition which was passed nem.con.

COURTOWN HARBOUR.

Under date 28th September, 1932, the Office of Public Works wrote (18104/32) that as the new sluice gates at Courtown Harbour had been now fitted in position satisfactorily they enclosed draft for £350, the amount of State Contribution towards these new gates.

DANGEROUS BATHING PLACES.

The following letter under date 29th September, 1932, was read from the General Manager, Irish Tourist Association:-

"Further to your letter of 2nd instant with reference to the erection of notices in places dangerous to bathers along the Wexford coast, I am directed to state that my Association is examining this question from the point of view of all Coastal Counties, and to that end, would be glad to have the information which it was decided to seek from individual Councillors at the Meeting of your Council on 29th ultimo.

"Up to the present, our connection with this matter has been confined to securing the formation of voluntary Committees at seaside



"resorts where no Urban authority exists and in impressing on them the necessity for carrying out such work as you mention. We are not yet quite clear as to how such work can be done at resorts where local Committees are not available. It is felt, however, that detailed information should be obtained regarding the number of places affected before definite suggestions are come to.

"My Association appreciates the necessity for having attention given to such matters and I can accordingly assure you that your Council's views will be given very full consideration when the additional information above-mentioned is available."

The Secretary stated that he had forwarded copy of this letter to all the Councillors and asked them to communicate with Mr. O'Brien direct in the matter.

It was decided on the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. O'Byrne that consideration of this communication be adjourned to next meeting of the Council.

MALICIOUS INJURY TO CO. COUNCIL PROPERTY.

Under date 3rd October, 1932, the Chief Superintendant, Garda Siochana, forwarded report from Garda P.J. Coulter, as to damage caused to signpost which is erected adjacent to end of Wexford Bridge and asked if the Council would prosecute.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, estimated the damage at £2.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, be instructed to proceed against

Edward Redmond, Eddie Berry, John Kelly,  
Thomas Berry, James Redmond, Willie Berry,  
Thomas Kelly, William Leary, Fred Kelly, and  
James Berry.

all of Keyser's Lane, for injury to signpost.

ERECTION OF CART SHED ON ROAD 623.

Under date 24th September, 1932, Myles Harpur, Ballydicken, applied for permission to build a cart shed at Ballydicken on road



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in a bog which he had filled in. Three motor-cars had been bogged in this place and if he obtained permission to build a shed it would be a protection for the public. He also intended erecting a paling around the bog.

Under date 8th October, 1932, Mr. Birthistle reported that the proposed building would be more of an improvement than anything else as it would mean the filling of a deep unfenced hollow at the side of the road.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. Hall - Col. Quin dissenting:-

"That no action be taken by the Co. Council as regards the application of Myles Harpur, Ballydicken, for permission to erect shed."

In reply to Col. Quin the Co. Surveyor stated that the shed was 14 feet from the centre of the road.

#### SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES.

UNIVERSITY:- Under date 2nd October, 1932, Mr. Wm. Meyler, Blackhall, Glynn, wrote that as the Co. Council would not agree to hold over his Scholarship for two years he would avail of it this year.

PRIMARY SCHOLARSHIPS:- Under date 6th October, 1932, the Department of Education (Secondary Education Branch) wrote they would raise no further objection to the renewal for the school year 1932/33 of the Scholarship awarded to Mary E. Doyle, Loreto Convent, Wexford.

Under date 7th October, 1932, the following letter (F31353) was read from Office of National Education:-

"With reference to the copy of the minutes of your Council's meeting held on the 29th August, relative to the proposal that a change should be made in the amount of the valuation of parents or guardians presenting children for award of scholarships, and forwarded to this Office on the 2nd ultimo, I am directed to state



that the scale of valuations proposed would appear to be somewhat high, but that, with a view to encouraging more pupils in County Wexford to compete for the Scholarships the Department will offer no objection to the proposed scale being incorporated in the Scheme for 1933."

The Secretary pointed out that the following were the new valuations:-

Competition for Primary Scholarships to be limited to children whose parents or guardians reside in the rural districts of the County and who are rated on a valuation not exceeding £90 in the case of families with eight children or more; £80 for families with six or seven children; £75 for families with four or five children; £60 one or two children. Children in all cases must be under 18 yrs.

#### OFFICIAL COUNTY GUIDE.

Under date 8th October, 1932, the General Manager, Irish Tourist Association, wrote asking the Co. Council for the sole rights to issue a guide for Co. Wexford under the official approval of the Council.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution:- "That we hereby extend to the Irish Tourist Association O'Connell St., Dublin, sole rights to issue a County Wexford Guide under the official approval of this Council. The Council are anxious that the printing of this guide should if possible be carried out in the County."

#### ALTERATION OF CO. HALL - LIBRARY.

Under date 7th October, 1932, the Co. Surveyor wrote that plans for this work were now complete and he was finishing off the draft specification which he would submit to the meeting on the 10th instant.

The Co. Surveyor stated that his estimated cost of the work would be £2766 odd.

The Secretary pointed out that the loan which had been agreed



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to was for £2,000 only.

The Chairman suggested that consideration of this matter should be adjourned to next meeting and reference to it should be set out on the Agenda paper.

#### GOREY COURTHOUSE.

Under date 6th October, 1932, Mr. Thomas Funge, wrote applying for the use of Gorey Courthouse for Whist Drive on October, 23rd, on behalf of P.H. Pearse, Fianna Fail Cumann, Gorey.

The Secretary stated that by resolution the Council had decided some time ago that the use of Courthouses would be given only to some function in connection with the Co. Council or Committee of Agriculture or Vocational Education Committee.

The Chairman said that in face of this resolution they could not comply with the request of Mr. Funge.

Mr. Keegan gave notice of motion for the rescinding of this resolution and of his intention to move that the request of Fianna Fail Cumann, Gorey, be agreed to.

#### FORD -OF-LYNG.

The Chairman asked when proceedings relative to the Ford-of-Lyng might be expected to open in the Law Courts.

Mr. Elgee said the defence had not been delivered yet.

Chairman - Is there any compulsion with regard to that matter.

Mr. Elgee said the defendants had six weeks from the delivery of statement of the claim to lodge their defence and this statement was delivered last week.

#### QUARRY EXPLOSIONS.

Col. Gibbon asked if it was a fact that an explosion had taken place in one of their quarries viz Edenvale.

The Co. Surveyor said there was a small accident. One charge had failed to explode. William Hooligan and John Murphy, Castlebridge, went up to see what had happened and just as they reached the hole the charge went off.



Col. Gibbon asked if there was no rule or regulation on the subject as to how much time should elapse after a misfire at a quarry.

The Co. Surveyor said he had nothing written, the men used their own judgment in going up sometime after the charge had failed to explode.

Col. Gibbon said in the interests of their employees there should be some written rule with regard to the use of explosives in quarries and a definite time laid down before which any charge which has failed to explode, should not be approached. The man in charge who failed to carry out these orders should be subject to instant dismissal. In the present instance the man in charge of the explosion not only went up himself but took another man with him.

The Chairman said the Council would certainly approve of Col. Gibbon's proposal.

The County Surveyor said that where there was any doubt as to the explosion of a charge, in his own case he went after four or five minutes, though a belated fuse had been known to go off even up to twenty minutes from the time of firing.

Col. Gibbon proposed and the Chairman seconded:- "That in the case of misfire of an explosion in any of the Council's quarries at least half an hour should elapse before the charge was examined, and that the Co. Surveyor issue this instruction to the employees of the Council who are responsible for blasting operations."

Passed.

#### POISONS & PHARMACY ACT.

On the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Miss O'Ryan the following resolution was adopted:- "That Poisons & Pharmacy Act Licence issue to Anastasia O'Donnell, Grocer, Taghmon, provided no objection be made to the issue of same by the Garda Siochana.

----- Michael Doyle



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

M E E T I N G    24th OCTOBER, 1932.

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County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary.

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 24th October, 1932.

Present Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman (presiding) also Messrs. John Brennan, James Clince, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, James Gaul, Col. C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, William P. Keegan, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, M.M. Roche, James Shannon, ~~and~~ Myles Smyth.

The Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor, Rates Inspector, and six Assistant Surveyors were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £29,995. 12. 3d. was examined and signed.

#### CO. SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following report was presented by the Co. Surveyor:-

"I beg to report that both concrete road jobs are now completed as regards laying of the slab, and the making good of the sides and contingent work of like nature is well advanced, and approaching completion. The section of the Wexford - New Ross Road, through Ballinaboola is now open to traffic, and the Bunclody Road section will be open at the end of the month. Both of these jobs are, I consider, carried out in a thoroughly satisfactory manner.

"On the 20th instant, by appointment, I met Mr. Olley, Board of Works Drainage Engineer, in Dublin, and discussed with him the proposed works to be carried out under the £5,000 Grant in the Sow Drainage Area. Mr. Olley is now submitting details of the scheme to the Minister of Finance for sanction to proceed with the work, and I am satisfied that if the works be carried out, as we agreed, there should be no further complaint in the Area.

Mr. McNeill, Board of Works Engineer, has written me regarding appointment for the end of the week to make inspection



"of Courtown Harbour re proposed dredging work, and also of St. Helen's Harbour, regarding proposed improvement works there. I hope to be able to make satisfactory arrangements with Mr. McNeill, and, of course the carrying out of the work will depend on the Government Department ; putting up funds as suggested. In regard to St. Helen's I should point out that this is not at present a scheduled Pier, and consequently the County Council are not in a position to expend any money on it without some special authorisation from the Local Government Department.

"I have gone into the matter of the dredging at Courtown with Mr. Donovan of Wexford who has a small scoop dredger at present at work in Wexford Harbour, and he will be willing to undertake the work at Courtown. I already have Plan with soundings over basin, and this I shall submit to Mr. McNeill when I meet him there.

"I am sorry to have to report that on the 18th instant a serious accident happened to one of our Roller Drivers at Ballinaboola. He was knocked down by a passing lorry and has had his leg broken. He is at present in the County Hospital. The matter has been reported to the Insurance Company.

"I submit list of Defaulting Contractors, and ask for authority to take proceedings if they do not carry out the work.

"I submit application from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, asking for transfer from Road No. 4 Account to Road No. 3 Account, both Main Roads, and I consider the application should be granted.

"We have a vacancy for ~~Ganger~~ in Section 6 - situated to the South West of Gorey around Slievebuidhe Mountain. Mr. Treanor submits several names, and makes recommendation.

"There are a number of other matters in my Department which will come up in the usual form as they are noted on the Agenda."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin:- "That the report of the County Surveyor submitted to this meeting be received and considered."



SOW DRAINAGE:- The Co. Surveyor said the proposals included the deepening by one and a half feet at the one and three quarter mile point from the lower end of the Scheme; a deepening of two feet at Ballinkeele Bridge and three feet at the seven and a quarter mile point; rock would be also removed. He believed it was a good scheme. The only difficulty was in regard to a drain from the land of Mr. Cullen, Killisk, and which was not shown on the Drainage map. It appeared from a cursory examination as if this drain was in substitution of another which could not be traced now. This however, was a matter concerning which further information would have to be obtained. If this opinion was found to be correct there would not be any difficulty in including it in the new work but if it were a new drain so far as the scheme was concerned he did not see how it could be dealt with under the Scheme.

Col. Gibbon said that the landlord paid a sum of money to the men who were working on the original scheme to have some drains done privately.

The Chairman said that an effort should be made to have these drains attended to now so that the entire system would be renovated.

The Co. Surveyor stated he had pointed out that as the £5000 was being spent for the relief of unemployment they need not be tied down to drains on the drainage map. The trouble would be the future maintenance. However, if it were a substituted drain the maintenance would be easy. There were eight miles of main river and twelve miles of subsidiary drains in the system.

Mr. Gaul in view of the unemployment in the district, asked how soon the work could be started.

The Co. Surveyor said that the scheme as outlined by Mr. Olley would have to be sanctioned by the Government.

The Chairman considered it would be very wise if the plan was submitted for approval to the drainage ratepayers; it would save



subsequent trouble.

The Co. Surveyor said that Mr. Olley was to furnish him with a copy of the Scheme and he would submit it to the local people.

The discussion ended.

COURTOWN HARBOUR:- Col. Quin asked if Courtown Harbour was satisfactory.

Co. Surveyor - No.

Col. Quin - Is it likely to be?

Chairman - It cannot be satisfactory if they are wanting to dredge it.

Col. Quin - Are the gates satisfactory or are they leaking?

Co. Surveyor - There is a certain amount of leakage but no more than can be found in any moveable timber structure in water.

Mr. O'Byrne - The gates will do their work well when the basin is cleaned out.

Mr. Keegan contended that the gates were a failure as boats could not get to sea and which he contended was the standard by which they should gauge their success.

The Co. Surveyor said that he had seen Mr. Donovan carrying out dredging at ships' berths in Wexford and he was doing a very good job. He (Co. Surveyor) then gave him the plan of Courtown and Mr. Donovan was prepared to undertake the work.

The Chairman proposed:- "That the Co. Surveyor arrange for the dredging work at Courtown Harbour if he can come to satisfactory terms with Mr. McNeill, Engineer to Commissioners of Works."

Mr. O'Byrne seconded.

Mr. Keegan proposed as an amendment "That the acceptance of tender for work of dredging at Courtown Harbour basin be dealt with by the County Council."

Mr. D'Arcy seconded.

The Chairman after further discussion said that it would be well to refer the matter to the Finance Committee meeting of 3rd November, 1932, and this was finally agreed to.



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ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR:- The Co. Surveyor said that the real point was that if the Co. Council spent money on the place they might be surcharged by the Auditor. They should get authorisation to legalise any expenditure.

The Chairman said that the Department of Fisheries had agreed to share with the County Council in any expenditure and that being the case he thought the question of the legality of the expenditure should be got over.

After further discussion it was decided to adjourn further consideration until the report of the Co. Surveyor as to interview with Mr. McNeill.

INJURY TO WORKMAN:- The Co. Surveyor said that the injured man was knocked down by a local lorry which was not going at great speed because though the front wheel of lorry went over the man's leg it was stopped before the hind wheel reached him.

Mr. Murphy said that the opinion in the locality was that the driver of the lorry had been blinded by the steam of the engine working the breaker.

DEFAULTING ROAD CONTRACTORS:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin:-

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to prosecute the following Road Contractors for neglect of their contracts should he consider this step necessary:- Road No. 747 Martin Kehoe, Road 748 Patrick Kennedy, Road 831 James Miskella, Road 853 Edward Mallon, Road 914, Robert Sheridan, Road 917 John Furlong, Road 918 J. Furlong!"

TRANSFER OF ROAD ACCOUNTS:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Col. Quin:- "That the sum of £45 be transferred from Account No. 4 M. to Account No. 3 M."

APPOINTMENT OF GANGER:- Col. Quin proposed and Mr. Gaul seconded the following resolution:- "That the appointment of Ganger for Section No. 6 be left to the Co. Surveyor or Assistant Surveyor."

The Co. Surveyor stated that Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, had forwarded three applications, one from Michael Lawless, who



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acted ganger in this district three or four years ago and the others were Matthew Brennan and Aidan Sweeney.

Mr. Keegan urged the appointment of a charge hand only and stated that as Lawless had withdrawn the selection could be made between the other two men. So far as he could see it was the ganger who was the boss of the roads. He employed the men and discharged them, taking care to look after his own relatives first.

Miss O'Ryan said that she was perfectly satisfied with the manner in which the gangers had been appointed and were carrying out their work in her area.

The Chairman said that the Co. Council had never made the appointment of a ganger up to the present as this matter had been left to the officials.

The Co. Surveyor said that in a recent case he had obtained the sanction of the Department to the appointment of a ganger which he recommended.

Mr. Hall proposed that no ganger be appointed. In his opinion the Council had enough of a staff to look after the five or six men who would be employed in this section. The County Council had sufficient gangers for what they were doing, and the work in this section could be divided between the others.

Col. Quin contended that to take the appointment out of their hands was an insult to the County and Assistant Surveyors who were aware of the capabilities of all the men in the district and would select the best man for the position.

Mr. D'Arcy agreed with Mr. Hall. In his opinion the work could be divided among the existing gangers.

The Co. Surveyor in reply to a query said there had been no ganger in this section for three or four years because all the roads had been taken up in contract with the exception of one. Now the contracts had fallen out and as no Contractors had come forward they



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had gone back to direct labour.

Mr. D'Arcy contended that Ganger Jordan should be able to supervise the work in section No. 6.

Mr. Keegan proposed that a Charge Hand be appointed.

Mr. Hall seconded.

Mr. Keegan mentioned that he intended that the Charge Hand should be paid Ganger's wages but Mr. Hall dissented.

The Co. Surveyor pointed out that a Charge Hand was no use except with three or four men working together. It would not be possible for a man who was Charge Hand to look after men in a 50 mile area.

Mr. Corish believed that the definition of a Charge Hand was a working Ganger.

After further discussion Mr. Keegan allowed his motion to be put as follows:- "That the Council appoint a Charge Hand for supervision of Section No. 6."

Mr. Hall seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Hall, Keegan, Murphy, O'Ryan, Roche, Smyth and the Chairman. (11)

AGAINST: Messrs. Clince, Colfer, Corish, Gaul, Gibbon, Hayes, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin, and Shannon. (10)

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Col. Quin proposed:- "That the Charge Hand for Section No. 6 be paid the ordinary wages of a Charge Hand viz. 35/- per week and that he be appointed by the County or Assistant Surveyor for the district."

The Co. Surveyor in reply to a query stated that where they had a Charge Hand in an out of the way quarry they gave him 2/6d or 5/- per week extra as circumstances required.

Mr. O'Byrne asked if the Charge Hand would be working at specified places or would he have to keep a bicycle and go around and see the men.

The Co. Surveyor said that the men were working at different parts



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and of course it would be necessary to visit them.

Mr. Keegan stated that what he wanted all over the County was the appointment of **Charge** Hands instead of Gangers, men who would work with shovels and not with bicycles.

Mr. Hayes proposed and Mr. Gaul seconded the following motion:-

"That the Charge Hand to be appointed for No. 6 Section be paid at the same rate as the man who held the position previously."

A vote was then taken on this motion with the following result:-

FOR: Messrs. Clince, Colfer, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, McCarthy, O'Byrne and Shannon (8)

AGAINST: Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Murphy, O'Ryan, Quin, Roche, Smyth and the Chairman. (12)

Mr. Keegan did not vote.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

A vote was then taken on Col. Quin's motion which resulted as follows:-

FOR: Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Keegan, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Ryan, Quin, Roche, Smyth and the Chairman (14)

AGAINST: Messrs. Clince, Colfer, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, O'Byrne and Shannon. (7)

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the County Surveyor's Report as submitted to this meeting be and is hereby approved."

#### ROAD GRANTS.

Under date 18th October, 1932, the Secretary, Department of Local Government (Roads) wrote (R.F.U/32) that the Minister for Finance had approved of the further grant of £7200 (Relief of unemployment through Road Works) for road improvement. This amount with those already notified brought the total under this head to £13200 which constituted the share of the Co. Council in the £1,000,000 Grant. The Scheme for expenditure of the £7200 submitted



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by the Council had been approved. Labour should be recruited through the Employment Exchange in accordance with the terms of Department's letter of the 22nd July, 1932.

The following is the concluding paragraph of the letter:-

In connection with the question of the expenditure of the monies made available to your Council, it is desired that all monies will have been expended by the 31st March next and that the expenditure will be directed towards securing the relief of unemployment at a time when it is most needed. The Minister would be glad if the Council specially considered that aspect of the matter."

Mr. Gaul said no one would anticipate that unemployment in the County would be any worse than at present.

Mr. O'Byrne said that in Gorey Town there were sixty unemployed and he suggested that the Co. Surveyor should start at once providing the necessary material for the relief work there.

Mr. D'Arcy asked if the Co. Surveyor intended to have all material for relief works broken by hand.

Co. Surveyor - In part.

Mr. D'Arcy held that as regards this relief work all the material should be broken by hand. The money should be put into man power and not machine power. They should look on the matter from a humanitarian point of view. They had a great many poor men in the County who could not get a day's work from anyone but the County Council.

Miss O'Ryan said that as these grants were given to relieve unemployment whatever system gave the most employment to labour should be adopted. The employment of work by machinery and which could be carried out by hand was never contemplated.

Mr. O'Byrne said that breaking material by hand had afforded great relief in Gorey.

Col. Gibbon said it appeared a great amount of tar was being used for the repair of road from Kate's Cross to Baldwinstown.



He did not think this was necessary for this particular road and it would only mean increased upkeep cost.

The Co. Surveyor said that some of the roads were being repaired in water bound macadam and others in tar grout which worked out cheaper. The last mentioned was in his opinion the best method for the repair of the road referred to by Col. Gibbon.

Col. Quin approved of any system which put the money into man and not machine power.

Mr. Keegan held that the grants were not intended for the continued employment of men but for men who had no employment. He contended that men who had a number of stamps on their Insurance cards were kept in employment under recent Relief Scheme Grants. They were the first on and the last off. He proposed that in future only genuine registered unemployed men be taken on for these grants.

Mr. Corish said that the labour was recruited through the Unemployment Exchange and it was very unlikely they would send forward for employment men who had a number of stamps on their cards.

The Co. Surveyor said it was essential that the Co. Council should employ their own "Key" men in order to have work efficiently carried out, but ordinary labour was recruited through the Exchange.

Mr. Hayes asked if it was legal for men who were doing task work with farmers to register as unemployed. This was happening. He held that in future men who were in receipt of home assistance should get preference in employment for the Co. Council, and the Ministry should issue an order to that effect.

Mr. O'Byrne objected. There were many men in his area who tried to struggle along without home help and they should not be penalised for that reason.

Mr. Murphy said in his district several men get a day's work here and there and as the amount came to about what they would get through home assistance they did not register. They were quite as badly off as the men who received home assistance. He could not see



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why they should be prevented from obtaining work under the Co. Council.

The following resolution was then proposed by Mr. O'Byrne and seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That all material for Relief Grant work be broken by hand unless in any isolated instances in which the use of machine for breaking material cannot be avoided."

In reply to Mr. Corish the Co. Surveyor said that men would earn breaking material by hand £1 to 30/- weekly. The average amount would be 3/- per cubic yard, but in quarries like Kerlogue men could not make a decent wage by hand-breaking.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, (Wexford District) said that in ~~the~~ portion of his district men could earn from 30/- to 36/- per week.

Mr. Byrne's proposal was then put and passed.

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

"That the Co. Surveyor be instructed to start immediately the Relief works approved by the Department of Local Government in their letter under <sup>date</sup> 18th October, 1932 (R.F.U./32)"

After some discussion the motion was agreed to nem.con.

#### ROAD FAIRFIELD TO JAMESTOWN.

A memorial signed by nineteen Ratepayers, and four firms in Enniscorthy employing Motor transport, was received calling attention to the dangerous turn at Verona Bridge and asking to have it made safe. The road is very narrow between Verona Bridge and Mr. Gallagher's gate and there are two acute bends between these points with a high wall at the west side of the road which makes it impossible for drivers of vehicles or pedestrians to see approaching traffic so that accidents have been numerous at this place within the last few years. They believed if the corner at Mr. Hall's side of the bridge and portion of the wall at Mr. Gallagher's side were removed the road would be reasonably safe for all traffic.

The Co. Surveyor said this matter had been under consideration by the Council. They proposed taking down part of wall and removing



a tree but the occupier, the late Mr. John J. Gallagher, asked £40 as compensation. The Council properly considered this an exorbitant figure.

The Chairman said that the Co. Surveyor should write to a few of the principal ratepayers whose names appeared on the memorial and point out to them that the Co. Council were prepared to carry out the work provided they were asked to pay a reasonable amount for compensation.

This suggestion was adopted.

ROAD FROM BALLINABERNA TO CUMMER.

Under date 23rd October, 1932, Rev. P.J. Kelly, C.C. St. Mullin's, Co. Carlow, wrote that above road was in very bad condition. Unless something was done with it it would be impossible for him to attend the ratepayers who lived along it as his duty demanded.

It was decided that Mr. Brennan with the Co. Surveyor and Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district should inspect the road and report to next meeting.

ROSSLARE SLOB ROAD.

The Chairman said that some years ago the Co. Council had spent £2000 out of a Relief Grant for the purpose of making a road across the slob. He wished to know (as there was no place in the County in which unemployment was more acute) if anything could be done to finish the work and have the road put to public use.

The Co. Surveyor said that as the road lay across the railway the Railway Co. said they should have a gate-keeper to open and close level crossing gates and who should be paid by the Co. Council or the latter should put up a bridge - a very expensive job.

The Chairman said that it was very curious to spend £2000 on a job which could not be utilised by the Public.

The Co. Surveyor said that the road could be finished for about £300.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin



seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Co. Surveyor supply Mr. R. Corish, T.D., with all information as regards reconstruction of Drinagh-Rosslare Slob road and that the latter be requested to interview Mr. Floyd, General Manager, of the Great Southern Railways to ascertain if any agreement can be reached with the Railway Company in this matter."

#### DRAINAGE SYSTEMS.

BALLYTEIGUE: - Col. Gibbon said there had been a lot about grants to the Sow drainage Kilmannock and Cahore, and there was only one drainage board in the district that had got nothing - the Ballyteigue drainage board - and it was at least as much deserving as other drainage boards and they were being kept up properly, with the exception of the long drain from Ballybyrne bridge to the sluice at Kilmore - a distance of a mile and a half. It was impossible for the small holders concerned to raise the money required to do a proper job on the drain. For some time past men had been working voluntarily trying to clean up the channel, but what they were able to do in the way of dragging it from the banks was not adequate at present. It was a wide channel, and it was quite impossible to do a proper job on it unless it was dammed up at both ends and properly cleaned out, either by a big body of men, or by drainage machinery. If that were not done the channel would silt up, and the land would be flooded. A considerable number of people in the area would want some assistance at the end of the Winter and in Spring and the early part of the Summer, and he suggested that efforts should be made to get an unemployment grant for the carrying out of that work as soon as possible. He recommended that the Council should pass a resolution bringing the matter to the favourable consideration of the Board of Works. He wanted to make it quite clear that he was not asking that the old sluice on Cull Bank should be reopened. That would mean drainage work on the estuary running out towards



Cullenstown, and not only would the expense be prohibitive, but there would also be the question <sup>of</sup> maintenance which would be out of the question.

Mr. Corish said that as far back as July last a letter was sent by Mr. White, Secretary to the drainage board, to the five T.D.'s for the County, and to the Board of Works, and, he thought, the Fishery Department. Immediately the letter was received by the T.D.'s, four of them got together - Messrs. Esmonde, Allen, Keating and himself, it would not be right to ask Dr. Ryan, Minister for Agriculture, to go on a deputation to another Minister, but he was certainly sympathetic in the matter. The T.D.'s made strong representations not only from the point of view that the area wanted to be drained properly, but from the point of view of unemployment. Mr. Hugo Flinn received the deputation sympathetically, and said he would go into the matter. After five or six weeks they got a copy of a letter sent Mr. White pointing out that in the opinion of the Board of Works to do anything in the area would cost a huge sum - £20,000, he thought - and that there would be no use in spending less money than that, and that they could not afford to spend that much in that area owing to the widespread unemployment prevailing. If the Co. Council considered it desirable to pass a resolution asking for a grant, if they thought certain work could be done, he thought he could speak on behalf of his colleagues and say that they and he would be prepared to do everything possible.

Col. Gibbon - I have reason to believe that that letter was written on the supposition by the Board of Works that Mr. White was harking back on the old scheme of opening up the Cull bank, and opening out a channel to the estuary.

Mr. Roche - I think we had a deputation to Dublin on this matter a couple of years ago. We laid down the case very strongly, and the County Surveyor's estimate that time was that the cleaning of the drain from Ballybyrne to Kilmore would cost £14,000 or £15,000.



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Co. Surveyor - Oh , no I am sure it was not as big a sum as that.

Mr. Corish - I cannot remember the exact sum, but I thought it was very large.

The Chairman said he did not think there was any use in going into the question until they got particulars prepared to lay before the Board of Works and ask for a grant. He did not think they were going to get £20,000.

Mr. Roche asked if it was by labour or machinery the work was proposed to be done. He was in favour of labour.

The Co. Surveyor said they were not going to do the best work and relieve unemployment. A dragline dredger would do many times as much work for the same money.

The Chairman suggested that the County Surveyor should make a survey. If they arrived at a figure and had any prospect of getting a grant, he thought they could easily decide as to whether the work should be done by labour or machine. If they were going to get a grant for the relief of unemployment the work should certainly be done by labour.

Col. Gibbon said he believed that the lower part of the drain had a sandy bottom, and that men could stand on it and work, and that it would not be necessary to have machinery, but he believed that the upper part was of soft mud, and that it would be practically impossible for men to work there.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Co. Surveyor be instructed to make a survey of the Kilmore Drainage Channel from Ballybyrne Bridge to the sluices at Kilmore and report to the Co. Council relative to same with approximate figures of the cost of cleaning up this portion of the drainage area. That if the Co. Council approve of the Co. Surveyor's report an application be made for a State Grant and that the T.D.'s of the County be asked to take the necessary steps to induce the Government to provide same."



BOIRA:- Mr. O'Byrne asked if anything had been done for the application for grant for the Boira District, as unemployment was extremely rife in the locality.

Mr. Corish said he would see the Minister of Fisheries, who had been sick, next week, and put the matter before him.

#### EMPLOYMENT OF SINGLE MEN.

Under date 10th October, 1932, the following was read from the Manager, Employment Exchange, Waterford, in reply to resolution from the Council that where single men had a number of dependents they should have equal claim to Co. Council employment as married men with dependents:-

"With reference to your letter of the 29th ult., in which was enclosed copy of a Resolution passed by your Council regarding the submission of the names of single men with dependents for work under State Grants, I am directed to inform you that under the Department's instructions, the Branch Manager at New Ross must submit for employment men with dependents, before married men without dependents and single men. Men of the two latter classes can therefore not be submitted until those in the first category are exhausted."

#### COURTOWN HARBOUR WEIGHBRIDGE.

Under date 18th October, 1932, the Co. Surveyor submitted tender from Mr. P.J. Kenny, Slaney Street, Enniscorthy, to overhaul weighbridge at Courtown Harbour supplying new centres and steels, fitting same to levers and doing all necessary adjusting to have machine stamped for the sum of £5.

The Co. Surveyor pointed out that Mr. Kenny had carried out work at several weighbridges in a satisfactory manner. The income from this weighbridge was £2.1.10d last year and if the Council spent £5 for repairs it would possibly not want attention for eight or ten years more.

Mr Smyth said the weighbridge was used for the weighing of hay



and straw for the people of his district who sold same to the local brick-yard.

Mr. Hall held that the weighbridge was not for the convenience of the general public.

Mr. Culleton said at the Finance Committee meeting ~~Mr.~~ Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, had informed the members that they were bound to maintain the harbour with the same conveniences as obtained before they took it over from Lord Courtown, and accordingly the Finance Committee were of opinion that weighbridge should be maintained.

After further discussion the following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne and seconded by Mr. D'Arcy:- "That the quotation of Mr. P.J. Kenny, Slaney Street, Enniscorthy, to execute the necessary repairs etc. to weighbridge at Courtown Harbour for £5 be accepted, work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the Co. Surveyor and Weights and Measures Inspector of the district."

A show of hands was taken when 15 voted in favour, and the Chairman declared the motion carried.

#### RATE COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Roche:- "That subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government, Rate Collectors be paid on each ten per cent of their lodgments after the first ten per cent!" In moving his motion Mr. Roche pointed out that in the present state of the Country it was impossible for a Rate Collector to comply with the terms of the Public Bodies Order which dealt with poundage. The Collector was <sup>not</sup> able to close either for first moiety or for the full amount of his warrant at March. There was great temptation in the path of a Rate Collector who was looking for months for some remuneration to default and in view of present conditions it was necessary some change in the system of payment was made.

Col. Quin proposed this matter should be discussed in



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Committee.

The Chairman took a show of hands on this proposal 5 being in favour and 11 against.

After a long discussion Mr. Roche's motion was unanimously adopted. Mr. Corish seconded Mr. Roche's proposal.

#### USE OF COURTHOUSES.

The following resolution of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Keegan:- "That the resolution of the Co. Council confining the use of Courthouses to functions dealing with matters connected with Co. Council or Co. Committee of Agriculture, be rescinded, and that each individual application for said use be decided on its merits."

Mr. Cummins seconded.

Col. Quin said if the people who wanted the use of Gorey Courthouse installed sanitary arrangements and provided a water supply for the Gorey Town Hall it would be available for all social functions.

Mr. O'Byrne said the Town Hall in Gorey was available at the moment.

After discussion a vote was taken with the following result:-  
FOR THE MOTION: Messrs. Brennan, Cummins, Keegan, Murphy and Roche.

(5)

AGAINST: Messrs. Culleton, D'Arcy, Gibbon, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin, Shannon, Smyth and the Chairman (9)

The following declined voting:- Messrs. Cline, Colfer, Corish, Gaul, Hall, Hayes and O'Ryan. (7)

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

#### FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE.

The Co. Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 11th October, 1932, from Messrs. Delap and Waller, Consulting Engineers, Northern Bank Chambers, 115 Grafton Street, Dublin:-

"In reply to yours of the 10th inst. - By clause 85 of the



"Specification the Contractor is required to arrange the order of the execution of the works, so as to cause interruption of traffic for the shortest possible time, to submit details of what he proposes to the Engineer, and get his approval.

This, I think, covers the points raised by your Council, and this Clause becomes, of course, a part of the Contract. As we have published the Form of Agreement I do not think we can now add to it, or change it, without risk of giving a different set of conditions to different Contractors.

I shall take great care to explain to any Contractors who may apply for information, plans, or copies of the Specification, etc., what is intended under Clause 85, but I do not think we can change it now, and submit that it covers all the points raised.

I propose to warn any Contractor who applies here that, under Clause 85 I would require him to prepare a time-table showing all the works from the date of signing the Contract to the completion of his period of maintenance in the order of their execution, with dates at which each part of the work would begin and end, and the dates when traffic would be interrupted and when it would be resumed. This time-table would not be a part of the Contract; no one could be required to contract to run to such a time-table on such a job as this; but it would form a very useful basis for determination of the best and quickest way of getting the work done.

If you will give a similar warning to any Contractors who may apply to you, I think your Council's requirements will be met.

I note that it is proposed to consider Tenders on the 7th Nov., when intending Contractors and their Sureties are to be present, and have the Contract signed on the same date. Would it not be advisable to have a preliminary meeting of some Committee at which the Tenders could be opened and considered, and that the report of this Committee (rather than the actual tenders) should be considered at the Council meeting, and that only those Contractors who are in the running should



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"be invited to attend, with their Sureties?

I think it is wise to delay the job till February, but suggest that in the meantime it should be duty of one of your men to examine the opening span each week, to see that no visible movement is taking place."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. McCarthy:- "That the Finance Committee at their meeting on 3rd November, 1932, be empowered to examine Tenders for the repair of Ferrycarrig Bridge and make to the Co. Council meeting of 7th November, 1932, recommendations thereon."

#### CONVERSION RIGHT WING OF COUNTY HALL.

The Co. Surveyor submitted estimate for £2861. 6. 8d for conversion of right wing of County Hall which includes £80 for Clerk of Works.

The Secretary pointed out that at their meeting of 9th May, 1932, the Co. Council had passed a resolution to raise the sum of £2000 only for the purpose.

Col. Gibbon and Mr. D'Arcy considered that the Co. Surveyor should modify his plans to bring the expenditure to the £2000, but, the Co. Surveyor considered this would be inadvisable as one floor of the wing would not be dealt with, the result of which would be when the Council wished to reconstruct it the expenditure would be considerably more than if any necessary work on it would be carried out in the present proposals.

Mr. Corish mentioned that if portion of the reconstructed premises was to be set aside for the Co. Vocational Education Committee the latter might be able to secure a substantial subsidy towards the reconstruction from the Department of Education (Technical Instruction Branch).

After further discussion Mr. Cummins gave notice of motion to raise a supplemental loan of £900 to complete the work.



Mr. McCarthy proposed and Mr. D'Arcy seconded the following resolution which passed nem. con:- "That in view of the fact that the Co. Council propose providing offices for the Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee in County Hall, the Council would be glad to have the views of this Committee as to whether it would be possible to secure a subsidy from the Department of Education (Technical Instruction Branch) to defray portion of the cost of the reconstruction. Should the subsidy be of a reasonable amount the Council would favourably consider an application from the Committee to hold the premises free of rent.

#### LOAN FOR CONSTRUCTION OF LABOURERS' COTTAGES.

The following under date 24th October, 1932, was received from the Secretary, Co. Board of Health:-

"I am directed by my Board to apply for the consent of the County Council to the borrowing of the sum of £125,000 for the purpose of building 500 cottages under the Labourers Acts.

"It is proposed to borrow the amount from the Local Loans Fund under the provisions of the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1932.

"The repayment of the Loan will be charged to the County."

#### KILTREA QUARRY.

At a meeting of the Co. Council on 26th September, 1932, a resolution was adopted that the Co. Surveyor should arrange for an interview with Mrs. Roche, owner, as to extension of Kiltrea Quarry, and as to the conditions under which she was satisfied this extension would be given; also if the amount of compensation claimed was found unreasonable the Co. Surveyor be directed to apply to the Court for the necessary Order to have the Quarry extended.

The Co. Surveyor stated he had the interview in connection with this matter, and pointed out that the Council would be prepared to take a few perches of land at 5/- per perch and also to pay



Mrs. Roche 3d per cubic yard for all the material raised from the quarry. Mrs. Roche was to inform him if she would accept these proposals but so far he had not received any letter from her.

Mr. Clince said the trouble was that Mrs. Roche wanted a stone fence at the quarry. She would be prepared to let the Council have an acre of her land for the extension of the quarry if it were needed but she insisted that a stone fence should be erected.

The Co. Surveyor said he did not consider the Council should buy land which they might not require. He would be prepared to erect a fairly good fence but would not agree to a regularly built stone fence around the quarry.

The following resolution was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Col. Quin and adopted:- "That the question of consideration of extension of Kiltrea Quarry be adjourned pending reply from Mrs. Roche, owner, relative to the offer of the Co. Surveyor."

#### ROAD AT KILTURK, KILMORE.

Mr. Roche called attention to the road leading to Kilturk School, which was flooded. The children had to wade knee deep in water and then remain at school in their wet clothes.

Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, for the district, said he understood the flooding had been caused by the levelling of a ditch into a trench some time ago.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by the Chairman that Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, visit this road and report to next meeting of the Council with a view to obviating flooding.

#### CLOSING OF ROAD.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That application be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for the closing of Road No. 320 from Buffers Alley, to Monamolin for reconstruction of Monamolin bridge from 7th November, 1932, to 7th January, 1933



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"inclusive, alternate route through Clone by roads Nos. 322 and 323."

HOUSING ACTS - APPOINTED OFFICERS.

Under date 20th October, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (Circular H/61/1932/Ilgh) that the following had been appointed as Appointed Officers for the erection of new houses under the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1932:-

Mr. Robert Murphy, C.E., John Street, Enniscorthy, for New Ross and Wexford Rural Districts. Mr. Michael Jordan, 5 Rathfarnham Road, Terenure, Dublin, for Enniscorthy and Gorey Rural Districts.

On the suggestion of Mr. Hall it was decided to ask the Department to instruct Mr. Jordan to provide an office in Enniscorthy

SCHEME FOR SALE OF LABOURERS COTTAGES.

Circular letter under date 19th October, 1932, with Terms of Reference to the Commission of Inquiry into the above from Local Government Department were read for the meeting.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Col. Quin:- "That copy of Circular letter from Local Government Department with terms of Reference to Commission of Inquiry into the proposed Sale of Labourers Cottages be furnished each Co. Councillor and that same be considered at the meeting of the Co. Council to be held on 7th November, 1932"

ANCIENT MONUMENTS COMMITTEE.

The following report of Ancient Monuments Advisory Committee was approved on the ~~motion~~ motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Murphy:-

A meeting of above Committee was held in Co. Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford, on 21st October, 1932, Rev. T. O'Byrne, P.P., Piercestown, Chairman (presiding) R. Richards Orpen, Esq., and Senator Kathleen A. Browne.

The Secretary to the Co. Council was also in attendance.

Mr. Michael Cloney wrote apologising for non-attendance owing to a business engagement.

The Committee considered matters of damage to ancient



monuments and which occurred mainly through want of knowledge. They appeal to all persons on whose lands ancient and historical monuments exist to do what is possible to prevent wanton damage or injury by the effluxion of time. There can be no doubt but that year after year some of our important monuments are disappearing and succeeding generations of Irishmen will bitterly blame those of the present age for their neglect to preserve the landmarks of our Nation.

The Committee have been engaged for some time in marking local monuments on the six inch maps of the County. It is a big job for the few persons concerned and they would welcome any help offered to extend their knowledge or correct it where necessary. They invite the aid of Gaelic League branches, the members of which could do really useful national work by forwarding notes of any ancient monument or historical objects in their own districts. A few descriptive lines and an indication of identity are all that are needed. If the National and Irish teachers could interest their oldest pupils in this work, obtain from them essays on the monuments of the immediate locality and forward the best of these to the Committee it would be really helpful. Any assistance on these lines would be greatly appreciated by the Committee.

One drawback which faces the Committee is that the Irish names by which many of the monuments are still known do not appear on the maps. Information furnished by people as to their own immediate locality might save the Committee a great amount of time and trouble.

The Committee discussed amongst other matters:- The stone fort at Ballyleigh (the only one in the County) the old salt stores at Slade, Coolhull Castle, Ancient Chapter of New Ross; the condition of Dunbrody Abbey, Clonmines Castles, Three Bullet Gate and Fair Gate, New Ross.

It was decided to ask the Office of Public Works to take over Cullhull Castle and to call their attention to repairs necessary at Dunbrody Abbey and Clonmines and to ask New Ross Urban Council



to see to the preservation of Three Bullet Gate, the part of the Town Wall adjoining Jones' Hill and the Fair or (Ladies) Gate.

SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEMES.

UNIVERSITY:- The question of the renewal of University Scholarship to Michael F. O'Keefe, 61, Faythe, Wexford, was considered by meeting of Finance Committee on 20th October, 1932, and referred to the Co. Council.

The following is extract from Minutes of Finance Committee:-

"In connection with Scholarship of Mr. M.F. O'Keefe, 61, Faythe, Wexford, the Finance Committee asked if the Academic Council would recommend the Co. Council to renew this Scholarship.

"Under date 14th October, 1932, the Registrar, University College, Dublin, wrote:-

"Your letter of 8th instant re Scholarship of Mr. M.F. O'Keefe, was brought before the Academic Council at its meeting yesterday and they agreed to make no variation in their previous report."

The report stated - Mr. Michael F. O'Keefe - Did not reach the Pass standard at the Second year College Examination in Arts."

"It was decided to refer the matter to the Co. Council."

Miss O'Ryan proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. McCarthy:- "That renewal of University Scholarship be granted to Michael F. O'Keefe, <sup>as</sup> in our opinion this student was misled by the fact that numbers of ordinary University Students do not sit for second year's Arts and hence looked upon it as unimportant."

Mr. O'Byrne said that this student did not fulfil the conditions of the Council's University Scholarship Scheme. The University Authorities were asked if they would recommend him for renewal of Scholarship and it was evident from their reply they would not, as they did not think he was worth it.

A vote was taken on Miss O'Ryan's motion with the following result:-



FOR: Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Keegan, Murphy, McCarthy, Hayes, Gaul, O'Ryan and Smyth. (10)

AGAINST: Messrs. O'Byrne and Hall (2)

The Chairman (1) declined voting.

The following were not present when poll was taken. Messrs. Clinch Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Gibbon, Quin, Roche, and Shannon. (8)

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That the application of John J. Hunt, University Scholar for an extension of his scholarship for a fourth year in order to obtain the Higher Diploma in Education be acceded to, as this is provided for by the University Scholarship Scheme of the Council and Mr. Hunt has been a satisfactory student."

PRIMARY SCHEME:- Under date 14th October, 1932, the Co. Councils General Council wrote:-

"Considerable anxiety is felt in many counties at the small number of candidates presenting themselves for examination for County Council secondary school scholarships. The County Councils' General Council therefore has been requested to invite the County Councils of An Saorstát to furnish their considered views as to the provisions of existing schemes for Scholarships from Primary to Secondary Schools and to offer suggestions as to how the system may be improved.

"My Committee will be glad therefore if you will ask the Scholarship Committee of your Council to take this matter into consideration at the earliest possible moment and to furnish me with their considered views and suggestions with as little delay as possible."

It was decided to call a meeting of County Scholarship Committee for 29th October, at 10.30 to deal with the matter.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy<sup>y</sup> seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That we offer Mr. Hugh O'Byrne a valued member of our Scholarship Committee our heartfelt sympathy in the



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"death of his wife."

The Vote was passed in silence. It was supported by the Secretary.

SYMPATHY WITH MR. HALL, CO. COUNCILLOR.

On the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Gaul a vote of sympathy was adopted to Mr. Hall, Co. Councillor in the death of his first cousin, Mrs. Lawler, a well known figure in Gorey town.

Mr. Hall suitably replied.

PETROL PUMP LICENCE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That petrol pump licence issue to John Rose, for site on Millpark Road, Enniscorthy, provided pump is erected on south side of existing pumps and as marked on map by Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, for the District.

COUNTY GUIDE.

In connection with the proposed issue of County Guide the following under date 17th October, 1932, was read from the Irish Tourist Association:-

"I am obliged for your letter of 14th instant conveying the resolution of your Council, in which the sole rights for the issue of Guides to County Wexford are vested in this Association.

"Regarding your Council's desire that the printing should be carried out locally, I may say that it is our desire in all cases to distribute our work over the Country and for some years past, County Wexford has got each year a bigger volume of our work than would be represented by one local Guide and Folder, as we find that some of your local printers are able to compete successfully for a number of our publications."

GOREY HILL QUARRY.

Mr. Elgee submitted the following under date 21st October, 1932, from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, Gorey:-

"We have had correspondence with the Secretary to the County Council with regard to the further heavy blasting which has taken place



"in Gorey Hill Quarry during the past Summer, as a result of which damages of a temporary nature were done to our client's lands for which she has, to some extent, been compensated by the Council's Insurance Company.

"She has received no Compensation for the damage of a permanent nature she has sustained, annely, the serious effect upon the structure and stability of her Dwellinghouse and Offices, which this blasting has had.

Our client is anxious to know now if the Co. Council intends to continue the blasting in this Quarry, or if they will abandon it, and we are instructed that, if it is the intention of the Co. Council to continue blasting in this Quarry that our client must, for her own protection, take proceedings to obtain an injunction against such uses."

It was pointed out that on the 26th September, 1932, a resolution was adopted directing Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, to defend any proceedings which might be taken by Miss Palmer, with a view to having Gorey Hill Quarry closed and the meeting did not see any reason why this resolution should be altered or amended.

SHED AT BALLYFANE - JOHN BYRNE.

The following under date 22nd October, 1932, was read from Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, for the district:-

"I visited the above on Tuesday, 18th instant. It is situated on a straight part of the road and 19 feet 8" from centre of road.

"The road is 28 feed wide between the fences and the travelling surface is 16 feet 6 inches wide.

"<sup>+</sup>The shed itself is about 17 feet long and will finish about 7 feet high. It is intended to be used for the housing of calves or pigs. It is built of concrete."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That no action be taken in respect of erection of shed at Ballyfane by John Byrne."



ANALYST'S REPORT.

The Analyst's Report for Quarter ended 30th September, 1932, was laid before the meeting. From this it appeared that total analyses carried out during the period was 255 viz. 204 Food, 45 Drugs and 6 Waters. The following is number adulterated:-

New Milks 9 Whiskey 1 Drugs 1.

Two waters were condemned.

*Michael Doyle*

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

MEETING 7th NOVEMBER, 1932.

M I N U T E S.

County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary.

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 7th November, 1932.

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

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor and Rates Inspector, were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### VOTES OF CONDOLENCE.

Mr. Culleton proposed:- "That we offer our sincere condolence to the Bishop and Clergy of the diocese and also the relatives of the late Arch-deacon Dunne, P.P., Castlebridge, who was an ideal priest and a good Irishman." He (Mr. Culleton) had the pleasure of knowing the late Canon Dunne intimately since he went to reside in Castlebridge over twelve years ago. He was beloved by every section of the community owing to his great devotion to duty, his unbounded charity and other outstanding qualities. "

Mr. O'Byrne seconded the resolution which was supported by the Co. Secretary and Co. Solicitor.

The Chairman said he knew Canon Dunne very intimately for a considerable time and could truthfully endorse what Mr. Culleton had said about him.

The resolution was adopted in silence.

Mr. Gaul proposed that a resolution of condolence should be adopted to Rate Collector Philip Doyle in the death of his father.

Mr. Culleton seconded the resolution which was adopted in silence.



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SINN FEIN.

The following resolution was read from the Standing Committee of Sinn Fein:-

"That we resent the visit to Ireland of a representative of the British Crown, in the person of the Prince of Wales, as a deliberate attempt to perpetuate the partition of this country and to misrepresent its people to the outside world as being loyal to an Empire they hate for its countless crimes against themselves and against other victims of its greed and cruelty all over the earth."

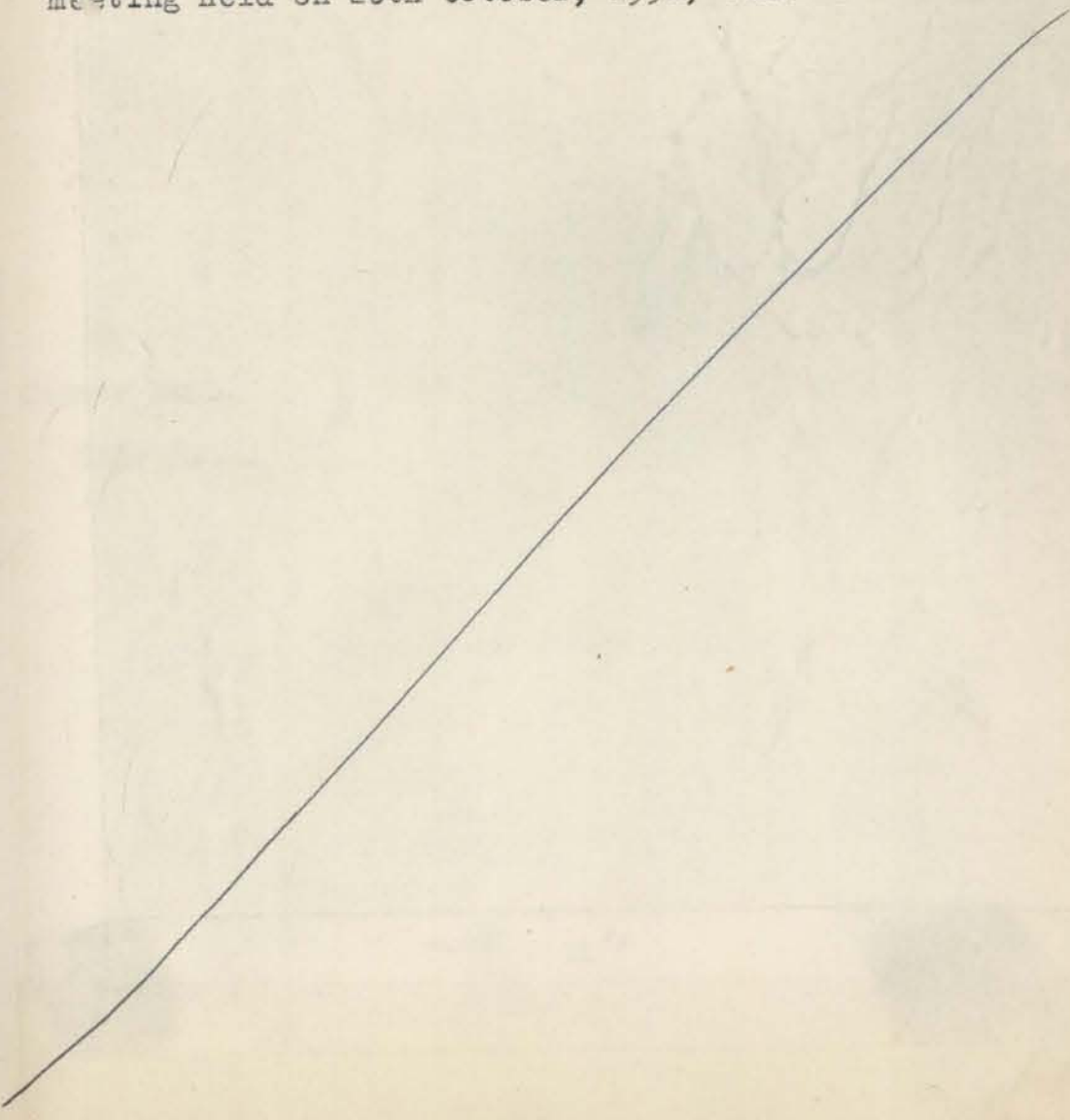
The Chairman said he considered this resolution purely political and he would rule it out of order.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £920.8.11d was examined and signed.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEES.

The following Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 20th October, 1932, were submitted.





WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

MEETING 20th OCTOBER, 1932.

M I N U T E S.

County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary.

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 20th October, 1932.

Present: Messrs J. Culleton, Thos. McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, and James Shannon.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Solicitor and Rates Inspector were in attendance.

The chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Culleton.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

A letter was read from the Co. Surveyor, explaining that as he had an appointment with Mr. Olley, Engineer to the Board of Works in Dublin, in connection with the Sow Drainage Works, on date of meeting, it was not possible for him to attend.

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4,768. 5. 3d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

Under date 17th October, 1932, letter was read from Mr. J. Quirke, Rate Collector, (No. 1 District) asking the meeting to receive a deputation from Rate Collectors as to the payment of their poundage.

The meeting acceded to this request and the following Rate Collectors attended:- Messrs. Quirke, Curtis, J. Cummins, O'Reilly, E.J. Murphy, J.J. Sinnott and M. McCarthy.

Mr. J. Cummins, who acted as spokesman said it was understood that the Collectors were to be paid a bonus for the 1931-32 collection.

Chairman - That referred only to Collectors who closed in time.

Mr. Cummins said that the Collectors had not received the amount agreed to.

The Chairman said that the Co. Council agreed to payment of



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full thing but the Local Government Department <sup>only</sup> sanctioned an extra penny poundage to those Collectors who closed Warrants within a short time of close of financial year.

The Council were bound by this.

Mr. Curtis (Rate Collector) said the men who were paid at 5d in the Pound asked for the bonus and that the poundage rate should be raised to 7d. The Co. Council agreed to the bonus only so that the men who were on the fivepenny basis held they got nothing extra.

Mr. O'Reilly asked that the Finance Committee should request the Local Government Department to allow some concession to the men who did not close.

Mr. Cummins asked where they stood with regard to remuneration regarding the Credit Notes and the Chairman said that the Co. Council had not yet decided.

Mr. O'Reilly held there was more trouble with these Credit Notes than with the ordinary collection. There should be no deduction made in poundage for these Credit Notes.

Mr. Cummins also raised the point as to remuneration to Collectors in regard to the grouping of holdings for preparation of Credit Notes.

It was pointed out to him that the Finance Committee had agreed to the payment of £1 for each Collection District and this amount would be paid when sanction was received.

Mr. Cummins stated that the Collectors were in favour of payment of poundage on the system which was to be proposed by Mr. Roche at the meeting of Co. Council on 24th October, 1932, that the Collectors should be paid on each 10% of their lodgments after the first 10%.

After further discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"That in view of the fact that a considerable time has elapsed since any payment of poundage has been made to Rate Collectors and pending any decision as to a change in present method of payment of remuneration, we request the Minister for Local Government and Public



"Health, to sanction payment of poundage upon all sums collected to 31st October, 1932, less a defer of 5% to Collectors who have lodged by that date 25% of current warrant excluding arrears. We are aware that several Collectors depend upon their remuneration as Rate Collectors for a livelihood and that they cannot carry on unless they receive some interim payments of poundage."

It was decided that the question of Poundage on Credit Notes be considered at next meeting of Finance Committee.

STATE OF RATE COLLECTION.

The Collection up to 20th October, 1932, was submitted as follows:-

<u>Name of Collector.</u>	<u>1933.</u>
Sean Gannon (No. 10)	46.75
E.J. Murphy	42.20
W. Doyle	37.0
A. Dunne	35.6
J. Curtis	35.0
P. Carty	34.0
T. Rowe	31.5
W. Cummins	31.25
P. Nolan	31.15
J. Cummins,	30.30
Sean Gannon (No. 6)	30.0
J. Quirke	29.35
J. Deegan	28.60
J.J. O'Reilly	26.66
M. Murphy	26.2
M. McCarthy	23.0
J.J. Sinnott	27.66
T. Bolger	21.5
P. O'Byrne	18.45
Philip Doyle	
	<u>30.2.</u>

The Collection was 11.5% behind the collection for same period last year.

The Chairman pointed out to the Rate Collectors that it was essential they should do everything possible to push forward the Rate Collection otherwise the County Services would be greatly hampered.

Under date 11th October, 1932, Mrs. Mary Purcell, Clonegal, Ferns, wrote that when she asked Mr. Deegan, (No. 7 District) what was the amount due by her when he called for the rates, he told her



he would take a couple of her cattle and then she would know what was due. This was only one of the many insolent things he said at the top of his voice. He shouted several times after her so that she was afraid to go near him and he pushed a Six Day Notice under the door. It was very difficult to pay rates without having this kind of treatment.

Mr. Deegan came before the meeting and denied the statements in Mrs. Purcell's letter. The money he wanted her to pay was some which he had been obliged to lodge on her behalf in March 1932, in order to close his collection. She had always given trouble in regard to the payment of her rates.

The Secretary was directed to communicate with Mrs. Purcell and inform her that the statements made in her letter of the 11th October were contradicted by Mr. Deegan, Rate Collector.

The Finance Committee then dealt with the details of the Collection in each Collector's District:-

J. Quirke, (No. 1 District) said some three or four ratepayers in the beginning refused to pay, but they had paid since. He believed all who were really able had paid. He had served a large number of Six Day Notices and obtained a fair amount of money as a result.

Mr. Wm. Doyle (No. 2 District) stated he got no definite refusal to pay but would not expect any improvement until people were able to make money by the sale of their stock, or crops. He had been paid some of the arrears. His district was not a great barley country, but had some beet. He was sure the people would pay when they were in a position to do so.

Phil. Doyle (No. 3 District) The Chairman pointed out to Mr. Doyle that he had only 18% of the current warrant lodged and he was at the bottom of the list.

Mr. Doyle said that he did his best but the general depression was affecting the ratepayers in his district. A number of people



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had sold barley but had not yet been paid. The same applied to beet. There was no definite refusal to pay. He did not expect much improvement in the collection for some time, though he would obtain a fair amount of money within the next fortnight.

The Chairman pointed out that unless Mr. Doyle made a determined effort to push forward his collection, he would be in serious trouble not alone with the Council but with the Local Government Department.

Mr. McCarthy (No. 4 District) was greatly afraid that the drop in collection would be much higher later on. In the majority of outstanding cases the ratepayers held live stock which they could not sell. He served about half a dozen Six Day Notices. He did not think any more necessary.

Patrick Nolan (District No. 5) stated a number of people were endeavouring to sell their cattle without result. He had served a number of Six Day Notices but until people sold their stock he did not think these would bear much fruit.

Collector S. Gannon (Nos. 6 and 10 Districts) said that the drop in the collection in his own district was caused by the general depression. In the beginning of the collection a few people had declined to pay but they had paid since. He served only one Six Day Notice. He expected a good deal of money within the next fortnight.

Mr. Deegan (No. 7 District) stated that no one had refused to pay/him up to this. His district was dependent more or less on barley and sheep. Everyone appeared to be willing to pay if they had the money and he fully expected by the end of October his collection would show considerable improvement.

J. Summins (No. 8 District) stated that as the people were not making money they were not able to pay. He had not served any Six Day Notices. No one had refused to pay but the farmers pointed out to him they had not sold a beast since the summer. There



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might be a few men in the district who could pay but they said they wanted to carry on their farms, and pay their men, and when they sold stock or corn would pay. He hoped for improvement with the sale of the barley.

The Chairman said that this Collector might find a few Six Day Notices helpful.

Mr. O'Byrne considered the Collector should take proceedings against people who were in a position to pay and would not do so.

P. O'Byrne (No. 9 District) said he had received £113 that day and he expected a very good improvement inside the next fortnight, when barley was sold. He issued a number of Six Day Notices and there was no definite refusal to pay.

Mr. W. Cummins (No. 11 District) stated that his ratepayers were paying as they were able to make money. The fair in Castlebridge that day was practically no fair and the same might be said of the recent Enniscorthy fair. He had a good deal of derelict farms in Edermine district. He had not served any Six Day Notices. No one had refused to pay.

Matthew Murphy (No. 12 District) This Collector had been in office from the 23rd June only. He stated that people were waiting to sell their corn to pay their rates and very little threshing had been done in the district up to the present. There had been no definite refusal to pay and no one was evading payment. He served a number of Six Day Notices but without much result.

Thady Bolger (No. 14 District) believed that something bordering on an organisation to refuse to pay rates existed in Ballyellis, and Askamore, out of which districts he practically obtained no rates. He had received nothing from Auctioneers as they had been unable to let lands. A deterrent to payment was the fact that owing to a glut in the barley market in Ferns buying had ceased for the time being. He had been unable to obtain accurate information as to an organised attempt in the two districts he had



mentioned not to pay rates.

Mr. J.J. O'Reilly (No. 13 District) said he expected improvement in his district after the corn had been threshed. He had served about fifty Six Day Notices without result. No one had refused to pay but he had heard of people who had recommended people not to pay. When they were challenged with this statement they neither admitted it nor denied it. The people of the district could not dispose of their stock and until demand for these increased, it was not possible to expect an improvement in the rate collection.

Mr. Art Dunne (No. 15 District) attributed the backward state of the collection to the fact that people could not sell their stock. Ratepayers who had been most punctual in payment this year were unable to meet their obligations now, as they had brought their cattle to Fair after Fair without result.

The Meeting instructed Collector to take steps to secure payment by proceeding against defaulters who appeared to be in a position to pay.

J.J. Sinnott (No. 16 District) said his district was entirely dependent upon cattle which were really unsaleable. Then he had a number of derelict farms which were being added to yearly. He had served a large number of Six Day Notices but there was a result, only in one instance.

There was some corn to be threshed in Monamolin and part of Wells and he expected that people in this district would pay after threshing. There was also some improvement in Ford but he could not see any prospect of general improvement in his district. It was a fact that people would not take farms in it for nothing. He met with no definite refusal to pay.

Mr. E.J. Murphy (No. 17 District) stated that the Ratepayers were willing to pay if they had the money. As soon as they sold their cattle and corn he believed they would all pay up. He had served a considerable number of Six Day Notices but had not issued any



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Court Summons to the present.

Mr. Thomas Rowe (No. 18 District) stated that no ratepayer had definitely refused to pay, but a number of them had "put him off". He had served a large number of Six Day Notices and had secured good response to them. He anticipated by the end of the month his collection would be considerably advanced.

Mr. J. Curtis (No 19 District) said that everybody who had money was paying their rates and a number of ratepayers were waiting to thresh their corn. He had issued a considerable number of Six Day Notices without result. Of course part of the district was new to him. He expected to get a large amount of rates by the end of the month.

Patrick Carty (No. 20 District) said he hoped for early improvement. All the Ratepayers promised to pay and there had been no refusals. He had made a great improvement in the collection inside of the last few weeks.

#### PERSONAL SURETIES OF RATE COLLECTOR

##### WM. DOYLE, (No. 2 District)

In connection with the personal sureties of above Collector, Messrs. Colfer & Sons, Solicitors, New Ross, wrote that Mr. James L. Doyle, Carrigbyrne, uncle of Rate Collector and Thomas D. Doyle, of Scullabogue, his father, were old and esteemed clients of his firm for many years and could be regarded as solvent for the amount of the personal bond required by Mr. Wm. Doyle, in his position as Rate Collector.

Mr. Culleton proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That provided no objection is made by Local Government Department, Messrs. J.L. Doyle, Carrigbyrne and Thomas D. Doyle, of Scullabogue, be accepted as personal sureties for Mr. Wm. Doyle, Rate Collector, No. 2 district."



EXPLANATION OF RATE COLLECTOR BOLGER.

Mr. Thady Bolger, (No. 14 District) came before the meeting and explained that the reason for non-lodgment of £28.8.2d between 3rd and 8th September, was caused by the fact that when his checking was finished on the 3rd instant it was after banking hours and as he was such a long distance from the Bank he waited until he was in town on the 8th to lodge the amount.

The Finance Committee decided to accept Mr. Bolger's explanation but pointed out to him that for the future he must comply strictly with the direction of the Local Government Department to lodge every forty-eight hours; otherwise difficulties might <sup>be</sup> raised by the Insurance Company.

Under date 26th September, 1932, Mr. J. Wickham, Ford of Lyng, Tagoat, wrote as follows:-

"Please bring this before your meeting, or I will have it published in the paper. Why should I get a Six Day Notice to pay rates and other people did not get it. I would not mind if everyone were served alike. Mine would be paid could I have sold my cattle. I am scourged here these years. I have five acres of land useless. I cannot get any road ~~after~~ a day or a night's rain. I was in the agony past two winters, a priest or doctor could not get near the place. The County Council would not do anything to have it remedied. They are all the time talking about the rates. It does not matter what go on the rates for some things. A racing track could be put to Rosslare for all the strangers of the world. If some of them were here it would be done long ago, but the poor want nothing in this world."

It was decided to inform Mr. Wickham that the County Council could not interfere with the Rate Collector in the discharge of his duty.

VERIFICATION OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Application was made <sup>By</sup> ~~from~~ Mr. Patrick Power for payment of rent



of 10/- per week for the use of Ballycullane Hall for verification of Weights and Measures. This included light and fuel as well as accommodation.

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

"That subject to sanction of the County Council a sum of 30/- be paid Mr. Patrick Power for use of Ballycullane Hall, during the period it was occupied by ex-officio Inspector of Weights and Measures in the discharge of his duties.

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

In connection with Scholarship of Mr. M. F. O'Keefe, 61, The Faythe, Wexford, the Finance Committee asked if the Academic Council would recommend the Co. Council to renew this Scholarship.

Under date 14th October, 1932, the Registrar, University College, Dublin, wrote:-

"Your letter of 8th instant re Scholarship of Mr. M.F. O'Keefe, was brought before the Academic Council at its meeting yesterday and they agreed to make no variation in their previous report."

The report stated - Mr. Michael F. O'Keefe - Did not reach the Pass standard at the Second year College Examination in Arts."

"It was decided to refer the matter to the Co. Council."



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 20th October, 1932, be received and considered."

RATE COLLECTION:- Miss O'Ryan said that she had been told by a Rate Collector that some prominent Ratepayers refused to pay their rates though they were well able to do so.

The Chairman stated he recommended anyone to whom he was speaking to pay their rates, but it was a different thing about the Land Annuities.

Mr. McCarthy - At the meeting of the Finance Committee everyone of the Collectors told us that anybody who was able to pay was doing so.

Mr. O'Byrne said it was a peculiar state of affairs if any Rate Collector would tell one story to an individual Member of the Council and the very opposite one to the Finance Committee meeting.

The Chairman said that it might be that Rate Collectors were not calling for the Rates in certain places, in his district, unfortunately, they came too often.

Miss O'Ryan said she would ascertain from Rate Collector whether the persons whose names were mentioned to her as having refused to pay, had since paid. In the event of these rates not being paid she would bring up the names of the parties concerned at next meeting of the Council.

COMPLAINT BY J. WICKHAM:- In connection with complaint made by Mr. Wickham, Ford of Lyng, of service of Six Days' Notice to oblige him to pay his rates, the Chairman said that Mr. Wickham had very grave reason to complain as for the last 15 years he was "smothered" by the Ford of Lyng and for long periods at a time he could not get in or out of his holding. The Ford of Lyng had been constantly on hands for the past ten years or rather on the hands of the County Council Lawyers and the whole district was affected by the flooding there. He had been speaking to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, who told



him that the Court Proceedings would be on in November, but since then Mr. Elgee stated they could not come on till after Christmas. He (Chairman) did not wonder that Mr. Wickham was becoming tired of the present position.

Mr. O'Byrne said that the Co. Council several years ago directed that proceedings should be taken in the local Court but their instructions were never carried out.

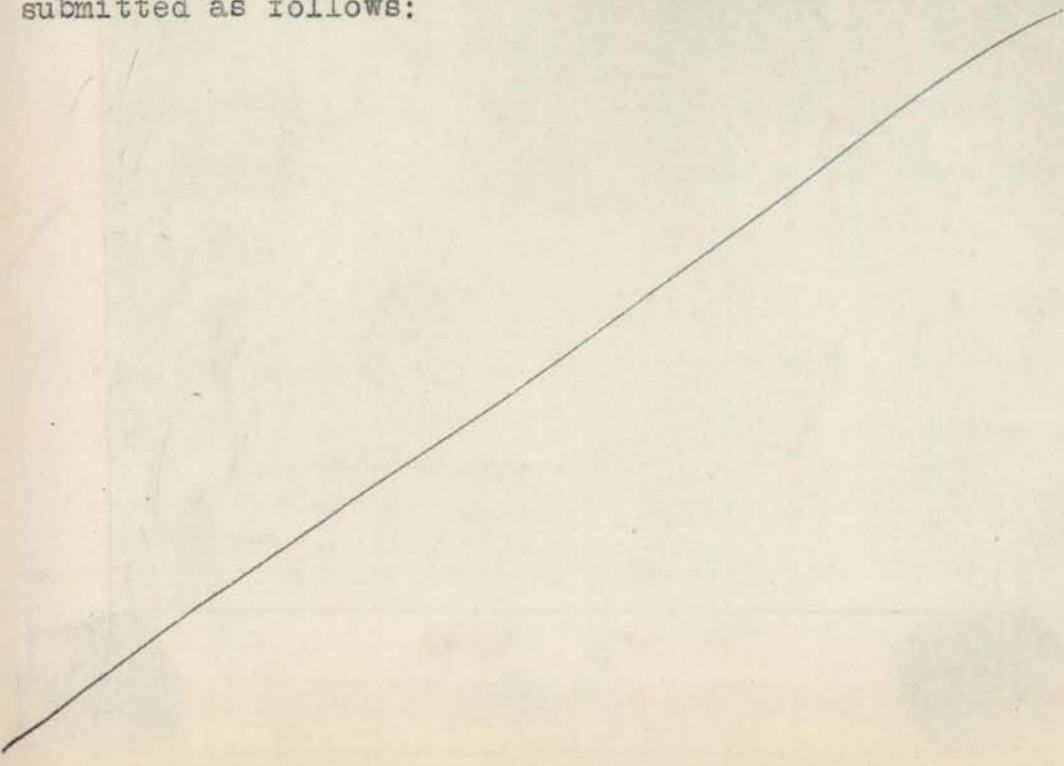
The Chairman said he would ask that this thing be settled up as soon as possible.

Mr. Elgee contended that he was doing all he could to bring the proceedings to an issue.

The Chairman said it was terribly hard lines on Mr. Wickham that five acres of his land should be rendered useless by the fault of other people not preventing its flooding - in fact a good deal of the land of all the occupiers down to Ballygeary ~~was~~ suffering on account of the action of the Slob Owners.

On the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Shannon the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee held on 20th October, 1932, be and are hereby confirmed."

Minutes of Finance Committee held on 3rd November, 1932, were submitted as follows:





WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.

3rd NOVEMBER 1932.

M I N U T E S.

County Hall,

WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,

Secretary, Wexford Co. Council.

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 3rd November, 1932.

Present:- Messrs. John Culleton, James Hall, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor, Rates Inspector and Mr. Waller (Delap and Waller, Consulting Engineers, Dublin) were also in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. O'Byrne the chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4,358.1.4d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

STATE OF:- The Rate Collection to date was submitted as follows:-

<u>Name of Collector.</u>					<u>1933.</u>
		£	S	D	
1.	E.J. Murphy	2311	15	1	49.5
2.	S. Gannon (6)	1456	2	1	45.2
3.	J. Curtis	2109	10	8	41.5
4.	P. Carty.	1659	8	3	38.2
5.	T. Rowe	1409	12	7	38.0
6.	A. Dunne	2780	9	6	36.5
7.	J.J. O'Reilly	1829	8	11	35.1
8.	J. Deegan	2301	10	3	33.2
9.	J. Cummins	1658	1	9	33.1
10.	S. Gannon (10)	1131	9	9	33.1
11.	Wm. Doyle	1681	19	7	31.6
12.	J. Quirke	2296	10	4	31.4
13.	W. Cummins	1366	14	2	30.0
14.	P. Nolan	2110	9	8	29.4
15.	M. McCarthy	1458	5	1	28.4
16.	M. Murphy	1078	12	4	28.1
17.	P. O'Byrne	1065	16	9	27.3
18.	T. Bolgere	1146	10	7	26.4
19.	J.J. Sinnott	1299	6	11	24.3
20.	P. Doyle.	1264	3	0	23.7
Total.		£33415	7	3	32.9

It was decided to communicate with Collectors T. Bolger, P. O'Byrne, Philip Doyle, and J.J. Sinnott, and point out to them that the Finance Committee are greatly dissatisfied with the



manner in which the collection in their districts is proceeding. The Committee are strongly of opinion that great improvement would have been apparent if reasonable activity was exhibited, in carrying out the work. These Collectors are warned that unless very substantial progress is made in a comparatively short period, serious notice will be taken of backward state of collections in their districts.

APPLICATION FROM COLLECTORS:- Under date 20th October, 1932, letter was read from Collector M. McCarthy, (No. 4 District) asking the Finance Committee to receive a deputation from ~~Rate~~ Collectors who were paid at 5d in the pound, with a view to having this figure increased to 7d in the pound.

Collectors McCarthy, P. Carty (No. 20) and Patrick Nolan (No. 5) attended.

Mr. McCarthy stated there were six Collectors concerned in the application, the three who were present and also Collectors T. Bolger, (No. 14), Art Dunne (No. 15) and Matthew Murphy (No. 12). He spoke for the whole six and pointed out that twelve months ago these Collectors made application to the Finance Committee for an increase in their remuneration. The Finance Committee recommended they should be paid at 7d in the pound which represented the rate of remuneration received by the majority of the Council's Collectors. They were also recommended for the bonus. The Co. Council did not confirm the recommendation of the Finance Committee as to an increase in the poundage and as regards the bonus the Local Government Department agreed to an extra rate of poundage in the case of Collectors who had closed. The result was that the Collectors whom he represented and certain other Collectors did not receive the extra remuneration or the bonus. Two years ago he received in poundage £148. and last year the amount was only £98. His out of pocket expenses in connection with his work as Collector came to £17.12.6d and his travelling expenses for checking etc. was £30. This left him only about £1 per week as remuneration. The men on the roads and in quarries were



paid at a higher rate. If he got the 7d in the £1 it would bring his remuneration up to the previous year.

Messrs. Carty and Nolan also referred to the drop in their remuneration on the same lines as in Mr. McCarthy's case.

Mr. Carty stated his travelling expenses were about £50, as he was a long way from his checking station.

After consideration the following order was made by the Finance Committee:-

"In view of the circumstances of the country the Committee do not feel justified in recommending any increase of salary or remuneration at the moment."

CREDIT NOTES:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That the Co. Council be recommended to pay poundage on Credit Notes in the same manner as if these were cash lodgments."

REPAIRS FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE.

Two tenders were received as follows:-

The Irish Boring Company, 118-119 Upper Abbey Street, Dublin, tendered at £3,779.17.6d., and the Irish Piling Co., 3, Lower Abbey Street, Dublin, at £3,969.14.8d.

The Co. Surveyor's estimate which was made out in July, 1932, was £3,325.

Mr. O'Byrne asked if it would be possible for the Co. Surveyor to carry out the work by direct labour.

The Co. Surveyor replied in the negative. It would cost £1200 or £1500 for plant and it would not be satisfactory to obtain this on hire. His experience was that even in small jobs the hiring for any reasonable period ran close to the cost of the actual machines. He quoted instances of this.

Mr. Waller stated that both firms tendering had carried out work for Delap and Waller, and had never given any trouble.

The Chairman suggested that as both tenders were above the



estimate it might be better not to make any recommendation, but to leave them to the County Council for decision.

Mr. Waller pointed out that the duty had gone up on cement and other things since the estimate had been prepared.

Mr. Culleton stated that cement and steel etc. could be obtained from the Continent, as well as from England.

The Co. Surveyor pointed out that providing for traffic in lieu of a temporary bridge, an allowance of £127 should be made and a further £185 for the lifting and replacing of the bascule. This would bring the estimate to £3,637 leaving the difference between it and the lower tender £142.

After discussion the following recommendation was agreed to:-  
 "That as the two tenders received for the repairs of Ferrycarrig Bridge are above the County Surveyor's estimate, the Finance Committee consider they are not empowered to deal with same, but refer them to the Council meeting of the 7th November, 1932, for consideration. They direct that the firms tendering should be informed of the position and requested to attend the said meeting of the County Council."

#### COURTOWN HARBOUR DREDGING.

The Co. Surveyor stated that he was at Courtown Harbour on 31st October, 1932, with Mr. McNeill, Engineer to the Fisheries Department, to discuss the question of the dredging. He was also glad to mention that Mr. Culleton, a Member of the Finance Committee was present on the occasion. While there a sluicing was carried out with about four feet head of water owing to the freshet in the river. This sluicing had been very successful and he (Co. Surveyor) had no doubt whatever that the channel could be kept clear and maintained by the sluicing. With regard to the bar outside the Pier Head this depended upon the weather. At certain periods this Bar would disappear but might be replaced in a night if there was a change of wind. On Sunday, 30th October, 1932, three sluices had been carried



out and he was perfectly certain a few more flushes would clear the channel. But of course there was always a danger that a particular wind would cause the place to silt up again. While he was there boats went out one hour after low water. He might mention however, that the biggest boats were not fishing now but the herring boats which drew three feet six inches were able to proceed to sea an hour after low water. As regards the removal of the gravel from the south of the south pier, Mr. McNeill said this would improve the channel but unfortunately it would help to starve the shore to the north where they had put down concrete blocks and if the removal were carried out to any considerable extent, it would mean that finally that portion of the shore would be all cut away. What the Council were taking was not doing any harm as it could be easily replaced in one night. Mr. McNeill suggested that they should delay any action as to dredging the channel between the Piers in order to have full tests of what the freshets in the river would be able to do. As regards the dredging of the basin Mr. McNeill had a suction dredger at Buncrana which could be employed but if the work was to be carried out under Relief Grant for unemployment he (Co. Surveyor) wished to point out that the suction dredger would only employ three men who would be imported from Dublin and this would not relieve local unemployment. Since his interview with Mr. McNeill he had met Mr. P. Donovan, Wexford, who offered to take out 8,000 to 10,000 cubic yards from the basin and give a depth at ordinary tides of four feet six inches low water, which, in the Co. Surveyor's opinion was ample. It was proposed to deposit the stuff at the back of the wall which had been rebuilt over the sand bank. Mr. Donovan stated he would be prepared to maintain the channel between the walls up to May to a depth of four feet. He would employ eight men for a period to close on six months. One of these would be his own man from Wexford but the other seven would be taken from Courtown. His quotation for the work was £900. The estimate was £1200, the County Council to provide half and



and the Fishery Department the other moiety. Full particulars had been sent to Mr. McNeill who would make a recommendation to the Fishery Department in the matter.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That the Council be recommended to accept the offer of Mr. P. Donovan at £900 to dredge the basin of Courtown Harbour taking out from 8,000 to 10,000 cubic yards and guaranteeing a depth of four feet six inches at low water of ordinary tides, also to maintain the channel up to May, 1933, with a guarantee of four feet of water."

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS.

Intimation was received from St. Michael's Industrial School, Wexford, as to application at Wexford District Court, on 9th November, 1932, for committal to Industrial School of Sarah McDonald, (14 years) Bridget McDonald, (8½ years) and Mary Anne McDonald (7 years). The mother was dead and the father, John McDonald, Castlebridge, a motor driver, was unable to exercise proper control over them.

Mr. Elgee was instructed to oppose these applications as in the opinion of the Finance Committee, John McDonald, the father, should be able to provide for the three children concerned.

Intimation was received from the District Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Enniscorthy, as to proposed committal of Albert Joseph Slye, (11 years and 9 months) and Mary O'Neill (12½ yrs) Ballinakill, Ferns, to certified Industrial Schools, under the provisions of School Attendance Act, 1926.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor.

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

The Secretary, University College, Dublin, reported that Mr. John J. Hunt, (Co. Council Scholar) had passed the B.A. Honours Degree Examination, in Irish and English, with Second Class Honours in Irish.

Miss Catherine Kichham, (Co. Council Scholar) had passed the B. Comm. Degree Examination with Second Class Honours.



Mr. Arthur J. Nix, (County Council Scholar) had failed at the B.A. Honours Degree Examination in Legal and Political Science.

It was decided to communicate with Mr. Nix and ask him for his observations on the report of the College Authorities.

#### INCREMENT OF COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICIAL.

Under date 2nd November, 1932, the following was read from Mr. Stephen Hayes, Clerical Assistant, County Council Offices:-

"Sometime ago the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote to the Co. Council that they were prepared to sanction Official's increments which had not become effective owing to Declaration of Allegiance, and that legislation in connection with the matter would be forthcoming.

"The County Council adjourned consideration of my case until this legislation was passed.

"As however, there appears to be no sign of any Bill being brought forward I would ask the Co. Council to approve of the payments of my increments and would point out that if these had been agreed to now no question of any sort of declaration would be raised."

It was decided to inform Mr. Hayes that the Finance Committee were not empowered to alter or amend the resolution of the Council deciding to adjourn consideration of his case until the legislation referred to by Local Government Department had been implemented.

#### OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

Under date 31st October, 1932, the Manager, National Bank, Wexford, (Co. Council Treasurer), wrote that his Directors had sanctioned overdraft Accommodation of £40,000 up to 31st December, 1932

#### LOST PAY ORDER.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne and seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That duplicate Order be issued for No. 162 (Subsidiary Account) issued from meeting of 6th October, 1932 amount 18/- Payee Anthony Doyle, Ballycarrigeen, Boolavogue, Ferns, who lost original. That Treasurer be instructed to place estoppel on said original Pay Order."

Passed.



RATE COLLECTION: - The Secretary stated that Poor Rate to date represented 35% of Warrant collected, the figure at corresponding period of last year being 43 %, reduction 8%. Of the four Collectors referred to in the resolution of the Finance Committee, Messrs. Bolger's and O'Byrne's collections showed an improvement since the meeting. Collector Doyle's ~~Father~~ had died on the 6th November, 1932, which would account for no improvement in his case.

APPLICATION FROM COLLECTORS:- It was decided to postpone consideration of this application until the next meeting of the Co. Council to be held on 12th December, 1932, the matter to be referred to on Agenda paper.

POUNDAGE ON CREDIT NOTES:- Mr. O'Byrne proposed and the Chairman seconded a resolution confirming the recommendation of the Finance Committee of 3rd November, 1932; "That poundage on Credit Notes be paid to the Rate Collectors in the same manner as if these represented cash lodgments. Passed.

COURTOWN HARBOUR DREDGING:- The Co. Surveyor stated he had received a letter from Mr. McNeill, Engineer to the Office of Public Works stating that provided Mr. Donovan's offer for the dredging of Courtown was accepted it could be arranged that payment would be made on measurements only. Although the price was not unreasonable Mr. McNeill doubted if Mr. Donovan's method of work would be expeditious or in the end quite successful, However, he would consider the offer.

Mr. Keegan asked if the Co. Surveyor had received any report as to an accident in the Harbour on Thursday night, when four men were thrown out of their boat and one of them was badly injured.

The Co. Surveyor replied in the negative, and said he would investigate the matter.

Mr. Keegan said that the boats which drew four feet six inches of water were not used exclusively for the Summer, they could be



fishing now if the channel was deep enough for them. He contended that over £16,000 had been spent on Courtown since 1913 on botched jobs. If this money had been distributed in Home Help the fishermen and their families would have been much better off.

Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. Gaul seconded the adoption of the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

The Co. Surveyor said that the proposal made for the dredging of the basin of Courtown was the only way in which the work could be done.

Col. Gibbon suggested that the contract with Mr. Donovan should provide for a uniform depth all over the basin and be laid on the table for the inspection of Mr. Keegan.

Mr. Keegan said he wanted the neck of the harbour cleared to let the boats out.

The recommendation of the Finance Committee was then put and passed.

#### INCREMENT OF CO. COUNCIL OFFICIAL.

Mr. Gaul gave notice of motion for consideration at next meeting of the Council:- "That the resolution of the Council deciding that no increments be paid Mr. S. Hayes, Clerical Assistant, Co. Council Office, until legislation abolishing Declaration of Allegiance became effective, be rescinded, and that said increments be paid to Mr. Hayes!"

Proposed by Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 3rd November, 1932, be and are hereby confirmed."

Passed.



FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE.

The Minutes of Finance Committee of 3rd November, 1932, re above having been read and approved, it was decided that the Ferrycarrig Bridge Committee consisting of Messrs. Walsh, T.F. D'Arcy, R. Corish, J. Culleton, Col. Gibbon, T. McCarthy and Sean O'Byrne, should have a consultation with Mr. C.F. Hollinshead representing the Irish Boring Company, and Mr. P.G. O'Rourke of the Irish Piling Company as to their tenders.

Subsequently Mr. Walsh (V.C.) reported that as the result of the interview, the Irish Boring Company were prepared to carry out the work at £3,700 and the Irish Piling Company at £3,600.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Col. Quin:- "That the amended tender of the Irish Piling Company, 3, Lower Abbey Street, Dublin, for repairs to Ferrycarrig Bridge at £3,600 be accepted, subject to this being made in writing by said Company with a guarantee bond from the New Ireland Assurance Company in the amount of the tender that the work will be carried out according to specification."

DAYS OF COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Murphy:- "That meetings of Co. Council be held monthly in future."

In moving his motion Mr. Murphy referred to the fact that taking into account the hour at which the business at recent fortnightly meetings had been disposed of there was no reason why they would not be able to dispose of all the business at a monthly meeting if they sat after lunch. The day in the month which they would save would be of great value to busy Councillors.

Mr. Hall seconded.

Mr. Shannon, while dubious of the success of monthly meetings, <sup>object</sup> did not wish to see the change in operation as an experiment and he



suggested if the Council agreed that it would be limited to six months the position to be reviewed at the end of that time.

*Election*  
The Chairman suggested that as in all probability a County Council would be held next year ~~and~~ if Mr. Murphy's motion was carried they might regard it as effective until ~~next~~ County Council election.

After further discussion Mr. Murphy amended his motion to read as follows:- "That for the next six months the County Council meet once a month."

Mr. Hall seconded.

Mr. O'Byrne said it appeared that the proposer of the motion had in his mind a sitting of the Council without any break. He protested against this. Taking into account the hour at which he left Gorey and the time he could return it was beyond human endurance to sit all day without a break. His health had in the past suffered because he tried to do this.

Mr. Murphy said that each meeting of the Council could decide whether it was necessary to have an adjournment for lunch.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

FOR MR. MURPHY'S MOTION:- Messrs. Brennan, Corish, Culleton, D'Arcy, Gaul, Gibbon, Jordan, Hall, Keegan, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Ryan, Shannon, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman. (16)

AGAINST:- Messrs Clince, Cummins, Hayes, O'Byrne and Quin. (5)

Mr. Armstrong (1) did not vote.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

The next meeting of the County Council was fixed for Monday, 12th December, 1932, at 10.30 a.m.

#### MEMBERS' TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Armstrong:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to take steps to have altered Section 63 (2) (a) and (b) of Local Government Act, 1925, so that County Councillors shall be paid for every meeting of the Council and ~~for~~ *for* every Authorised Committee which they attend."



WEXFORD HARBOUR IMPROVEMENT.

Under date 2nd November, 1932, the Secretary, Wexford Harbour Commissioners, wrote that the latter were anxious to arrange for the County Council to receive a deputation from the Commissioners to discuss a scheme with a view of raising assistance for the improvement of Wexford Harbour.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That the deputation from Wexford Harbour Commissioners be received at 12 o'clock, noon, on 12th December, 1932, next meeting day of the County Council."

SALE OF LABOURERS' COTTAGES.

The following correspondence which had been circulated to each Member of the County Council was submitted:-



WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

County Hall,

WEXFORD.

27th October, 1932.

SALE OF LABOURERS' COTTAGES.

A Chara,

I enclose copy letter from Secretary of Commission of Inquiry, into the Sale to the occupying Tenants of Cottages and Plots provided under Labourers' Acts.

Also Terms of Reference.

These documents will be considered at the meeting of my County Council on 7th prox.

Since the meeting of County Council on 24th instant, I received a further letter from the Secretary to the Commission, stating that the Commission would be glad if the Council would nominate a Member to give evidence as to the opinion of the Council in regard to the Sale to the present occupants of Cottages and Plots.

This is also a matter which will be considered at the County Council meeting of the 7th prox.

Mise, le meas,

N.J. FRIZELLE,

Runaidhe.

To Each Councillor,  
Wexford County Council.



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ROINN RIALTAIS AITIULA AGUS SLAINTE PUIBLI.  
(Department of Local Government and Public Health),

TEACH AN CHUSTUIM  
(Custom House),

BAILE ATHA CLIATH  
(Dublin)

19th October, 1932.

A Chara,

The Commission appointed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inquire into the Sale, to the occupying tenants, of Cottages and plots provided under the Labourers (Ireland) Acts, desire to receive an expression of the considered opinion of each Local Authority as to the desirability and practicability of devising a Scheme of Sale under the Terms of Reference within which the Commission's Inquiry must be confined. I am accordingly to request that you will be good enough to submit the Terms of Reference to your Council/Board at their next meeting and forward immediately thereafter, to the Commission, their opinion in the matter, as indicated above.

A copy of the Terms of Reference is enclosed.

Mise, le meas,

P.M. Wilson,

Runaidhe do'n Coimisiun.

To each County Council,  
" " Board of Public Health  
" " Board of Health and Public Assistance.



COPY.

SALE OF LABOURERS' COTTAGES.

COMMISSION OF INQUIRY.

Terms of Reference.

To consider and report within six months to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in connection with the cottages and plots provided under the Labourers (Ireland) Acts:

- (1) whether there is a demand from the general body of tenants for vested ownership
- (2) whether the formulation of a scheme of sale acceptable to the general body of tenants is practicable without placing an unreasonable burden of cost on the ratepayers or increasing the liability of the State.
- (3) whether the sale of the cottages and plots to the occupying tenants would be advantageous to the Agricultural Labourers as a class or whether the alienation of the property by sale to the sections of that class at present occupying cottages and plots would tend to bring about ultimately a serious housing shortage for the class as a whole.
- (4) whether the average present tenant is in a position adequately to maintain the property in addition to paying a purchase charge and rates should a purchase scheme be carried out,

and to suggest, at the same time, to the Minister:

- (1) in the event of the Commission concluding that a scheme of sale is practicable and advisable:-
  - (i) a general scheme of sale or
  - (ii) a model scheme of sale applicable to a particular county where all the circumstances correspond closely with the general circumstances of all counties.
- (2) in the event of the Commission concluding that a scheme of sale is not practicable and advisable:-

amendments, if any, in the present law relating to the cottages and plots that, in the opinion of the Commission, would tend to the advantage of the Agricultural Labourers as a class.



The Chairman said that the Members of the Health Board who were conversant with this matter were present. The Councillors had been supplied with the terms of reference to the Commission of Inquiry and should now be in a position to deal with the matter.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That this Council approves of the sale of labourers' cottages to occupying tenants."

The Chairman said that he considered the purchase scheme put forward by the Co. Wexford Board of Health was in front of anything that was published. He thought the Council should approve of this scheme and they could then decide if they would give evidence in favour of it.

Col. Quin proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution:- "That we approve of the Scheme drafted by Co. Wexford Board of Health for the sale of labourers' cottages to occupying tenants."

Mr. Jordan said the Board of Health had nominated Miss O'Ryan and their Secretary to give evidence before the Commission.

The Chairman said that he was very much in favour of the sale and the scheme of the Health Board would be a benefit to the tenants and the Ratepayers.

Mr. Gaul said that the tenants wanted a different scheme and they should be entitled to representation.

Chairman - Anyone who will volunteer evidence will be heard.

Mr. Shannon suggested that before arriving at a definite decision a conference of Co. Council, Co. Board of Health and Occupying Tenants of cottages should be held.

Mr. Jordan - The cottagers can give evidence on their own. Each one of them was supplied with a copy of the scheme.

Mr. Gaul - At any meetings of the tenants which I attended they were all in favour of purchase but they drafted a scheme different to that of the Board of Health.

Mr. Keegan said the majority of tenants were in favour of



Purchasing but he considered some distinction should be made between cottages built forty or fifty years ago and those recently erected.

The Chairman said that the scheme of the County Board of Health provided that all cottages should be put into repair before being handed over to the tenants.

Mr. Gaul said he would not take any part in the vote on the resolution until the cottage tenants held another Convention.

Mr. Shannon said that if agreed to he would be able to call a convention of the cottage tenants for Sunday, 13th November, 1932, and have a scheme prepared.

Mr. Armstrong contended it was very unfair for the Council to agree to the Board of Health Scheme until they had the considered views of the occupying tenants before them.

The Chairman mentioned that the Board of Health Scheme had been under consideration for the last two years and every cottage tenant was aware of its provisions, having been supplied with a copy

Mr. Shannon asked if Col. Quin's proposal was carried would the County Council submit the Board of Health scheme to the Commission.

Chairman - Certainly and I would point out that the tenants have a right to submit evidence if they wish and to submit any scheme.

Mr. Cummins said he did not know anything about the scheme. It was very much like voting in the dark.

Mr. D'Arcy asked how the Co. Board of Health had fixed future rents.

Chairman - The ratepayers and tenants will get benefit. On completion of the sale the tenant will get 3d a week off his rent.

Mr. D'Arcy - If the tenant dies will his son have the right to sell the cottage by public auction.

Mr. Gaul - Only to a labourer according to the scheme.

Mr. D'Arcy - In thirty or forty years these houses may be occupied by other than labourers.

A vote was taken on Col. Quin's resolution with the following result:-



FOR: Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hall, Jordan, McCarthy, Murphy, Quin, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman. (13)

AGAINST: Nil.

The following declined to vote:- Messrs. Armstrong, Cline, Corish, Gaul, Hayes, Keegan, O'Byrne and Shannon. (8)

Miss O'Ryan was not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

On the motion of Mr. Murphy seconded by Col. Quin, Miss O'Ryan was nominated to give evidence in support of the scheme of the Co. Board of Health, on behalf of the County Council.

WATERFORD AND NEW ROSS PORT SANITARY

AUTHORITY.

Under date 1st November, 1932, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P.H. 75609/30 Ilgh (U.S.P.) enclosing for the information of the Council copy of an Order which had been made adapting the Waterford and New Ross Port Sanitary Authority of 1904 so as to bring it into conformity with the Local Government Act, 1925.

ROAD GRANTS.

Under date 28th October, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (R.G.M./32) (Roads) that £3997 had been paid the County Treasurer in respect of Road Maintenance Grant.

EMPLOYMENT ON ROADS.

The Chairman drew attention to a complaint that had been made to him about the employment of workers in the Carrigbyrne quarry, that there ~~were~~ three men out of the one house employed who were related to the ganger, and another man who expected work in that quarry would not be taken on.

The Co. Surveyor said that the three relatives of the ganger who were employed were not living in the one house. They were all



married and had dependents.

Col. Quin - Is it a crime that these men should get work?

Chairman - No, but are you going to leave one man hungry and employ all the rest?

Mr. Deegan said that the Carrigbyrne quarry was by no means an isolated case, In the north of the County they had men who had unemployment cards stamped up for years retained in work and others who had no stamps were idle.

Mr. Corish - How many men are employed on the relief work in Oylegate? My information is that there are only five, and that a couple of them were employed on other jobs and were transferred there.

The Co. Surveyor said the work must be done first in the Brownswood quarry and that was being done. They must keep a couple of the old hands in the quarry who were experienced at the work.

Mr. Corish - Everyone knows there is terrible distress in Oylegate.

Co. Surveyor - I will see if I can get more employed.

Mr. Murphy - I am afraid this relief grant work is not working out as we intended it should. I thought it was for the relief of men who had been out of work for some considerable time. I know a man who had been working for five years with a farmer and he has left him to work on the roads, and he is going back to the farmer when the road work is finished.

Mr. O'Byrne said when the direct labour scheme was adopted there was a standing order agreed to that men would <sup>not</sup> be taken from farmers.

The Co. Surveyor said that if men registering as unemployed at the Labour Exchange and the manager gives out their names, he must employ them unless he has anything against them.

Miss O'Ryan said she thought the Council passed a resolution that the men longest out of work should be employed first.

Chairman - I thought so, too.

The Secretary said the question was raised about the employment



of single men with dependents as well as married men, and when it was referred to the Ministry of Industry and Commerce they were informed that married men with dependents must be employed first.

Mr. Corish said the Labour Exchange was bound to give out the names of the men who are longest out of employment, and if the County Surveyor comes across a man who is only a week out of work and who has been sent to him by the Labour Exchange, and that man has deceived the manager of the Exchange about it, he could be sent back to the Exchange again.

Chairman - I think the Co. Surveyor should ask his surveyors to try and regulate this work a little better than it has been done. Lots of men on the roads who have six or eight years' stamps are not disturbed and there are lots of idle men who have not worked for a considerable time.

Miss O'Ryan suggested that the managers of the Labour Exchanges be asked to indicate on the list they give out, how long the men are idle, and let the ~~surveyors~~ employ the men who are longest out of work. If the managers cannot do it the Council should refer it to the Ministry for Industry and Commerce and they would get a very sympathetic hearing.

Mr. Corish said the Managers would not do that.

The Secretary agreed.

Mr. D'Arcy said that men were getting work who were only idle for one week.

Mr. Murphy said the gangers should have an intimate knowledge of the men and the time they were idle.

Col. Quin said he did not understand the matter. Did the Council propose to turn out the men who had been regularly employed on the permanent staff for a number of years?

Mr. D'Arcy - No. We are referring to the relief work.

Mr. Armstrong asked when the work on the Bunclody road would be started. A relief grant had been allotted to it.



The Co. Surveyor replied that he issued instructions to the Assistant Surveyors to start all the work out of hand.

The Secretary said he had received a letter from Bunclody signed "P. Doyle, Secretary," stating that at a meeting of the unemployed in Bunclody on the 4th instant, a resolution was passed asking the Council to put into operation the relief scheme passed by the Council some time ago. It was recommended that the grant should be used to provide work for the unemployed rather than a continuance of work for those already in the Council's employment, and that hand breaking of the quarry material should be adopted. A memorial was signed by the seventy-eight men at the meeting, about one-fourth of whom were married.

The Chairman said the employment of the men was carried out with the greatest justice and fairness in his area. Nobody would object to the ganger being kept on.

Mr. Keegan asked if the Surveyor could not get a ganger for Gorey quarry without keeping on a man who had twelve years' stamps.

The Co. Surveyor said that as regards <sup>rock</sup> quarrying he must employ some ~~rock~~ experienced men, but for hand-breaking of stones that is not necessary, and he would give instructions to that effect.

The Chairman said that after this discussion the Surveyors would know the Council's feelings in the matter.

Mr. Gaul said that on the Curraclloe road it was unemployed men were engaged with the exception of the quarry work.

Miss O'Ryan asked why the County Council would not ask the Minister to instruct the managers of the exchanges to hand out the names of the men in the order of having men longest out of work put first.

The Chairman said he would be only too happy to take a resolution to that effect.

Mr. Corish - I do not think we should go to the Ministry. The manager could be misinformed by the men. A man may be signing as



unemployed while he is working. The managers have instructions to give out the names of the men who are longest unemployed. If a case is known to the contrary the man's name should be sent to him, as the man may have deceived him.

Mr. Hall referred to the case of a man named Corish in Carrigbyrne who had been out of work for nine months and there were three men from the one house employed in the quarry where he expected to get work.

Chairman - I have asked the Co. Surveyor to see that he gets work.

Mr. Keegan moved that any man that had three months' stamps be not employed by the Council under any heading.

Mr. Hayes said he was sure the manager of the exchange was misled in many cases.

Mr. Cummins proposed that an inquiry be made into the case of the man Mr. Murphy mentioned, that was going back to the farmer after the road work is done.

Mr. O'Byrne said it should be reported to the exchange to see if the man had been signing while he was employed. They wanted all the unemployed to sign the register at the exchange but did not want the employed to sign.

Chairman - If the man who makes the report does not wish to carry it further we cannot do so.

Mr. Culleton - Do not the managers of the exchanges make enquiries I had a man who left me and I had an inquiry about him.

Mr. Gaul - That is only where they go into benefit.

Mr. Corish said the applications at the Labour Exchanges were so numerous now that the managers have not time to make enquiries. He then asked if any progress had been made as to the securing of the Relief grant for the Sow drainage area.

Co. Surveyor - Nothing further since my interview with Mr. Olley, Engineer.



UNEMPLOYMENT IN KILLURIN DISTRICT.

The following memorial was received on behalf of the unemployed in Killurin: "On behalf of the unemployed (numbering fifty) of this district we respectfully request your help in providing work for us. Most of us unemployed have several dependents. Many have large families. We are anxious to secure work, and shall do our utmost to give every satisfaction at any work provided for us. We prefer work to doles. At present, we and our dependents are badly off. If we fail to secure employment of some kind we shall be obliged to seek home help. We respectfully put forward the following schemes for your consideration (1) Roadwork: (a) The road from Glynn to Carrigmannon needs attention. This road is much used by beet growers from Bulgan, Tomcoole, Davidstown, Whitechurch, Wilkinstown, etc., when delivering beet to Killurin railway station. During the past few years it was much cut up by the motor haulage over it of sand for Wexford-New Ross road. Several times last year, lorries passing over this road sunk in the marly surface. The deep drains and dangerous corners too on this road need attention, only last week a collision between a beet lorry and a Wexford Trader's motor-van took place; (b) The road from the Deeps Bridge to Kyle Cross is very frequently flooded along that portion near the bridge. The surface too requires attention; (c) In view of the closing of Ferrycarrig Bridge, the diverted traffic will make the Killurin-Ballyhogue road much worse. Several sections need repair at present, and dangerous corners at Redinagh could be taken off; (d) The road from Corlican Cross to Lambstown Cross is badly in need of repair. Owing to the breaking up of the Glynn-Carrigmannon road last year, much sand and beet traffic was diverted along it. At present, beet growers from Lambstown, Corlican, The Point, Ballinaclay, etc., experience much difficulty and delay, in getting their beet to Killurin station along this road; (e) The lowering and repair of the hill on the Glynn-Killurin road



"known as Mernagh's Hill would be much welcomed in this district. It is the main road between Glynn Catholic Church and Killurin. If the hill were lowered traffic on the Glynn-Carrigmannon road could be turned to this route; (f) The taking off of elbow corners near Ballyeaton Cross on the main Wexford-Glynn road. (2) Quarrying: "We respectfully request the Council to arrange immediately for the breaking by hand of all stones, required next year for the roads in this area; (3) The cleaning of fishing draughts along the banks of the Slaney. The fishing draughts, i.e. hauling and landing places for the fishing nets are, in many places in this vicinity in need of cleaning and repair; (4) Drainage of land; (5) Housing - the building of labourers' cottages; (6) The provision of a proper water supply for Lower Killurin, and the cleaning of the supply for Glynn Village. The latter supplied with the inhabitants about 160 school children. Trusting to your kind consideration, and hoping you will find it possible to provide us with work. Signed on behalf of the Killurin unemployed - Patrick Walsh, Andrew Hamilton, Joseph Fox, Pierce Walsh and John Cullen."

Rev. F.E. O'Rourke, P.P. Glynn, writes as follows:-

"I have seen a draft of the Petition for employment which is about to be sent to your Council by the large number of men in this district who are at present out of work. In view of the deplorable condition to which these men and their families are reduced I cannot but admire the very temperate and reasonable manner in which they have stated their case. I can unhesitatingly vouch for their honesty and sincerity. They are men willing to work and who are prepared to fulfil their obligations to their employers faithfully and conscientiously. Under the present circumstances of distress and necessity there is not likely to be any slackness or neglect in their work. There are about 150 depending on them and this makes these men take a very serious view of their position which is to them one of great alarm and almost of despair. I know them to have a great



repugnance to anything in the shape of a dole. What they want is work. Of this they have assured me over and over again; and I believe them. With regard to the works suggested to be undertaken I must say unreservedly that all of them are badly needed and some are absolute necessities for all that use the roads. Owing to the haulage of heavy loads the roads are badly broken down in places whilst the deep and dangerous corners make ordinary travelling quite risky. Driving in a motor car along some of the less used and narrower roads is a matter not to be lightly undertaken owing to the ill-defined borders and the almost completely grass-grown tracks. I am sure the members of the Co. Council will consider this petition favourably and sympathetically and will do all they can to relieve the terrible distress existing in this locality."

The following was read from Rev. P. Hutchinson, C.C., Glynn :-

"Just a line in support of the communication which has been sent to you from the unemployed here in Killurin. They are in a worse plight this year than heretofore owing to the very bad price which they received this season for their fish and were unable to put any money by for the coming winter months. These men and their families are certainly in need and if you can do anything to help them it will be much appreciated."

Col. Quin - We have every sympathy for the unemployed but we ought to remember that it is not our business ~~but~~ the business of the Government to do this. We are looking to the ratepayers for money and it is very easy to be charitable with other people's money. We should understand that it is the business of the Government. Let us do what we can, but not have every burden laid on the rates.

Mr. Corish - I think what they are asking us to do is for the Council to make representation to the Government on their behalf.

Col. Quin. - That is all right.

Miss O'Ryan - The scheme they put forward is there. They are excellent men, all hard-working, and anxious for work. It is hard to



see what can be done in the district except drainage.

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

"That deputation on behalf of the unemployed from Killurin district be heard by the Council."

The following deputation attended:- Messrs. Patrick Walsh, James Sexton, George Higginbotham and Joseph Fox.

The Chairman in addressing them said they had received their memorial but he did not think the Council had very elaborate funds to spend on unemployment. The only thing they could do was to make representations to the Government for another grant for their area. Out of our own funds we could not do very much. We know your plight is very bad and that the small price you got for salmon during the year has a good deal to do with your condition at present. But, I <sup>would</sup> like to point out, that Killurin is not a solo in this for every village and rural district in the county is in the same boat. To-day there is an awful lot of unemployed men who had worked with the farmers until now, but the farmers, at the moment, cannot employ them. They have no means to pay them and can hardly meet their own calls. Owing to the widespread unemployment on farms throughout the whole County, you are not, as I said before, solo in this. It is the same all over and we give all credence to your case and will do what we can for you. We cannot do very much out of our own funds, but we will do our best to get a grant for the district and have some of the work mentioned in your memorial carried out.

Mr. Walsh (deputationist) said there were at least 47 men unemployed in the district.

Miss O'Ryan - They are not all farm labourers, but mostly fishermen.

Mr. Corish - I propose that the Co. Surveyor be asked to examine these schemes and prepare one for the Government.

Mr. D'Arcy seconded.

Passed.



Mr. Corish - I think there is more money coming to the county in very short.

Mr. Keegan - There are a lot of idle men and I think the special attention of the Minister should be drawn to the state of unemployment.

Co. Surveyor - As regards the first items on the memorial they are works that should be done if we were in a position to do them. The items at the end, like the building of labourers' cottages, drainage and water supply, are matters outside our jurisdiction.

Mr. Birthistle, D.S. - I looked over this memorial on Saturday and with regard to dangerous corners, the statement is correct. There are seven or eight dangerous corners, if removed, would be a great improvement. The roads are not so bad except in some short stretches and, as far as the corners are concerned, £100 would do them.

Mr. Corish - That would not be much to relieve unemployment.

Mr. Birthistle - I am afraid not.

Chairman - Some of the works suggested would be more or less for the Board of Health.

Mr. Gaul - The Health Board are about to build houses.

Co. Surveyor - Regarding the road work there is nothing mentioned that could not be profitably done if we had the money.

Miss O'Ryan - There is another corner coming from Killurin road, at the back of the barracks, and it is very dangerous.

Mr. Birthistle - That would be among the number I have in mind.

Co. Surveyor - It is mentioned here in the memorial; it is known as Mernagh's Hill.

Mr. Birthistle suggested that the Council make representation to the Minister, so far as relief of unemployment was concerned to start with the preparation of extra material for the main road from Killurin to Ballybrennan, which would be requiring repairs later on. If they got a grant for the work it would relieve all



the unemployment in Killurin.

Chairman - Why not make a report on it?

The Co. Surveyor said this would be done.

PIERS AND HARBOURS.

Mr. Cummins said he regretted to inform the Council that they would have many deputations coming from his district if it was thought deputations would have any effect. It was four years ago or more, since he brought under the notice of the Council the condition of the harbours and piers in the south, and only last Tuesday there was a big meeting at Ballyhack, which was attended by 100 men, the priest, and Mr. Allen, T.D. The fishermen down there had a very bad season, and their position was just the same as they heard from Mr. Keegan, earlier in the day, with regard to the fishermen at Courtown. They could not, except at half tides, get in or out to fish, and the reason he was raising the question was because if they were going to apply to the Government for a grant to relieve the unemployed he thought all should be included. He brought the matter forward four years ago and there was also the case of Arthurstown, Duncannon and Fethard, and all these men want something to be done, and all were comparatively idle. There was no necessity of bringing them there on a deputation - he was explaining their needs and they were wanting some employment. He would like that the Council embrace this place in the representations to the Department and for the Co. Surveyor to go down there and give an estimate on what would be required. He will meet the priest, minister and fishermen down there to point out what was necessary. The question was asked what it would cost. Nobody could tell what it would cost. Mr. Allen promised to bring the matter before the Minister and as Mr. Corish was there he thought they and the other T.D's of the county should try and assist them in getting some grant. The people down there were in the same position as the men from



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Killurin who came before them that day. When he (Mr. Cummins) brought it forward four years ago a committee was to go down. The Committee never went, and if the work required to be done four years ago it was more necessary now.

Mr. O'Byrne said as there was a promise now to get further relief grants he suggested from the big number of men knocked idle in Cahore district, it would be advisable to get some money for the Boira Drainage, the other scheme there. It would relieve unemployment by having the land so benefited, utilised. The best land in the country was flooded there.

Mr. Corish said they had not seen Mr. Rutledge, who was ill at the moment, in connection with the matter. A Parliamentary Secretary had been appointed and he (Mr. Corish) would see him about the Boira drainage as soon as he could arrange an interview. As far as Great Island was concerned he had that case before the Board of Works, and he thought something would be done. Are we getting any dues from steamers coming into the harbours mentioned, asked Mr. Corish.

Secretary - No.

Mr. Corish-Why not? I do not see why harbour dues should not be charged at Duncannon and Kilmore.

Mr. Murphy said the dues on vessels coming to Arthurstown and Duncannon went to Waterford. It was extraordinary.

Mr. Corish - It is.

Mr. Murphy - We are supposed to keep Duncannon in repair and the dues go to Waterford.

Secretary - That is the Act of Parliament.

Mr. O'Byrne again referred to the Cahore district, and the Chairman said that the Co. Surveyor could note all these suggestions in his report, and let them all go together.

Mr. Corish - The question about the dues is important.

Chairman - What would the whole thing amount to during the year? I do not think it would amount to £20.



Col. Quin - Even £20 is something.

Mr. Corish - I think when steamers or cross-channel boats go there they ought to be charged dues.

Chairman - You could only try and keep them from Waterford.

Mr. D'Arcy - We should have legislation.

Mr. Corish - I propose that a strong recommendation be made to the Government. After all the pier is there in Duncannon, and we are responsible for maintaining it. Why should we not get the dues for these places? I think it is ridiculous.

Col. Quin - I will second Mr. Corish. I think this argument is very sound.

Chairman - It would be a good thing if you could do it.

Col. Quin - You cannot do anything without trying it, and Mr. Corish is in power now to get what he wants. He has got the whip hand.

Secretary - The proposal is that strong representations be made to the Government with a view of having Duncannon and Arthurstown brought within the jurisdiction of this Council.

Mr. Cummins - And Ballyhack.

Co. Surveyor - It was done under a grant by the Fishery Department a number of years ago, and it has considerably silted up since.

Chairman - Why not hand it over to Waterford?

Co. Surveyor - It is not a steamer harbour.

Secretary - These places are what is known as scheduled piers and when the Local Government Act was passed the County Councils were bound to maintain these scheduled piers in their areas.

Co. Surveyor - You better include Slade and Fethard in the resolution.

Mr. O'Byrne - Mention all harbours.

Mr. Corish said he was referring to any harbour in the county



under the jurisdiction of another county.

Secretary - Would you amend your proposition to read "Any harbbour in the rural area of Co. Wexford under the jurisdiction of another authority?"

Mr. Corish agreed, and the resolution as thus amended was then put and passed.

COUNCILLOR AND MILK SUPPLIED TO BOARD OF HEALTH.

Under date 4th November, 1932, Col. Gibbon, Co. Councillor, wrote that he had received several orders to supply milk to children and which were signed by Mr. M. Walsh, Home Assistance Officer. He wished to know was he permitted to supply milk, seeing that he was a County Councillor. If not allowed to supply it he believed some of the children would find difficulty in getting good milk in the immediate neighbourhood.

The Secretary stated that he submitted Col. Gibbon's letter to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, who was under the impression that if Col. Gibbon was paid for the milk referred to in his communication he would be disqualified as a County Councillor.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Hall, it was decided that the matter should be discussed in Committee.

Col. Gibbon pointed out that the milk was being supplied under a Relief Grant but Mr. Elgee referred to a decided case which stated that a guardian of the Poor was held to be disqualified because he sold sheep to the person who had a contract for the supply of meat to the Workhouse. In that case it was held that the Guardian could not supply in his own name or in the name of any other person any provisions for the support of the Poor, or be concerned directly or indirectly in furnishing or supplying the same or in any contract relating thereto.

Mr. Jordan mentioned that the idea underlying the Scheme was to establish milk depots.

This was found impossible and it was then decided to get the



milk from the most convenient places. There was no contract whatever.

Mr. Hayes said that in Col. Gibbon's district if he (Col. Gibbon) was prevented from supplying milk there was nobody else in a position to do so.

Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. Walsh seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Minister for Local Government & Public Health be requested to state if Co. Councillors in the position of Col. Gibbon, who by supplying milk are filling a public want through money voted under a Relief Grant, are disqualified from acting as Co. Councillors, or suppliers of milk. If this represents the law at present steps should be taken to have it amended."

Mr. O'Byrne held they should ask the Department of Local Government to allow milk to be supplied to children other than those of parents receiving Home Assistance. Many children whose parents had not the benefit of Home Assistance throughout the County were undernourished, and some machinery should be established to deal with such cases. He proposed that milk be supplied to all children on the certificate of the local Dispensary Medical Officers.

Mr. D'Arcy seconded.

Col. Quin said it would be very hard to draw a dividing line as to who really was able or unable to pay for milk. He believed the Government had taken the only way to prevent abuse.

Mr. Gaul mentioned he had raised this question at the Board of Health but the latter were unable to get the sanction of the Department to it.

Miss O'Ryan held that ~~the~~ Medical Officers had these powers already.

The resolution was put and passed, Col. Quin dissenting.



SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME.

The following report of Scholarships' Committee was approved on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"A meeting of the County Council Scholarships Committee, was held on 29th October, 1932, in Co. Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford, for the purpose of considering the following letter from the County Councils' General Council:-

"Considerable anxiety is felt in many counties at the small number of candidates presenting themselves for examination for County Council Secondary School Scholarships. The County Councils' General Council therefore has been requested to invite the County Councils of An Saorstat to furnish their considered views as to the provisions of existing schemes for scholarships from Primary to Secondary Schools and to offer suggestions as to how the system may be improved.

"My Committee will be glad therefore if you will ask the Scholarship Committee of your Council to take this matter into consideration at the earliest possible moment and to furnish me with their considered views and suggestions with as little delay as possible."

**Present:** Rev. R. Talbot (presiding), Messrs. Sean O'Byrne and John J. Kelly.

The Secretary to the Co. Council was also in attendance.

The Committee considered carefully the papers set for examination for 1932 and came to the conclusion that taken all round, but more particularly in History and Geography the standard was too high for pupils of stipulated age. They also felt it would be advisable that direct questions should be set. In some instances the questions in History and Geography for 1932 required the exercise of considerable deductive powers and were unsuitable for the pre-adult mind.



" The Committee were also of opinion that the C.E.C. of the National Teachers' Organisation should be asked to submit recommendations and suggestions as regards the type of examination paper, which recommendations and suggestions should receive favourable consideration from the Department of Education.

The question of the award of Scholarships on the Department's Elementary Leaving Certificate was also considered but no order was made thereon as in present circumstances it was not believed feasible to utilise the Leaving Certificate for the purpose."

#### MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES.

Under date 3rd November, 1932, the following letter (20828/32) was read from Office of Public Works:-

"We have been entrusted with the administration of Minor Relief Schemes and with a view to having these schemes carried out in the most efficient manner, we shall be glad to learn whether your Council will permit the Co. Surveyor to co-operate with us by acting as our Agent Inspector at an Agency fee of 4% on the actual sum expended. The County Councils of Cork, Donegal, Kerry, Galway, Mayo, Longford, Clare, Sligo, Leix and Cavan have already consented to their Co. Surveyors acting as our Agent Inspectors for the purpose.

The duties required of the County Surveyors are:-

(a) All supervision necessary for the efficient and economical execution of the works and the carrying out of such instructions as may be given from time to time by this Department.

(b) The checking and discharging of wages sheets making the necessary payment, vouching of same, stamping of insurance cards, and all duties ordinarily connected with this branch of the work.

(c) All incidental clerical work in connection with (a) and (b) above.

(d) The preparation of drawings and specification for work in connection with bridges, minor drainage schemes, etc., where



"such are necessary. The majority of the works will, however, be of a simple kind such as the construction of accommodation roads, roads into turbary, etc., which will require little or no technical investigation.

A list of the selected works will be forwarded for your information at a later date."

Under date 4th November, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (R.F.U./201) that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health trusted the County Council would arrange for the necessary co-operation of the Co. Surveyor in the matter.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That the Wexford Co. Council have no objection to their Co. Surveyor acting as Agent Inspector for Minor Relief Schemes on behalf of the Office of Public Works on conditions set out in their letter of 3rd November, 1932 (20828/32)."

ROAD FROM BISHOPSWATER TO RATHASPECK.

The following memorial signed by nineteen Ratepayers was read:-

We the undersigned ratepayers beg to bring to the notice of the County Council the poor condition of the road from Bishopswater Cross to Rathaspeck. Owing to the total inadequate tonnage allowed during the last few years, the foundation stones are protruding much above the surrounding surface; also in a good many places the road is so worn that its centre is lower than the edges.

We - Your memorialists earnestly beg you to restore this road to its former condition.

As this road is the principal road for horse traffic to and from Wexford for a large area of South Wexford and the horse has been man's helpmate and servant, since the Flood, - please help us to lighten his burden and save his knees."



The Co. Surveyor said the road was certainly in a bad condition.

On the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. D'Arcy it was decided that the Co. Surveyor present <sup>a</sup> report relative to this road at next meeting of the Co. Council.

#### ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR.

The Co. Surveyor stated that since this matter was under discussion he had visited the place with Mr. McNeill, Engineer to the Board of Works, who was anxious that some borings should be made. He (Co. Surveyor) pointed out to Mr. McNeill that as this was not a scheduled harbour, the Co. Council could not legally spend money in connection with it. Mr. McNeill said he would recommend his Department to give £10 or £15 to cover cost of the necessary borings. It had been originally contemplated to put the breakwater in the centre of the old rubble mound. Since then there had been a good deal of discussion with the fishermen regarding these little harbours. What they wanted usually was a wharf, and it was proposed to put this at St. Helen's close to the inside of the present rubble mound where the fisherman could land.

Col. Gibbon proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution:- "That as arranged with the Co. Surveyor we approve of expenditure of £10 to £15 by Board of Works in making borings at St. Helen's Harbour. If these be satisfactory the Co. Council will be prepared in conjunction with the Department to carry out the necessary work at this harbour provided they can legally do so."

Passed.

#### BALLYTEGUE DRAINAGE SCHEME.

In reply to Col. Gibbon, the Co. Surveyor stated he had to make a further inspection of this drainage scheme.

Col. Gibbon suggested that the Co. Surveyor should arrange at next meeting to meet himself, Mr. P. White, Beckville, Hon. Sec. to the Drainage Committee, and Mr. N. White, Ballyran/~~g~~ who was also



interested in the matter.

The Co. Surveyor said he would write the persons named as to his next visit. He had secured a good deal of information to the present.

ROADS - ROSSLARE HARBOUR.

Under date 1st November, 1932, the following was read from Mr. D.J. Callanan, Barryville, Rosslare Harbour:-

"At a public meeting held at the Social Club here on the 24th ultimo, Mr. P. Coffey, P.C. in the Chair, it was decided to make application to the Council to have that portion of the public road at Rosslare Harbour running from Donoghue's Corner past the Tennis Court and on to the residence of Mr. Wm. Duggan, presented, so that it be included in future estimates to be maintained by the Council.

I shall be glad if you will be good enough to have the matter placed on the Agenda for early consideration and oblige.

The immediate residents on this road pay approximately in rates, £50 per annum and were it not for the attention the road gets at the expense of a few, it would be impossible to approach our homes. The road is also used by those living along the cliff and we have, in wet weather, to wade through water in coming and going to our homes, which for our children is a serious matter owing to injury to their health.

Mr. Keating, T.D., when he heard of the proposed meeting kindly attended and promised to use his influence with your Council. We also feel sure of the help of Ald. Corish, T.D., and Mr. Doyle, Chairman of your Council, both Gentlemen being aware that the residents of this District are unable to enjoy the comfort of a motor-car in their travels.

I note from a recent report of Meeting of your Council that you had a sum of £2000 surplus for road maintenance and I respectfully suggest that portion of this sum be allocated to meet our requirements and at the same time it would alleviate the serious unemployment



"that is prevalent in this District owing to the falling off in imports and exports due to tariffs etc.

Thanking you in anticipation and hoping to have our demand favourably considered."

The Co. Surveyor stated that as the road was not included under the Co. Council's jurisdiction they could not legally carry out any repairs to it.

Mr. Corish mentioned that he and Mr. Doyle (Chairman) had brought this road to the notice of the Council more than twenty times.

Chairman - It is leading only to a few houses.

Mr. Murphy said if it was proposed to take over this road, the resolution which had been adopted on his initiative not to include any new roads in the Road Estimates would have to be rescinded.

The Chairman suggested that a small committee might be appointed to inspect and report.

This suggestion was adopted, and the Chairman, Col. Gibbon and Mr. Corish were appointed as the Committee, in conjunction with the Co. Surveyor and Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the District, inspection to be carried out on 8th November, 1932, Mr. Callanan to be informed of same so that he could arrange for the attendance of interested parties.

#### KILTREA QUARRY.

The Co. Surveyor mentioned that he was anxious to come to some agreement with Mrs. Roche, owner of this quarry, as to its extension but he had received no reply from her relative to the offer which he made.

Mr. Clince - There will be no agreement unless you are satisfied to put up a stone fence at the quarry.

It was decided to postpone further action pending reply from Mrs. Roche.



#### ROAD AT KILTURK, KILMORE.

The Co. Surveyor said he had inspected this road and found that the land at each side was higher than the road. Some old man had informed Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, that a drain had formerly existed which took the water off the road. There was no sign of this now; it was obliterated completely and must have been filled up for the past sixty or eighty years. The result was the road was flooded and the only thing that could be done was to raise the surface. He was bringing forward a proposal for this purpose into his annual Road Estimate when the matter could be fully discussed.

#### DAMAGE TO DIRECTION POSTS.

The following report was read from Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor:-

"The Summonses against the ten boys and their Parents in respect of the damage to the above Sign Post were heard at the Wexford District Court yesterday.

I had issued five Summonses against the Parents and their respective Sons. In four cases a Fine of 1/- and Court Costs was imposed, and in one case that against Thomas Kelly and Daniel Kelly where it was doubtful that the Boy was present at all, the Justice gave the Defendant the benefit of the doubt, and dismissed the Summonses as against them. The Justice stated that in future cases of a similar nature coming before him he would deal with same in a different manner. "

#### PAYMENTS TO ROAD CONTRACTORS.

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

"That the several proposals for payment presented to this meeting including proposals for payment to Road Contractors ( as appearing on Forms 22 certified by Co. Surveyor) be and are hereby agreed to subject to the modifications and other orders thereon noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."



SLIPPERY ROADS

Mr. Walsh called the attention of the Co. Surveyor to the dangerous and slippery condition of the road at the Weigh-house on Cherry's road leading into New Ross town and also at Ely's Walks on the main road from New Ross to Wexford. From what he had seen in the Press the Co. Council would be held liable for damages if any accident happened on these thoroughfares.

The Co. Surveyor stated he would deal with the matter.

HOUSING ACT, 1932.

The following resolution from Donegal Co. Council was marked "read" on the proposal of Mr. Gaul seconded by Mr. Hall:-

"That this Council requests the Government to alter Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1932, so that the minimum area of houses, under reconstruction clause, be reduced from 500 to 400 square feet, as these people for whom the Act is intended are unable for various reasons to take advantage of it.

That a copy of this resolution be sent to all County Councils throughout the Saorstát for adoption and to the T.D's of the County."

*Michael Doyle*

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 12th December, 1932.

Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman (presided) also present:-  
Messrs. James Armstrong, James Cline, Patrick Colfer, Thomas Cooney, Richard Corish, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, James Gaul, Col. C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Patrick Hayes, Michael Jordan, William P. Keegan, Thomas Maylor, Thomas McCarthy, John Murphy Sean O'Byrne, Miss Nellie O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, James Shannon, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £29,922.10.4d. were examined and signed.

#### THE LATE MR. GEORGE CULLETON.

The Chairman said that since their last meeting, Mr. John J. Culleton, their colleague, had suffered a sad bereavement in the death of his father, Mr. George Culleton, who was vice Chairman of the Committee of Agriculture. He (Chairman) proposed a vote of condolence to Mr. John Culleton and the members of the family in the loss they had sustained. The deceased was well known and respected throughout the County and was deservedly popular. His father who had been engaged in the cattle trade was also a very familiar figure in the county. Mr. George Culleton was held in great esteem by every one who knew him and his death meant a great loss to the public life of Wexford.

Mr. Corish in seconding the motion said that the deceased was respected by all classes and creeds. In all his public actions he was actuated by the highest motives. He (Mr. Corish) knew deceased best as one of the oldest followers of the Gaelic code of games. No hurling fixture was complete without his presence and his opinion



in the arena of Gaelic games was universally respected.

Col. Gibbon said that Mr. George Culleton had been for many years vice Chairman of the Co. Committee of Agriculture and every Councillor he knew extended sympathy to Mr. John Culleton in his great loss.

Messrs. Shannon, Gaul, O'Ryan, O'Byrne and Hayes with the Secretary, Co. Surveyor and Co. Solicitor, referred to the many sterling qualities of deceased.

The resolution was passed in silence.

#### THE LATE MR. PENDER.

The following resolution was adopted in silence on the motion of Mr. Hayes seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That we offer to John Pender, Scar, Duncormack, an old and valued employee of this Council, our heartfelt condolence with him in the death of his father."

#### REPLIES TO VOTE OF CONDOLENCE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Armstrong:- "That the following replies to resolutions of condolence by the Council be inserted on this day's Minutes."

From the Lord Bishop of Ferns:-

"I hasten to express my deep gratitude for the Resolution of Sympathy adopted by the Co. Council touching the death of the late Archdeacon Dunne. Such kindly feeling helps to alleviate the sorrow brought upon the clergy by this sad event. I wish to thank all who were associated with the Resolution, and others who like yourself knew the Archdeacon and mourn his loss."

From Mr. Thomas Dunne, Courtnacuddy, Enniscorthy, brother to the Archdeacon:-

Please convey to the Members of the Co. Council and the Committee of Agriculture my most sincere thanks for their valued votes of condolence on the death of Canon Dunne.

Thanking you most earnestly for your own expression of sympathy!"



From Mr. Hugh O'Byrne, Streamville, Bridgetown, Member of Co. Scholarships' Committee, in the death of his wife:-

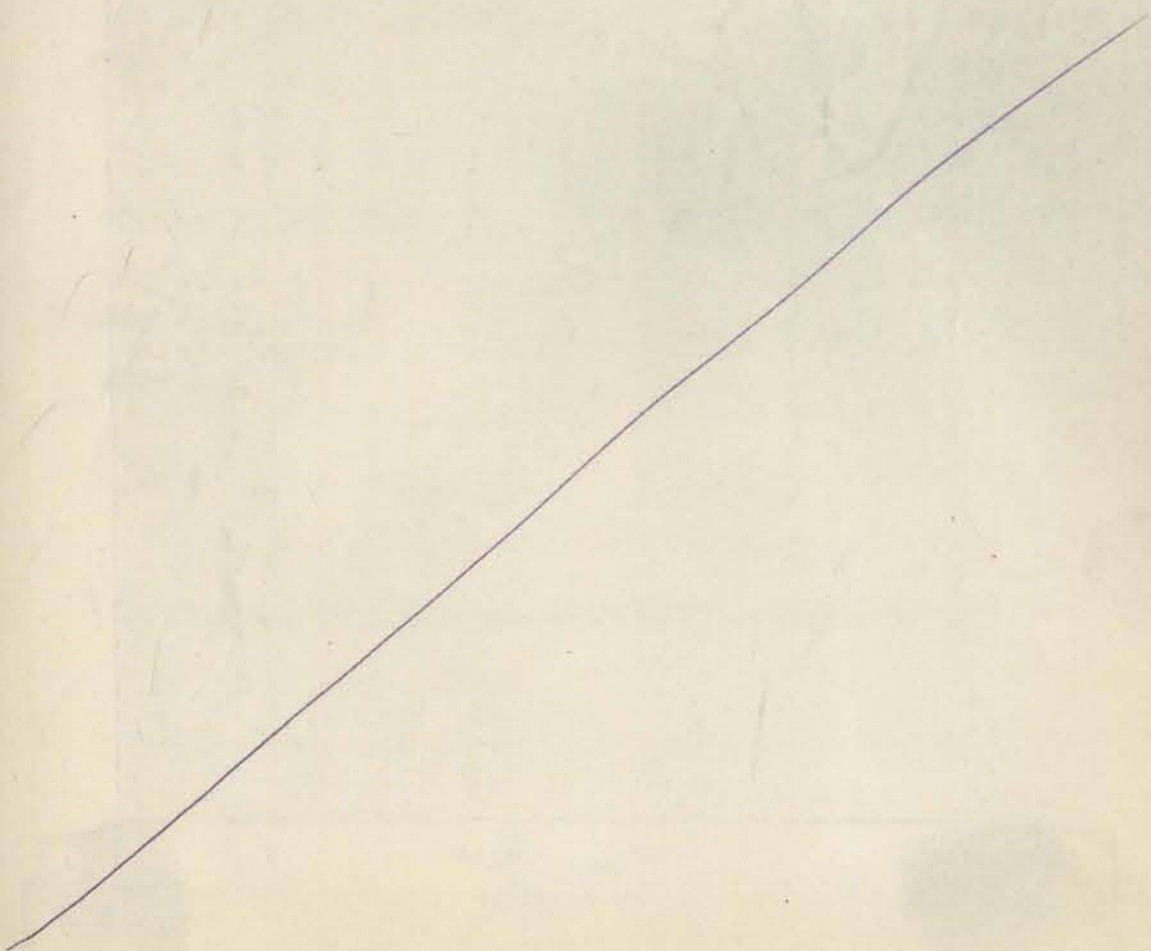
"I beg to tender most sincere thanks to Wexford County Council particularly to Messrs. McCarthy and Hall, proposer and seconder respectively, and to you associating yourself, with very feeling appreciation of kindness evinced in your resolution on the death of my wife."

From Philip Doyle, Rate Collector, on the death of his father:-

"Will you kindly convey to the Chairman and Members of Co. Council my sincere thanks for their kind resolution of sympathy in my recent sad bereavement. Personally I wish to thank you for your kind letter of sympathy. Such kind remarks have helped us in our sorrow. My dear father had a long and well-spent life and, <sup>is</sup> I hope, reaping his reward (R.I.P.)"

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:- The following Minutes of Finance Committee meeting held on 17th November, 1932, were submitted.





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MEETING 17th NOVEMBER, 1932.

M I N U T E S.

N.J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary, Wexford Co. Council.

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in Co. Council Chamber, Co. Hall, Wexford, on 17th November, 1932.

Present:- Messrs. James Hall, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor and Rates Inspector, were also in attendance.

The chair was taken by Mr. McCarthy on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4135.15.5d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

State of:- The following showing the state of Rate Collection up to 16th November, 1932, was submitted

	<u>Name of Collector.</u>	<u>Percentage of Warrant collected.</u>
1.	E.J. Murphy	51.5
2.	S. Gannon (6)	49.0
3.	J. Curtis	46.8
4.	T. Rowe	42.3
5.	A. Dunne	42.0
6.	S. Gannon (10)	41.5
7.	P. Carty	41.4
8.	J.J. O'Reilly	40.0
9.	J. Deegan	38.8
10.	J. Quirke	38.4
11.	P. Nolan	38.2
12.	J. Cummins	38.0
13.	W. Doyle	35.6
14.	M. Murphy	34.3
15.	W. Cummins	34.2
16.	P. O'Byrne	33.5
17.	M. McCarthy	32.4
18.	T. Bolger	32.3
19.	J.J. Sinnott	30.0
20.	<u>P. Doyle.</u>	<u>27.6</u>
		<u>38.2</u>

Rate Collector Sinnott (No. 10 District) wrote as follows:-

"I have your letter of 12th instant re Order from meeting of Finance Committee of 3rd. instant.

I wish to state in reply that I have made every possible endeavour to collect the rates now outstanding. As you are aware



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"most of my collection area is a purely cattle raising district and the Ratepayers depend solely on sale of cattle to meet rent, rates and all other expenses. I know that several Ratepayers in my district have had cattle in August, September, October and November fairs and were unable to sell at any price. This leaves them that they cannot pay, and I know some of them who cannot even get enough food for themselves.

If, however, the Finance Committee wish, I am prepared to get Decrees for all outstanding Rates.

I may mention, I am now over eleven years collecting rates for Wexford County Council, and sometimes the collection was carried on under very difficult conditions and I have always tried to carry out my duties to the best of my ability."

Mr. O'Byrne said he believed that the statements in Mr. Sinnott's letter were correct and the difficulty of disposing of stock was more acute than in any other district of the County. He thought Sinnott was doing everything possible to collect the rates. He would finally be able to close his collection all right. He (Mr. O'Byrne) did not approve of "going for" people who were not able to pay."

It was decided to call the attention of the following collectors to the backward state of their collections as compared with year 1931 and to point out that in the opinion of the Finance Committee no reason exists why they should be so far behind other Collectors in districts in which ratepayers are even worse off:- Philip Doyle, percentage decrease 17.2; T. Bolger 15.1; M. McCarthy 14.0; J. Quirke 13.8; P. O'Byrne 11.8; J.J. O'Reilly 11.7;

CREDIT NOTES:- The following under date 16th November, (G.106427/1932) Loch Garman Fa) was read from the Department of Local Government:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th instant and to state that he agrees to the proposal of the Wexford County Council to pay poundage fees on Credit Notes to the Rate Collectors in the same manner as if these represented cash lodgments."



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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That as numbers of Credit Notes have been used by Ratepayers in reduction of their rates or in application for refund by the Co. Council we call upon the Department of Local Government to lodge an instalment of the additional Relief promised for rates on agricultural land to enable the Co. Council to meet the sums covered in this manner."

POUNDAGE TO COLLECTORS:- The following under date 14th November, 1932 (No. G.102058/1932 Loch Garman. Fa) was read from Department of Local Government:-

"With reference to your letter of the 3rd instant relative to the proposal of the Wexford County Council to make advance payments on account of poundage to the rate collectors, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to point out that no Collector has yet lodged sums equivalent to the first moiety and arrears of his warrant for the current year and has not therefore qualified for poundage under Article 101 of the Public Bodies Order.

The Minister does not consider the time opportune for considering any general revision of the terms of remuneration of collectors and does not see his way to agree to the proposal made at the Council's meeting on the 24th ultimo. In any event the Minister could not agree to any terms of remuneration which would not make payment of poundage at the authorised rate conditional on the lodgment of specified proportions of the warrants by specified dates. Failing lodgment by such dates there should be at the least a reduction in the rate of poundage paid and in the more seriously backward cases disciplinary action by way of suspension or dismissal should be taken.

It is realised that in certain districts the arrears of rates included in the present warrants are abnormal and special consideration might be given in such cases. When submitting any amended proposal to the Department, particulars of the arrears



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"included in the warrants might be shown in addition to the sums lodged and the poundage proposed to be paid. The Collectors last received poundage in July and if they apply themselves energetically to the Collection of the outstanding first and second moiety rates they should be in a position by the end of this month to show that they have lodged sums equivalent to the first moiety of the current rates at least. When this has been done the Minister will consider the poundage to be paid."

After considerable discussion the following motion was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon:-

"That in accordance with letter from Local Government Department under date 14th November, 1932 (No.G.102058/ 1932 Loch Garman Fa.) application be made to the Minister for sanction to the payment of poundage on lodgments to 31st October, 1932, to Collectors who have up to the present lodged 50% of current rates excluding arrears and also for his sanction to pay the remaining Collectors poundage on their lodgments to 31st October as soon as they lodge 50% of current rate less arrears provided such lodgment be made by 30th November, 1932."

#### WEXFORD HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS.

In connection with the proposed improvement of Wexford Harbour the following members of the Harbour Commissioners attended as a deputation:- Messrs. R.W. Houston (Chairman) James Billington, (Vice Chairman) W. O'Connell, James McMahon and Captain Ml. Cardiff.

Mr. Houston said that the Co. Council had agreed to receive a deputation on 12th December, but as the Harbour Board were to see the Minister for Industry and Commerce next week, they came in consequence to the Finance Committee instead of the Council. The Harbour Commissioners recognised that the Finance Committee could not definitely deal with the question; that any recommendations which they made would have to receive the approval of the general body. Wexford Harbour was in a bad state at present owing to coast.



erosion which set in very extensively about a year ago. The sand accumulating at Rosslare floated into the Harbour and filled up the northern side of the lough and in doing so also filled up the channel. They applied to the Minister for Industry and Commerce for assistance in their difficulties but he decided that he could not entertain the matter without a survey from a competent engineer and recommended to them the name of R.E. Grantham & Sons, London. One of the principals of this firm (Mr. Clayton) came over and made a survey of the harbour, his report appearing in the local papers. The principal statement in that report was that unless Wexford harbour was attended to at once it would certainly fill up within a few years. At present it was kept open only by the number of steamers coming in and out, as the churning of their propellers kept the sand in motion. But the silting was going away towards the north and every winter it was working closer to Gurracloe. Mr. Clayton recommended the erection of two training walls running parallel to the harbour, as in his opinion the river, running between these two walls with some dredging would keep the channel clear. These walls would be erected at appropriate heights of top level so as not to offer obstruction to the flood tide into the area of the lagoon. The estimated cost of this work was £86,000 and it was manifest they did not see much prospect of obtaining this large sum. They asked for a revised estimate for the southern wall, which would give enough water to keep a fairly workable navigable channel. Mr. Clayton reported that this southern wall would do good, but not at all to the extent as was expected by the original plan. It was believed that by the erection of one wall they would have increased draft up to fifteen or sixteen feet which would be more than they had now at the best of times. With such a draft they would get in larger vessels. At present owing to the lack of water their cattle boats could only carry about 150 cattle, and with the erection of the southern wall they might be able to provide for cattle boats carrying 250. When



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the Harbour Board would go to the Minister for Industry and Commerce they would be asked what "backing" they had received from the Corporation and the County Council. The Harbour Board held that Wexford town and County would be of very small account without the harbour, and that it was in the interests of the Co. Council to maintain a handy and cheap service for the export of live stock and for the import of food-stuffs etc. They hoped that the Co. Council would be prepared to assist financially in the project. The revised estimate for the southern wall was £60,000 but the Harbour Commissioners thought if they could <sup>get</sup> £40,000 or £50,000 they should be able to carry out the work. They would do what they could to obtain a free grant from the Minister but failing that they proposed to ask him to guarantee the payment of half the loan. The Harbour Board would put up £1000 or £1500 per annum from their own revenue and the Corporation had agreed to the raising of a 6d. rate, which would produce about £450. If the Co. Council could see their way to co-operate financially it would help the Harbour Board very much with the Minister to obtain a grant.

The Chairman pointed out that, of course as Mr. Houston had stated, the Finance Committee could not guarantee anything. In this matter their function would be confined to recommending and there was no guarantee that the County Council would adopt any resolution or any recommendation which the Finance Committee might make. The Committee realised the importance of Wexford Harbour, and that it was most necessary for the farmers of the county to have a good harbour in Wexford. Speaking for himself, he felt sure that the Co. Council would not be backward in helping the project.

Captain Cardiff who spoke from practical knowledge of the harbour, believed it would close up completely in five years, if the present situation was not stopped. The sand was backing up at Kelly's, Rosslare, and travelling north with the result that where they had previously 22 and 23 feet of water, they had now only one foot.



Unless the proposed southern wall was built it would be impossible after a short period to get any kind of vessel in or out of the harbour except a fishing boat. Since the 11th November until that day (17th) no vessel had been able to leave Wexford. The only outlets they had in the County were Wexford, New Ross and Rosslare Pier. New Ross could not be made effective for a cattle boat and if Rosslare had the monopoly there was no guarantee that freights would not mount up very substantially. Dredging alone would not be sufficient to keep the harbour clear. They wanted the full weight of the tides from the start, and if the work at the new wall could be put in train, 90% of the expenditure would be for labour. It would be an extremely serious situation for the whole county, if Wexford port was closed.

Mr. Houston said if Wexford port was closed the farmers would have to send their cattle to Dublin and Waterford, with poor cattle service at both.

Mr. Billington endorsed what Mr. Houston and Captain Cardiff stated as to the closing up of the navigable channel, unless attended to without delay. If Wexford port was not available all coal would have to come from New Ross or the Pier. Facilities did not exist at the latter for dealing with two or three steamers and which would mean heavy demurrage, and in consequence freights would mount up. In addition the Railway Company could charge what they liked. On several occasions within recent years the Company had reduced their rates in order to compete with Wexford Harbour. Every week there was 800 to 1000 tons of general cargo imported into Wexford, approximately half for the Rural Districts and half for the town. The efficiency of Wexford Harbour was a matter as much for the Co. Council as for the Harbour Board or Corporation.

Mr. McMahon contended that a monetary advantage was derived by shippers in using Wexford port instead of Rosslare. It was ruinous to trade when they considered that cattle had to be taken out of boats



twice this week, and forwarded to Dublin at great loss, and expense. He was sure the County Council would not begrudge a little out of the rates to improve the harbour and save the consumers from the "clutching" hand of the railway company.

Mr. O'Connell corroborated what had been stated by previous members of the deputation and hoped that favourable consideration would be given by the County Council to the application of the Harbour Board.

Mr. Houston stated they expected to be able to pay off the loan (Principal and Interest) by an annual payment of £4000 or £5000. With the amount which they would provide from their own revenue and from the Corporation, if the Co. Council gave them £1,000 or the equivalent of a penny rate, and the Minister for Industry and Commerce would be prepared to advance another £1,000 per annum, they would be able to meet the annual instalments.

Mr. O'Byrne was of opinion that the Government should give 50% of the loan repayment.

The Chairman said that the deputation had put the case very forcibly and fully. It would be calamitous for the county of Wexford if Wexford Harbour ceased to function. It was an asset they could not afford to lose and every effort should be made to keep the harbour in an efficient condition.

Mr. Houston thanked the Committee on behalf of the deputation, after which the latter withdrew.

The Co. Surveyor mentioned that if the cement which he had used in road work last year had been shipped via Rosslare Pier instead of Wexford, it would have cost the Council an extra £400, or £500.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "That we recommend the Co. Council to agree to contribute the equivalent of a rate of one penny in the £ on the County at large, as a contribution towards the cost of improvement of Wexford Harbour and that this amount be brought into the Co. Council budget for Financial year 1933/34."



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SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

Under date 15th November, 1932, the following letter was read from Department of Education:-

"I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 13th ultimo in which further reference is made to the scheme for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools being prepared by the Wexford County Council for the year 1933 and to say that the various suggestions set forth in the minutes of the Council's meeting of the 29th August have been receiving the consideration of this Department.

Having regard to the fact that the programme for the examination for these scholarships is the ordinary programme for sixth standard taught in every national school, the statement that "extra time" is necessary for the preparation of the pupils is not understood. The programme, it may be mentioned, was drawn up in accordance with the recommendations made by the National Programme Conference on which the General Council of County Councils was represented.

Neither does the Department understand what is intended by the following extract from the report of your Scholarships' Committee:-

If steps could be taken to utilise the results of preliminary leaving certificate in order to provide a roll of pupils for County Council Scholarship Examinations, substantial competition could be secured.

Adverting to your Council's suggestion that Rural Science should be made a compulsory subject of the scholarship examination curriculum, I am to say that this question has already been investigated by the Department, but it has been found that owing to the conditions existing in many schools, i.e. one-teacher schools, schools where accommodation is very limited, schools where teachers have received no training in Rural Science etc., it is not feasible to make Rural Science a compulsory subject in all national schools and, therefore, it would be unfair to make it a compulsory subject of examination for the award of a scholarship, at the present time.

The Department has given careful thought to the recommendation



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"put forward by your Council that, in view of the very large percentage of failures in History and Geography the examination in these subjects should be dealt with orally only, and that no written paper should be required, but in view of the importance of these subjects the Department considers that the argument put forward by your Council is a very strong one for retaining these subjects on the examination programme.

In regard to the statement that it would be advisable that the General Council of County Councils should be requested to invite the County Councils in An Saorstát to furnish their considered views as to the provisions of the existing scheme and to offer suggestions as to how it can be improved, I am to state that if representations on this basis are made by the General Council of County Councils they will receive careful consideration."

Mr. O'Byrne mentioned that the General Council of County Councils had taken action in this matter and it was probable when they obtain the opinion of all Co. Councils in the Saorstát, they would submit recommendations to the Department of Education.

It was decided to defer further action until Finance Committee were made aware of the representations made by General Council of County Councils to the Department of Education in this matter.

#### OLD COURTHOUSE AND BOY SCOUTS.

Under date 14th November, 1932, the following letter was read from Mr. R.J. Sinnott, Hon. Secretary, St. Columbanus Troop, Catholic Boy Scouts, Wexford:-

"My Committee would be glad if the County Council will kindly see their way to let them have the portion of the old courthouse formerly in the occupation of the County Registrar and now derelict, as they find it impossible at the moment to obtain suitable accommodation in the way of premises.

I attach list of names and addresses of my Committee who are willing to be jointly responsible to the County Council for any damage



"to the premises beyond ordinary wear and tear, during such time as they are in the occupation of Scouts, and to undertake that possession of the premises will be given up to the County Council or their nominees at any time on receipt of say, one week's notice.

Thanking you in anticipation of a favourable reply at your convenience."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That application on behalf of the St. Columbanus Troop, Catholic Boy Scouts (Wexford) for use of Old Courthouse be acceded to, on condition that undertaking signed by the following who are the members of the Committee, be lodged with the Council:-

Rev. J. Butler, C.C., The Presbytery, J.J. Scallan, St. Magdalens, E. Hassett, Lower Rowe St., L.J. Barker, Sth. Main Street, J.J. Walsh, Bettyville, J.J. Gould, Crosstown, and Dr. J.A. Pierse, George Street.

"That Scout Committee be responsible for the building while in their custody and agree to insure same against fire, also, to surrender the premises on a week's notice in writing from the County Council or its accredited representative."

#### COMPLAINT BY UNEMPLOYED MEN - OYLEGATE DISTRICT.

The following came before the Finance Committee as a deputation to complain of the manner in which employment had obtained in connection with the Relief Grant for the district:- Messrs. A. Mernagh, John Kirwan, James Bennett, John Culleton and Frank Sanfey.

Mr. Mernagh, who acted as spokesman for the deputation, stated that the following men had left work with farmers to obtain employment on the roads to the disadvantage of men who had been unemployed for a very considerable time:- Patrick Connors, Tomlane, Oylegate, working with J. Nolan of Tomlane.

Matthew Kelly, Tinnahask, working with James O'Connor, Tinnahask.

John Power, Oylegate, working with Thomas Doyle, Oylegate.



James Harper, Ballinaslaney, working with Bernard Leary, Whitefort, and F. O'Neill, Ballinaslaney, working with Thomas Fortune, Crossabeg.

Mr. Mernagh said these men had been taken out of their work as they had been signing forms at the Post Office, while other men idle since July last were walking about. So far as he could see in connection with this work the men who were idle would always be idle, and the men in work would be always in work.

The Chairman stated that Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, received the names of the men referred to from the unemployment Exchange, as he was bound to do in connection with Relief Grant work.

Mr. Mernagh said there was no one to endorse the cards of men who registered, such as a Peace Commissioner, and no one to test whether they were in employment or not, or to verify the number of their dependants.

Mr. Hall pointed out that Matthew Kelly, one of the men referred to, had married into the family of James O'Connor and he might not have been employed as an ordinary worker.

Mr. Mernagh said the day after Matthew Kelly went on the road Mr. O'Connor employed another man to pick potatoes. He held that the Ganger was responsible for the present state of affairs.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Shannon:- "That the Co. Surveyor investigate the report made to this meeting by deputation from Oylegate and if he finds the facts are as stated the men referred to be no longer employed. The vacancies thus created should be filled by genuinely unemployed men. "

#### GANGERS AND PAYMENT OF ROAD WORKERS.

The Secretary reported that as regards the system of having Gangers receive Pay Orders up to £50 for distribution to Road Workers the Auditor expected that representations made to the Department of Local Government would result in sanction of this procedure but



he finds there is no likelihood of this being forthcoming. In consequence he points out that the present system cannot continue. In view of sanction not being obtainable we will have to revert to the payment of individual workers which will involve considerably increased work, or adopt some other system which the Department of Local Government would be prepared to sanction.

Mr. O'Byrne pointed out that the direct payment of each individual worker had been found unsatisfactory. In outlying districts letters were delivered only twice a week and it sometimes happened the Pay Order was delivered to another person of the same name. Then the annual cost of additional postage would be considerable and it might mean increased clerical assistance. He proposed the following recommendation:- "That payment of Road Workers be made direct to the Assistant Surveyors, Pay Orders to cover Gangers' areas, That New Ireland Assurance Company be requested to provide Fidelity Guarantee Bond to cover this proposal if Local Government Department do not object to this suggested arrangement."

Mr. Hall seconded and the recommendation was adopted.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES.

The following report under date 9th November, 1932, was read from Mr. J. Elgee, Co. Solicitor:-

"The application to commit Sarah, Bridget and Mary Anne McDonald, children of John McDonald, of Castlebridge, to an Industrial School came before Mr. Fahy, District Justice, to-day, when as instructed, I opposed the application on behalf of the County Council, Mr. Fahy held that as the children were destitute and there was no one to look after them, and that if the Father had to do so it would be necessary for him to give up his work which would mean, that the entire family would be destitute, he committed the children to the school and made an Order that McDonald should pay 5/- a week for each child while they were in the School, such payments to run from the 19th instant."



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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 17th November, 1932, be received and considered."

WEXFORD HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS:- Col. Gibbon said he considered the question of Wexford harbour a very serious one for the entire county and for that reason he proposed that it receive the very careful consideration of the council. Subject to the opinion of Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, he did not think that the Council were legally entitled to spend a penny on the harbour unless an Act was passed by the Dail enabling them to do so.

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, stated that the Council were not at the moment legally empowered to spend any money on the harbour.

Col. Gibbon, resuming, said that Wexford harbour was of vital importance to the county. He understood from a deputation that waited upon him that if a rate of 1d. in the £ were raised by the Co. Council on the county-at-large with the 6d. rate which the Wexford Corporation were prepared to raise, and if sufficient money were forthcoming from the Government, the Harbour Board would be able to undertake the scheme for the improvement of the harbour. If this scheme were put into effect it would provide continuous employment for about two hundred men for a period of two or three years. These men would be employed and kept out of the finances of the scheme instead of having to be maintained by Home Assistance from the county rates. He understood that the amount being paid in Home Assistance in Wexford town was higher than in any other portion of the county. Wexford had all the facilities which a port should possess so far as storage, etc., were concerned, and the proper thing to do would be to keep that port opened if it were possible to do so. Some people might argue from the economic point of view that the trade of Wexford port could be sent to Rosslare Harbour. On the face of it



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he regarded that suggestion as absolutely out of the question. He understood that Rosslare Harbour was only capable of holding the Great Western Railway Co's boat and two others. Apart from that, if it were capable of holding more there was not sufficient storage in Rosslare Harbour or in the neighbourhood. If the trade of Wexford port were to be closed and were transferred to Rosslare Harbour the latter port would not be capable of coping with it and it would add to the cost of imports for farmers and the county generally. He was aware from his own studies that feeding stuffs are being imported into Wexford cheaper than into any other port in Ireland. If the port of Wexford were closed that advantage would be taken away from them. They were able to get in coal through some of the smaller ports in Summer and some people who looked at the matter in a small way, might say that these ports should be sufficient. In proposing his motion, as stated at the outset of his remarks, Col. Gibbon suggested that details regarding the Harbour Board's scheme be circulated to the Members of the Council and that the Harbour Board be informed in the meantime that while the Council were not in a position at the present time to vote money for the scheme, ~~and~~ if the necessary power were given the Co. Council would be prepared to assist, as they considered the scheme of vital importance.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne moved that the recommendation of the Finance Committee be adopted if the Council were empowered to do it. It was not a time to be adding to the rates, but it would cost the county considerably more than 1d. in the £ if Wexford harbour were to be closed.

Col. Quin - Is there any use in proposing this if it is not legal?

Mr. Gaul - I am afraid the whole thing is all wind in my opinion. If you have no power to vote any money, why are we discussing it?

The Chairman said the question was one which had two important sides. He listened to Col. Gibbon's remarks - he probably had the



same deputation the previous day at his place - but he could see a very different side to the question to that presented by Col. Gibbon.. He did not want to express his view on the matter at the present time. The Council had no legal power to do anything at the moment. If the Council take it over the harbour will be scheduled for all time. Another matter to be considered was that this rate of 1d in the £ would not be for one year; it was going to be a rate of 1d in the £ in perpetuity.

Mr. Gaul - I am sure you would not disagree with the rate of 1d in the £, but why discuss it when we have no legal power to strike a rate?

Mr. O'Byrne said he believed it would have an advantageous effect if the council were to state they were prepared to help the scheme if they had the power. The Council were striking a rate for Arklow Harbour, which was practically no use to them, whereas if Wexford Harbour were closed it would be a very serious matter for the whole County.

Mr. Corish said he was prepared to admit that the Council was not in a position to strike a rate, but, like Mr. O'Byrne, if the Council were to declare if given power to strike a rate they were prepared to assist, it would be a good gesture to the Government. As Col. Gibbon stated, the condition of Wexford harbour was a serious matter affecting the whole county. In his opinion the council would save infinitely more than 1d. in the £. The rate of 1d. in the £ would not have to be paid in perpetuity. It would be on the basis of the duration of the loan, which would be for thirty years. He did not know where the Chairman gets his information. There was no reason to suppose it would become a scheduled harbour.

Chairman - Then we cannot give any assistance.

Mr. Corish said there were several cases of a similar kind. They had the case of Dundalk where the Harbour Board brought in a private Bill for the improvement of their harbour. If the Wexford Harbour Board were to bring in such a bill and the Co. Council were to object



its cost to the Harbour Board would be considerably increased. He did not think some Members of the Council realised the importance of the position. Last week three steamers were held up at Wexford owing to a south-easterly gale, with the result that some cattle had to be shipped through Waterford or Dublin, or were not shipped at all. As Col. Gibbon pointed out, feeding stuffs were brought into Wexford port at a cheaper rate than by any other port. If the port of Wexford were closed, which he believed, it would in a short time if something were not done promptly, it would seriously react on the whole county.

Col. Gibbon - Would Mr. Corish accept my compromise?

Mr. Corish - It is rather indefinite.

Miss N. O'Ryan considered that all sections should be in favour of any scheme for the development of the harbour of the principal town of the county.

Chairman - I am not to be taken as against the development of the harbour. The statement has been made that you have no power to expend any money on it.

Mr. Corish - We are asking for power.

Mr. Gaul - How long is it going to get a Bill through?

Mr. Corish - Not very long.

Mr. J. Hall said he believed it was a very bad time to strike an extra rate, but if they were to do anything to assist the live stock trade the proposal to spend 1d. in the £ was a good one. If the expenditure were to be for no longer than thirty years he would be quite satisfied, but he believed the expenditure would become greater. His experience was that a cattle boat service in Wexford was a great boon to the County. If there were no cattle boat service available the people would not get the same prices for their stock.

Mr. Gaul seconded Mr. O'Byrne's proposition.



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Mr. Murphy stated he came from a portion of the county which was not very much affected by Wexford, but if it were considered essential he would say that the people there would not be against it, but at the same time he would like to have more detailed information regarding it before we decide.

Col. Quin - I back up Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Keegan - So would I. This is a big question. I belong also to another part of the county which it does not affect so much, but the information we have only got is not sufficient to enable the members to make up their minds. Where such a large sum of money is proposed to be voted it would be advisable for the Council to have more information. The Finance Committee are only a small section of the Council.

Mr. Corish expressed himself in favour of adjourning the matter for a month so that Mr. Murphy's suggestion could be carried out. The Wexford Harbour Commissioners were anxious to have the situation reviewed fully by everyone. The Harbour Board wanted the co-operation of the Council and desired them to give the proposal the fullest consideration.

Col. Gibbon referred to the reduction in the cost of marketing cattle which resulted from the inauguration of the shipping service from Wexford by Messrs. Stafford.

Mr. Cummins urged the adoption of the resolution of the finance committee regarding which they would have the views of the Government at the next meeting when it could be considered with the information which Mr. Murphy suggested had been sent out. There was not a farmer in the county but realised the benefits of the cattle boat service from Wexford which Messrs. Stafford and Sons had started.

The Chairman, referring to the recent hold-up of the cattle boat service, said they had within ten miles of Wexford, at Rosslare Harbour one of the best ports in the country for cattle shipments.

Mr. O'Byrne - I believe from the information we had that the cattle boat, Messrs. Stafford, put on, saved the farmers of Wexford



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more than 1d in the £.

Col. Gibbon said he knew that Rosslare Harbour was fitted up for cattle shipments, but as far as he knew the Great Western Railway had pledged itself that no cattle boat would trade from Rosslare Harbour until there was a boat every day from Waterford.

Chairman - There is no such thing.

Mr. Hall, speaking as a member of the finance committee, suggested that Mr. O'Byrne's motion not be put for the reason that some of the members had not sufficient information.

Mr. Gaul said there was no member of the council but knew the condition of Wexford Harbour. If the harbour were closed the town would be closed.

Mr. Keegan, agreeing, said that in his area if he were asked why he voted for £1,000 for Wexford Harbour he could not give an explanation.

Col. Gibbon said if the Council were empowered to contribute 1d. in the £ to the loan it would be the best investment the council ever made.

Mr. O'Byrne said that the deputation told the Finance Committee they wanted the moral and financial support of the Co. Council.

The Chairman said <sup>that at Rosslare</sup> they had one of the best ports in Ireland for the shipping of cattle - creeps and everything possible for easy shipment. At this port they could do the same live stock trade as in Wexford.

Mr. Murphy then proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the following motion:- "That consideration of proposed contribution to Wexford Harbour improvement be adjourned for a month; in the meantime that our Secretary procure from Wexford Harbour Commissioners a summary of their case and have a copy of same circulated to the members of the Co. Council <sup>prior</sup> ~~previous~~ to next meeting. "

Mr. O'Byrne agreed to defer consideration of his motion for the present.



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Mr. McCarthy also stated that he was a member of the Finance Committee which received the deputation from the Harbour Board, and the Finance Committee sent forward the recommendation as a result of the representations made by the deputation. At the same time he agreed that the members of the council should have all the information available submitted to them on a summarised form and that the further consideration of the matter should be adjourned to the next meeting.

Miss O'Ryan pointed out in reference to Rosslare Harbour that it was privately owned.

The Chairman stated he had not the same impression as a result of the deputation's visit to him as the Finance Committee, when there was another outlet which could be fallen back upon without incurring any expenditure.

Mr. Corish - And close up Wexford.port.

Chairman - I am not closing it.

Mr. Corish - That is what it would do.

Chairman - If Wexford wants the port let them try to sustain it.

Mr. Murphy's motion was then put and passed.

COMPLAINT BY UNEMPLOYED MEN - OYLEGATE DISTRICT:- The following under date 10th December, 1932, was read from Co. Surveyor:-

"On the 18th November last I visited Brownswood, accompanied by Mr. Cullen, and enquired into the complaint made by the Deputation which appeared before the Finance Committee.

"I found that Patrick Ennis had been injured on 15th November, and was not at work on the occasion of my visit.

"Matthew Kelly is living in a house belonging to his mother-in-law and he did odd jobs for her, but received no wages. He was out of work since February last, and fished during April and May. Since May he had a few weeks work with Mr. O'Neill at building a shed. There are no stamps on his National Health card.

"John Power - This man worked for Mrs. Doyle up to early in September. He worked odd times with Mrs. Doyle from March, and had



"seven stamps on his Unemployment Card for work done in Dublin early in the year. He was in receipt of Home Assistance for a couple of weeks before taking up this work.

"James Harpur - This man worked with Mr. Leary in October at threshing for about three weeks, and one week doing odd jobs at garden work. There are no stamps on his National Health Card.

"Frank O'Neill - This man was not present, and I asked Mr. Cullen, to enquire further into the matter. There are no stamps on his National Health Card.

"I submit copy of report which I have received from Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, which amplifies my statements."

The following under date 22nd November, 1932, was read from Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor:-

"Regarding complaint made at Finance Committee meeting regarding men with jobs being employed for work in Brownswood Quarry. On 18th instant following receipt of your instructions, I made enquiries regarding two of these men, Patrick Ennis, Tomlane and Frank O'Neill, Oylegate.

"Ennis started work in quarry on 14th instant, and was injured on 15th instant, and was not at home when I called there, as he was attending Dr. Murphy. His wife told me that he had no permanent work with Mr. Nolan, Tomlane, but did odd jobs at times there by way of recompense for benefits received. I also saw Mr. Nolan, Tomlane, and he bore out Mrs. Ennis's statement, and added that he was glad the man was taken on as he was a needy case, and he (Mr. Nolan) could not employ him. I saw Ennis himself afterwards and he made a similar statement.

"I interviewed Frank O'Neill, Oylegate also. He stated he worked with Messrs. A. Hull and Company, on concrete job on Ferrycarrig Road for seven weeks, on a tamper, and worked for three weeks with same firm on Enniscorthy Streets. He had been idle then until he got this month's work with Mr. Thos. Fortune, Crossabeg, and was paid off there on 12th November, as there was no more employment for him. He



"started on road on Relief work on Thursday, 17th November, 1932. Mr. Fortune, whom I also saw, verified O'Neill's statement."

In reply to Col. Quin with regard to the question of the men not having stamps, the Co. Surveyor said that the reason he mentioned that was that if he got cards from the men, and if they had no stamps on them, it was an indication as far as he could judge, that they had not been in employment.

Answering Mr. Corish, the Co. Surveyor said they got the names from the Labour Exchange.

Mr. Gaul remarked that the deputation were waiting again that day in order to come before the Co. Council.

Miss O'Ryan said that the grants were given in aid of the unemployed, and after all if men were out of work for a good many weeks, and the Co. Surveyor and Assistant Surveyor were satisfied that they wanted work, she thought it was very unfair for the other men to complain about them.

The Chairman said there might be a grievance, and suggested that if there was cause for the complaint the Council would be justified in investigating the complaint.

Mr. Keegan remarked that in his area they had no complaints with regard to Relief work, and he thought that that was due to the action of different councillors.

Chairman - If you are satisfied with the explanation of the Co. Surveyor and Assistant Surveyor I do not think there is any necessity to hear the men. If you are not satisfied, by all means hear them.

Mr. Corish said he was satisfied with the statements of the Co. Surveyor and the Assistant Surveyor, because they had to take the men whose names were submitted by the Labour Exchange, but he submitted that if a man working until the 12th November had been sent on by the Labour Exchange for work on the 17th November, while other men were unemployed for a considerable time, instructions were



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not being fulfilled.

The deputation came before the meeting, and Mr. Aidan Mernagh, a former member of the council was spokesman.

Mr. Mernagh referred to men working, and said that as a matter of fact one man was prepared to go back to a job when the grant work was finished.

In answer to Mr. Cooney, Mr. Corish said the instructions the Labour Exchange Managers had received from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce were that the married men longest unemployed, with the greatest number of dependents, were to be employed first, and even on the Co. Surveyor's report that had not been carried out, because the Co. Surveyor stated definitely that a man was employed on the 12th November, and was taken on by the Co. Souncil, on the instructions of the Labour Exchange, on the 17th November. He was only five days unemployed, while there were men who were unemployed for months. Surely there was something wrong. He wanted to say on behalf of the Labour Exchange that the manager in Wexford had, up to the present, sent forward the men who were longest unemployed.

Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, said that the manager of Unemployment Exchange in Enniscorthy went very carefully into the circumstances of the men before he made out the list. He was certain of that. With regard to the man appointed on the 17th, he had a wife and one child. He was taken on, but there was no other man with a family in the district at the time. They were all taken on.

Mr. Corish said that the deputationists had told him that the same thing was happening on the Sow River.

Col. Gibbon - Is it not a fact that we have to take the men sent by the Labour Exchange? Are we not wasting time in going into the matter? Would not the proper thing be to represent to the Ministry that we have received those complaints, and ask them to look into the matter? I propose that we make representations to the Ministry.

Mr. Corish - I would not like to go over the manager's head either.



I would write to him direct. I would like to give him an opportunity of clearing himself.

Col. Gibbon - I agree.

Miss O'Ryan said it would be right for the men to bear in mind that instructions have been sent to men stating that they may register if they have only casual employment.

Mr. Mernagh - Surely it is not casual employment when one of the men is going back to employment when this work is finished.

Mr. Corish suggested that Mr. Mernagh should state his grievance about the Sow River and let it be investigated also.

Miss O'Ryan said that the Board of Health had the same trouble - that it was not the men longest out of employment that got work.

Col. Quin remarked that Labour Exchange Managers had a very difficult job.

Mr. Corish said he would admit that. The Labour Exchange did not know the really bad cases. Lies were being told to the managers, and they were led astray in a great many cases.

Mr. Mernagh suggested that men should be employed alternately. Some men had been six weeks working, while others were practically hungry.

Mr. Corish - Why not give them month about? We are doing it in Wexford. The Labour Exchange will agree, and I propose we give them month about.

Mr. Cooney suggested that that should be done all over. In the New Ross district the same men were working all the time. He seconded Mr. Corish's proposition.

Chairman - I think it is only fair that men should get their turn on the work of this kind.

Mr. Corish's proposition was passed.

With regard to the employment of single men, Mr. Corish said that the Labour Party had brought before the Government the desirability of having a certain percentage of single men with



dependents employed, and the matter was under consideration at the moment.

PAYMENT OF ROAD WORKERS:- Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the confirmation of the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

After discussion Col. Gibbon proposed the following:- "That the Co. and Assistant Surveyors be instructed to prepare a scheme for paying road workers under more satisfactory conditions having regard to the interests of the Council. That said scheme be submitted to next meeting."

Col. Quin seconded and the motion was adopted, consideration of Finance Committee recommendation to be adjourned for the present.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee of 17th November, 1932, as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby adopted except in so far as same have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

The Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 1st December, 1932, were submitted as follows:-







The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held on 1st December, 1932, in Co. Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.

Present:- Messrs. James Hall, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

The Co. Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Solicitor and Rates Inspector, 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 confirmed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3853.15.0d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

STATE OF: The following shows the state of the current Rate Collection to date:-

<u>NAME OF COLLECTOR.</u>	<u>Percentage of Current Rate excluding arrears.</u>	<u>Percentage on total Warrant including arrears.</u>
1. Sean Gannon (No. 6 district)	59.1	50.9
2. E.J. Murphy	54.0	53.2
3. J. Curtis	53.0	50.7
4. Wm. Doyle	50.6	38.0
5. J. Quirke	48.1	45.6
6. P. Nolan	48.1	41.7
7. A. Dunne	47.7	43.9
8. J. Cummins	47.0	43.3
9. T. Rowe	46.8	45.2
10. Sean Gannon (No. 10 district)	46.3	43.2
11. P. Carty	46.3	44.4
12. J.J. O'Reilly	45.1	43.3
13. M. Murphy	43.7	38.2
14. J. Deegan	42.5	41.8
15. W. Cummins	41.1	36.0
16. M. McCarthy	40.9	38.1
17. T. Bolger	40.0	39.0
18. J.J. Sinnott	38.5	35.1
19. Patrick O'Byrne	37.1	34.4
20. P. Doyle.	34.3	32.3
	<u>45.4</u>	<u>42.2</u>

Compared with the same period last year the collection was

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The Committee considered especially the cases of the following Collectors:- M. McCarthy, 8.7% less than last year. T. Bolger, 10% less and Philip Doyle, 13.1 per cent less. P. O'Byrne, 12.4 per cent less.

In connection with the case of Philip Doyle, the Co. Solicitor, said that this Collector had handed <sup>him</sup> a big list of ratepayers to be proceeded against. He (Mr. Elgee) wrote to a number of them but found they would not be able to pay until they had been paid for their beet.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"The Finance Committee will be obliged to take drastic steps against the following Rate Collectors unless a very substantial improvement in their collections will be made by the meeting of Finance Committee to be held on 15th December, 1932, viz:- Collectors M. McCarthy, T. Bolger, P. O'Byrne, Philip Doyle. These Collectors have been warned already that they have not been carrying out their duties to the satisfaction of the Finance Committee."

SANCTION OF APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR

WM. DOYLE - No. 2 DISTRICT:- Under date 26th November, 1932, (G.109691 Loch Garman) the following 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 21st instant regarding Collector W. Doyle, and to state that the references supplied by you have been noted. It should not, however, be overlooked that the correspondence in question related to the revision of Rate Collecting Districts and that no specific sanction to the permanent appointment of Mr. W. Doyle as Collector was sought or considered. In order to regularise the position the Minister now sanctions the appointment of Mr. Doyle as permanent Collector on a purely part time non pensionable basis.

"While the question of security in this case does not appear to have been previously discussed, the Minister presumes both in regard to the amount of security and the nature of the Bonds the requirements applied



"generally to the Collectors in the County have been followed.  
Confirmation of this is desired.

"The establishment of the solvency of personal sureties is a responsibility of the Council and the Minister has no functions in regard to the acceptance of the personnel concerned."

ADDITIONAL AGRICULTURAL GRANT:- The Local Government Department under date 25th November, 1932, (G.110347/1932 Loch Garman Fa) wrote that the Minister raised no objection to the payment of such allowance as the Council may consider reasonable in respect of the expenses incurred by Collectors in connection with the amalgamation of ratings for the preparation of Credit Notes.

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

"That in cases in which Collectors have carried out preliminary work of amalgamating holdings for issue of Credit Notes in two Collectors' districts they be paid £1 for each district."

POUNDAGE TO COLLECTORS:- The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That we request the Local Government Department to sanction payment of poundage fees in full to Rate Collectors who by 30th November 1932, had accounted for 50% of current warrants, excluding arrears. That the remaining Collectors be paid 80% on rates accounted for up to 30th November, 1932, the defer of 20% to be paid when Collectors reach 50% provided this figure be accounted for by them by the 31st December, 1932, any Collector who fails to carry out his collection on the above basis by the end of the present year to be severely dealt with."

"That Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction this amended proposal regarding payment of poundage as Finance Committee are anxious that Collectors receive payment before Christmas and only four Collectors qualify for payment under previous proposal."



RENTS OLD COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

The following report under date 23rd November, 1932, was read from Co. Solicitor, Mr. John Elgee:-

"The Civil Bill for the half year's rent due by the County Council to Miss Sandwith out of part of the above Premises to the 25th March last amounting to £35.11.11d came before the Circuit Court Judge, yesterday for hearing, when I raised the point, that as Miss Sandwith by her Solicitors had not been able to furnish me with Title to the Property, the County Council had declined to pay the rent until such Title was shown. The Judge held, that a tenant is not permitted to question his Landlord's Title to the Property, and accordingly, gave a Decree for the amount claimed with costs."

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

"That the Co. Council be recommended to put up for sale old Courthouse property subject to the payment of ground rents to St. Vincent de Paul Society and Miss Sandwith."

MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIMS.

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, submitted under date 23rd November, 1932, the following report re above:-

"The following Claims came before the Circuit Court Judge on Monday last when he gave the decisions as follows:-

Re/MICHAEL HENEHAN

This Application was for the alleged malicious poisoning of Pigs. In this case the Notices which should have been served within seven days from the occurrence, the 6th May, 1932, were not received by me until the 4th June, 1932, that is, one month after. I raised the point that the notices were late when the Judge held that owing to the circumstances of the case he had full power to extend the time of the lodgment of the Notices, and accordingly, he did so, as he held, that the Notices could not be served as Miss Ryan's Certificate of her Analysis of the Animals had not been received in time to allow the Notices to be served within



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"the usual seven days, and he gave a Decree for £8 for the value of the two pigs.

Re/MICHAEL HENEHAN

"This was another Claim by Michael Henehan for the alleged poisoning of a horse. The same question with regard to the Notices was raised in this case, but the Judge made the decision as before, and gave a Decree for £60 the value of the Horse."

Re/THE GT.SOUTHERN RAILWAYS.

"This was a Claim for the damage to a cottage at St. John's, Enniscorthy. The amount claimed was £20, and the Judge gave a Decree for £7.0.0d. Sergeant Gilhooly of the Enniscorthy Station attended and gave evidence on behalf of the County Council, in the matter."

Re/MICHAEL FURLONG.

This was a claim for alleged damage to a Binding Machine. The amount claimed was £12.10.0d, and the Judge gave a Decree for £3.10.0d. He held, that although no evidence of malice was shown, yet, the actual damage to the machine was, in itself sufficient evidence that the Act was a wanton one, as a hammer was apparently used to damage the machine."

Mr. Elgee stated he had received under date 26th November, 1932, the following letter from Messrs. Dunphy and Lalor, Solicitors, New Ross, as to malicious injury claims of Captain M. Henehan:-

"Major Barnawall of Kilmannock House, Campile, on behalf of a number of rate-payers in the locality, has instructed us to write you in reference to the above matter.

From the reports of the case which appeared in "The New Ross Standard" and the "Free Press", our client has instructed us to enquire whether you are prepared to appeal this case on behalf of the County Council, on the grounds of insufficiency of time to prepare a full defence.

"We may inform you that in case the Co. Council are not prepared



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"to appeal, that a number of rate-payers intend presenting a Memorial touching on the matter to the County Council with the view of the ratepayers taking action at the expense of the County Council. Kindly let us hear from you without delay on the matter."

Mr. Elgee stated in his opinion, in view of the evidence, an appeal in this case would not be successful.

In reply to the Chairman, he said that the levy in Mr. Henahan's cases was placed on the District Electoral Divisions of Kilmokea, Ballyhack and Rathroe.

After discussion it was decided that Mr. Elgee inform Messrs. Dunphy and Lalor, Solicitors, New Ross, that the Finance Committee could not see their way to recommend the County Council to appeal in the two cases of Michael Henahan. There was nothing to prevent the clients of Messrs. Dunphy and Lalor, appealing on their own behalf.

Application was received from Mr. C.M. Richards, Motor Taxation Officer, of his intention to apply to Circuit Court, to be held on 28th February, 1933, for £150 compensation for the destruction of a motor car, his property in the town of Wexford.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, appear at the hearing of the application and endeavour to have amount of compensation to be awarded, levied off the Urban District of Wexford, as the damage to the motor car was caused by residents of that area.

#### LOANS - SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACT.

Application was received from James Doyle, Whitewell, Camolin, for loan of £70 under the above Act in respect of the erection of house of the estimated value of £160.

Mr. O'Byrne gave notice of motion to move at meeting of Co.Council on the 9th January, 1933, a motion to apply for a loan of £2000 repayable in 35 years from Local Loans Fund to be utilised in making advances to persons under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act, 1899, and who are erecting houses with the assistance of Government Grants."



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GOREY COURTHOUSE.

Under date 22nd November, 1932, Mr. Michael Hughes, 91, Main St., Gorey, Hon. Sec. to Gorey Ploughing Match Committee, applied for the use of Courthouse, Gorey, for the occasion of the Ploughing Match Annual Dance. The date of this was not fixed but it would be arranged to have the function brought off during the Christmas vacation, of the Technical School.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:-

"That the application of Gorey Ploughing Match Committee for the use of Gorey Courthouse for ploughing match annual dance be acceded to, the Committee to be responsible for the building, furniture etc. while in their custody."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS' SCHEME.

Under date 16th November, 1932, Mr. Arthur J. Nix, University Scholar, New Ross, who failed in obtaining his B.A. Degree wrote that his failure was accounted for by the fact that the week preceding the examination, he was ill in bed. Though he travelled to Dublin on Saturday, he was advised not to do the examination if he did not feel fit, but he took the chance. The result was during the examination he was working under a disadvantage. He intended sitting for the examination next year and in addition for the Higher Diploma in Education. He inquired if there was any possibility of obtaining an extension of his scholarship with a view to procuring this Diploma.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Co. Council be recommended to take no further action in connection with University Scholarship of Mr. Arthur J. Nix."



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BOY SCOUTS AND THE USE OF OLD COURTHOUSE.

The following undertaking from the Chairman and Members of the Committee of the St. Columbanus (Wexford) Troop, Catholic Boy Scouts of Ireland, was submitted:-

"WE, THE UNDERSIGNED Chairman and Members of the Committee of the Saint Columbanus (Wexford) Troop of the Catholic Boys Scouts of Ireland hereby acknowledge we have been put into possession of the Old Court-House premises at Wexford for the use of the Catholic Boys Scouts by the courtesy and kindness of the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council and we undertake to be responsible for any damage, save ordinary wear and tear or as the result of civil commotion or riot, to the premises whilst in our occupation. We further undertake to keep the premises insured against Fire Risk in the sum of Five Hundred Pounds and that we will give up possession to the County Council or their accredited representative on receipt of one week's notice.

Dated this 22nd Day of November, 1932.

SIGNED:-

J.J. Scallan, St. Magdalen's Wexford, Chairman and Diocesan Commissioner.

John M. Butler, C.C. The Presbytery, Wexford, Diocesan Chaplain.

E. Hassett, Lower Rowe Street, Wexford. Hon. Treasurer.

J.A. Pierse, Mountgeorge, Wexford, Hon. Medical Officer.

J.J. Goold, Granardville, Wexford, Member of Committee.

L. Barker, South Main Street, Wexford. do.

Jasper J. Walsh, Bettyville, Wexford. do. "

The Secretary stated that pending receipt of Insurance Policy, the Committee had furnished him with a 30 days' Protection Note from the New Ireland Assurance Co.

RENTS OF COUNTY HALL AND INCOME TAX.

The following letter was read from Messrs. Little & Elgee,



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Solicitors, George Street, Wexford, under date 29th November, 1932:-

"We will be obliged by your letting us have Paying Order for £103.15.9d the half year's rent due Reps. Johns out of the County Hall Premises to the 29th September last.

"You will recollect that when you were paying the half year's rent to the 25th March last, we allowed you the sum of £14.17.6d. for Income Tax on the half year's rent, as we then believed that the Council were entitled to this allowance.

The Inspector of Taxes has now informed Mr. Johns that this £14.17.6d. was wrongly allowed, as Mr. Johns had been directly assessed for his full liability in respect of the rent of the Premises, and this Mr. Johns had paid.

Mr. Johns now asks that this £14.17.6d should be refunded to him, and claims that the present half year's rent should be paid in full without any deduction for Income Tax."

It was decided to adjourn consideration of this matter in order to obtain a copy of letter from Inspector of Taxes to Mr. Johns, and any further information which might be necessary to determine the exact position of the Council as regards the payment of Income Tax, including inspection of agreement under which the premises were held by the Grand Jury from Mr. Johns.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION.

Notification was received from the District Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Enniscorthy, as to the proposed committal of Kevin Morrissey, 10½ years old, Wafer Street, Enniscorthy, to an Industrial School, application to be made under Section 17 (4) of School Attendance Act, 1926.

Copy of this application had been forwarded to County Solicitor.

#### BINDING COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES.

On the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:- "That the quotation of Messrs. John English & Co. Printers, Commercial Quay, Wexford, for the



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"binding of County Council Minutes for 1932, for 17/6d, be accepted."

DANGEROUS CORNER AT VERONA.

On the proposition of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. O'Byrne it was decided that the Chairman (Mr. McCarthy), Mr. Hall and Mr. Shannon, be constituted a committee to interview Mrs. Gallagher, in connection with very dangerous corner at Verona House, Enniscorthy, in order to ascertain if it be possible to make an arrangement with her as to the amount of compensation to be paid to bring about an easement of this corner. This Committee will report to County Council meeting to be held on the 12th December, 1932, Mr. T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, for the district was instructed to attend meeting of the Committee."



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On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Armstrong the following resolution was adopted:- "That Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 1st December, 1932, submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

RATE COLLECTION:- The Secretary stated that the percentage of rate lodged to date was 44.5 per cent of total warrant including arrears, which was 4 per cent behind the corresponding period last year.

POUNDAGE TO RATE COLLECTORS:- The Secretary stated two proposals had been put forward by Finance Committee:-

No. 1. That Collectors who had 50 per cent of current warrant lodged by end of November, 1932, should be paid poundage on their lodgments to end of October. Only four Collectors - S. Gannon, W. Doyle, E.J. Murphy and J. Curtis, qualified. The Finance Committee then put up proposition No. 2. That the Local Government Department be asked to sanction full poundage to those Collectors who had lodged 50% of current warrant by the end of November, and 80% to remaining Collectors, the balance of 20% to be paid if Collectors had 50% of current warrant lodged by the end of December, 1932. In connection with the first proposal the Local Government Department wrote under date 1st December, 1932, (G.111781/1932 Loch Garman) that the Minister sanctioned payment of poundage fees in accordance with the resolution adopted by Finance Committee at their meeting on 17th November, 1932.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution:- "That the Minister for Local Government be requested to sanction the proposal for payment of poundage fees to Collectors agreed to at meeting of Finance Committee on 1st December, 1932.

"That the Minister be requested to sanction payment being made from the subsidiary Account at next meeting of Finance Committee to be held on 15th December, 1932."

Col. Quin proposed the following amendment.

"That we dissent from the recommendation of Finance Committee of 1st December, 1932, agreeing to payment of poundage to Rate Collectors and that the following be substituted therefor:-



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"That full poundage be paid to Rate Collectors who have lodged 50% of current warrant excluding arrears, by the 30th November, 1932, Collectors who have accounted for 40% of their warrant to be paid 50% of poundage and those below 40% not to receive any remuneration."

Col. Gibbon seconded.

After a long discussion a poll was taken on Col. Quin's amendment with the following result:-

FOR:- Col. Quin and Col. Gibbon.- (2)

AGAINST:- Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, D'Arcy, Gaul, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Shannon, Smyth and the Chairman. -(16)

The following were not present when poll was taken:-

Messrs. Cooney, Jordan, Maylor, Murphy and Walsh. - (5)

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The resolution of Miss O'Ryan's was then put and passed nem.con.

MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES:- Mr. Cooney held that the compensation in Captain Henehan's case was brought about by a couple of British Ex-Army Officers who were fighting like Spanish bulls.

Mr. Elgee (Solicitor) said that he had informed Major Barnewall if he had any evidence to submit he should have given it to him before the case went into Court.

Miss O'Ryan held that some attempt should be made to trace where the poison was obtained.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That our Secretary, communicate with the Civic Guards and ask them if attempts had been made to trace the establishment from which poison had been obtained in respect of which two pigs and a horse the property of Michael Henehan, Kilmannock, Campile, had been maliciously poisoned."

RENTS OLD COURTHOUSE:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Col. Quin:- "That the Co. Council offer for sale the old Co. Courthouse premises subject to the payment



"of Ground rents to St. Vincent de Paul Society, Hatchell Estate and Miss Sandwith."

DANGEROUS CORNER AT VERONA:- Under date 9th December, 1932, the following report was submitted by Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor:-

"On Monday, 5th instant, County Council Committee, consisting of Messrs. O'Byrne, McCarthy, Hall and Shannon, attended at Verona and met Mr. Gallagher in connection with amount of compensation for land necessary for improvement work on corner.

After discussing the matter fully with Mr. Gallagher he agreed to accept the sum of £20 (twenty pounds) as compensation and he, on his part to cut down and remove large beech tree, and to dispose of all waste clay during the carrying out of the work."

Mr. McCarthy proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem. con:- "That the report of Committee re dangerous corner at Verona, Enniscorthy, be received and approved and that the Council pay the amount of compensation agreed to, viz. £20 to Mr. Gallagher as soon as possible."

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Armstrong:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 1st December, 1932, be and are hereby confirmed except in so far as same have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

NEXT MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Shannon seconded by Mr. Gaul that a special meeting of Finance Committee be held on Thursday, 22nd December, 1932, at 2.15 p.m. for the purpose of paying to Road Workers etc., the week's wages due to 17th December, 1932."

APPLICATION FROM RATE COLLECTORS FOR INCREASE OF POUNDAGE.

Application from six Rate Collectors who are paid at a poundage rate of 5d to have this rate increased to 7d. in the £. which was considered at meeting of Finance Committee on 3rd. November, 1932,



and adjourned from meeting of Co. Council of 7th November, 1932, to the present meeting was submitted.

The Collectors concerned are T. Bolger (No. 14) Art Dunne (15) P. Carty (20) P. Nolan (5) M. McCarthy (4) and Matthew Murphy (12)

The Minutes of Finance Committee of 3rd November, 1932, having been read the Chairman urged the meeting ~~not~~ to approve of the recommendation of the Finance Committee, in view of the financial position of the country.

Mr. Gaul proposed that all the Collectors be **paid** on the same basis viz. 7d. in the £. When it was considered Collectors had to pay their travelling expenses and ~~their~~ legal fees, a living wage was not obtainable.

Col. Quin opposed the proposal of Mr. Gaul and pointed out that Rate Collection was only a part-time job. As for the contention that they were obliged to be out in all weathers, this unfortunately was the lot of a very large number of people.

Mr. Hayes said that the Rate Collection was at the present moment one of the most difficult jobs but the Chairman pointed out that the Rate Collectors who were making the application now were aware of the difficulties with which they were to be confronted.

Mr. Keegan held there was bound to be dissatisfaction when Collectors were paid at varying rates. There was no doubt but men who had been recently appointed had a tough job, as compared with what rate collection was even eight or ten years ago. As for the observation of ~~the~~ Col. Quin that it was only a part-time job he (Mr. Keegan) contended unless the remuneration paid to the six Collectors in question, was supplemented in some way, the Collectors would not secure even a meagre subsistence. He held that for the sake of the six Collectors and for the amount of money involved it was not worth while to have dissatisfaction.



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After further discussion the Chairman held that any proposal to increase salaries or remuneration would require notice of motion and accordingly Mr. Keegan gave notice of his intention to move at the next meeting of the Co. Council that the Six Rate Collectors who were at present paid poundage remuneration of 5d. in the £. receive in future, subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government 7d. in £., as is paid to the other 14 Collectors employed by the Co. Council."

SOW DRAINAGE AREA IMPROVEMENTS.

Miss O'Ryan said that with regard to the starting of work on the Sow River, the Sow had been done before by the Board of Works, and the County Council had to take over responsibility and fix a drainage rate, and such bad work was never done previously in the county. Certain men went there determined to idle. The Board of Works were supervising the work, but it was no harm for the Council to mention the matter, as they would have to take over responsibility. If the money was going to be spent it should be spent in an efficient manner.

Col. Gibbon - Is there a specification in this Office of the work that is to be carried out?

Co. Surveyor - There is not.

Col. Gibbon - Is there not a resolution of the Council that no work to be done on drainage systems is to be accepted by the Council unless there is a specification lodged with and approved by the Council? Why is it not here?

Miss O'Ryan said that if the wishes of the Council were not carried out in the matter they should not take over responsibility.

Mr. Corish said he could state definitely that in the presence of Messrs. Keating and Allen, T.D's., and himself, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Works, Mr. Hugo Flinn, promised that there should be a conference between the Co. Surveyor and Mr. Olley, and that it was with the approval of the Co. Surveyor the work should start.



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The Co. Surveyor said that the engineer in charge called to his office and he was not in. A few days afterwards he went out and interviewed the engineer. Previous to that he had an interview with Mr. Olley, and discussed the way the work was to be carried out. Since then he (Co. Surveyor) had been practically the whole time laid up, so that he was not able to attend to the matter. He had intended to write to Mr. Olley for details.

Col. Gibbon said he felt very strongly on the drainage question. If the Co. Surveyor was ill he could not help it, but it was no reason why the work of the Council should not be done. He always understood that one of the Assistant Surveyors looked after such matters for the Co. Surveyor if he was ill. He proposed that they inform the Board of Works that in view of past incidents they would not be responsible for collecting the rate in regard to the Sow area unless the specification and plans were lodged with them immediately, and that they would, when they arrived, ascertain forthwith if the trustees of the drainage district were satisfied with the proposed specifications.

Col. Quin seconded.

Miss O'Ryan asked if the proposition would include the question of the employment of labour and the distribution of work on the scheme. They were going to have men employed there and they might not be earning their money. They had got the money for the district, and they wanted to see that the job was a success this time.

Chairman - What ways or means can we adopt except ask our own engineers to supervise them?

Mr. Corish - The inference I drew from the conference with the other T.D.'s and myself was that the work was to be carried out in conjunction with our officials.

With reference to Col. Gibbon's proposition Mr. Corish suggested that they should have a more tactful proposition. After all if the work were closed down it would not do. He suggested that they should write to the Board of Works stating that they understood the work was to be carried out in conjunction with the Council. It would be



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better to employ a little diplomacy. If they put a pistol to the heads of the Board it might result in the closing down of the job. He proposed that a letter be sent to the Board of Works pointing out the various incidents that happened in the past, making the trustees disgruntled with the work carried out: that at the interview with Mr. Hugo Flynn a promise was given to the other T.D's and himself that the work would be carried out in conjunction with the Co. Council and that that promise had not materialised, and asking what the Board would do in order to meet the Council in the way of furnishing specification, plans etc., to the Co. Surveyor for his consideration and also for consultation with the Drainage Trustees. Col. Quin seconded and the motion was passed.

BUILDING OF LABOURERS' COTTAGES.

The following motion which stood in his name and which had been issued to Co. Councillors on 27th October, 1932, was moved by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That the Wexford Co. Council consents to the borrowing by Co. Wexford Board of Health of a sum, not exceeding £125,000 (One Hundred and Twenty Five Thousand Pounds) for the purpose of erecting 500 cottages under the Labourers Acts, amount to be borrowed from the Local Loans Fund under the provisions of the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1932."

Mr. Clince seconded.

In connection with this matter letter was read from Local Government Department under date 12th November, 1932 (Circ.No.65/32 Ilgh) as to utilizing stone in connection with any building works undertaken or contemplated by Local Authorities. In many parts of the County the Minister was informed, building stone of high quality was easily obtainable and it appeared to him appropriate that where such material existed it should be used as far as possible. This would create extensive local employment for many workers and the Minister therefore considered the selection of stone should be given reasonable preference in any building works coming within the control of a Local Authority.



Mr. Armstrong as one having extensive practical experience in the use of stone for buildings spoke strongly in its favour. The resultant buildings would last a much longer time.

Mr. Corish - No one will contend that you can build houses of stone cheaper than you can by utilizing concrete blocks.

Col. Quin said that for 500 cottages costing less than £200 each £100,000 would be quite enough.

Mr. Corish suggested that they should borrow the amount mentioned in Mr. O'Byrne's motion. If they had to get a supplemental loan there would be additional legal charges.

Col. Quin suggested that if they borrowed £125,000 they would be made ~~to~~ spend it.

Miss O'Ryan thought it would be a great hardship on the Board of Health if they limited the money. The board had gone into the matter very carefully and she did not think that Col. Quin could suggest that the board wanted to be extravagant. They intended to build as expeditiously and economically as possible. It was stated in Mr. O'Byrne's motion that the amount was not to exceed £125,000, and was it supposed that any public body would borrow all that money if it was not wanted?

Col. Quin - I think, if we know human nature, they will borrow up to the limit.

Miss O'Ryan - But we do not do that.

Col. Quin at first proposed that the amount be limited to £50,000 but later, moved that the limit be £100,000.

Mr. Hall - We agreed to build a certain number of houses, and we cannot build them if we do not borrow the money.

Mr. O'Byrne said he did not believe the Board was going to spend money it did not require, and it would be a calamity if they borrowed £100,000 and found that they wanted £10,000 more.

Miss O'Ryan said that she was present at the meeting of the Board in question, and they went into the figures very carefully and



considered £125,000 a safe figure. She did not think that any Board would want to squander the people's money.

Mr. Hall - I am satisfied that not a penny is going to be squandered.

Col. Quin said that if the price of each cottage was to be £180 and allowing £20 each for the plots, etc., he did not see how they would spend more than £100,000.

Mr. Gaul said he understood that the cost of the cottages would be £180 each, plus £40.

Chairman - There is another side to the question. All seem to think that the rates have no responsibility.

Col. Quin - Absolutely. That is what my opinion is.

Mr. D'Arcy - Will the rent of 2/- per week be able to pay all the charges on the £125,000?

Chairman - Our engineers at the Health Board led us to believe that provided everything goes on well, and that there are no defaulters or anything like that, the rates would not be mulcted in anything, but I believe you will have some defaulters in time to come.

Mr. Hall - Everyone knows the houses are required, and we have agreed to build them. The rent talked of is 2/- and certainly I think that if it could be lower so much the better. I believe it is the best money that could be spent. I do not believe in borrowing less than what you want. If you agreed to borrow the £125,000, and if you do not spend it you will not be raising it.

Col. Quin - What I want to point out is that we can build the 500 cottages with £100,000. The extra £25,000 will be only wasted. Human nature is human nature and we all know that if the £125,000 is going to be there it is going to be spent.

Mr. Hall said there were 160 plots fenced in Enniscorthy district but only a small number in Wexford district. They would have to buy the plots and get them fenced, so that they would not build the cottages for £200.



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Col. Quin suggested that £20 over the £180 would pay for everything according to the estimates.

Chairman - I quite agree with Col. Quin's argument, but if you have to make application for a second loan it will cost practically as much again.

Col. Quin - It should not be necessary.

Chairman - Will you guarantee that?

Col. Quin - I am not guaranteeing anything, but I say that £100,000 is ample for the 500 cottages.

Mr. D'Arcy - Col. Quin has stated that the cottages can be built for £100,000. That is a strong statement to make in the absence of evidence, or has he evidence?

Col. Quin said he was sorry to say that he did not happen to be present at the meeting of the Health Board at which the matter was discussed, but the cottages, he was told, would cost £180 each, which was £20 less than £200, If they built 500 at £200 each the total would be £100,000. There were plots for nearly half the cottages, and the money not required for plots in respect of those cottages would pay for the other plots required.

Chairman- If we think we will not want a bigger sum than £100,000 I do not see that there is any necessity for borrowing it, but the only objection I have is that if we cannot cope with the houses for the sum suggested we must have a supplementary loan and that will cost a lot. I suggest that we adjourn the matter if possible, and get the engineer -

Miss O'Ryan - I appeal to you not to adjourn the question. We will not stand for adjourning the question any longer, with the people crying out for employment.

Mr. Cummins said it was not only £125,000 they should be looking for, but £325,000, when they had men in power to give it to them. Twenty years ago in New Ross district there were a hundred cottages wanted, and surely there were more than a hundred wanted to-day. He wanted to tell Col. Quin that the birds had their nests and the foxes



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their dens. He (Mr. Cummins) wanted the cottages 25 or 30 years ago and now they had their own Government in power to give them the money. If the Council decided to ask for £325,000 instead of £125,000 he was one man who would support it. He wanted Mr. Corish to tell the Government that that was the feeling of the honest farmers and the honest few in the country - the men that kept on the fight and put them there.

Mr. Hall said that the Health Board agreed to build 500 houses. They did not say they were going to confine themselves to that number, but for a start it was very good, and it was not the intention of the Board, or their engineers or other employees, to waste any of the money. He believed it would be better to pass the £125,000, and if they did not use it they would not be paying interest on it.

Mr. D'Arcy asked if the Health Board would get any grant towards the building of the houses.

Mr. Corish replied that they would get two-thirds of the loan charges from the Government.

Chairman - But I think it will take the 2/- a week rent along with the grant to meet your liabilities.

Mr. D'Arcy said he thought that rent was too high, and that farm labourers at present could not afford to pay it.

Chairman - We are relying on the grant to pay the balance of the 2/-.

Mr. D'Arcy - So the 2/- will only pay a third.

Chairman - That is all. After all the old cottages are still a charge on the rates - something about 5d or 6d, or I do not know but they are higher. They are still a charge on the rates, and they were built at practically £100 a house. The present cottages are going to cost double that or more, and will be double the amount to the tenant and there is the grant as well.

Mr. D'Arcy - What is the annual amount to be paid on the cottages?

Mr. Corish - £6.13.4d for every £100.



Chairman - So that I think it is not wrong to say that 2/- will only go a small way towards paying the charges.

Mr. Corish - It would be about £8,000 a year as a fixed annuity.

Mr. O'Byrne's motion was carried, Col. Quin and Col. Gibbon dissenting.

Col. Gibbon remarked that he thought the amount was too much to put on the rates of the county.

Mr. Cummins - Sure you are putting nothing on the rates. What are the ratepayers for only to be security for the money?

Chairman - The rates are security for it; you must remember that.

Mr. Cummins - That is all they are. I want to know when this £125,000 is going to be spent.

Mr. Murphy - Right away.

Mr. Hall - They are spending it at present.

#### RECONSTRUCTION OF WEST WING OF COUNTY HALL.

The following motion of which he had given previous notice and which was circulated to Members of the Council on 27th October, 1932, was moved by Mr. Cummins:-

"That the Wexford Co. Council consents to the borrowing by the Council of a supplemental loan of £900 (Nine Hundred Pounds) from their Treasurer for the purpose of reconstructing west wing of County Hall to provide accommodation for County Library, for offices for County Wexford Vocational Education Committee, and for other purposes."

Mr. Clince seconded.

Under date 8th December, 1932, the Department of Local Government wrote (S.94187/32 - Loch Garman Pg) that the plans submitted for the work could not be approved, and would have to be recast in many respects. Memorandum showing the matters requiring attention accompanied the communication from Local Government Department.

The Secretary suggested that the motion of Mr. Cummins should be postponed until the Co. Surveyor had a consultation with the Local Government Engineer. The Department did not understand that portion



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of the building had been already reconstructed.

Miss O'Ryan said the matter had been going on for a long time, and they were anxious to start. She was certain that they could get over the point with the Department if they agreed to the borrowing of the money.

It was pointed out that they would not get the money until the plans were approved by Local Government Department, and the plans were not completed.

The Secretary said he did not think they would lose anything by adjourning to the next meeting.

Mr. D'Arcy proposed as an amendment that the matter be adjourned for a month, or until such time as the Department approved of the plans.

Col. Quin seconded.

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

FOR: Messrs. D'Arcy, Gibbon, Jordan, McCarthy, Meyler, Murphy, Quin, Smyth, Walsh and the Chairman. (10)

AGAINST: Messrs. Armstrong, Cooney, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hayes, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Cline, Colfer and Shannon. (11)

Mr. Hall did not vote and Mr. Keegan was not present when vote was taken.

The proposition was declared defeated.

Mr. Cummins said that he brought forward his motion for the purpose of regularising the matter. Had there been a sufficient amount mentioned at first, the council would have passed it.

In reply to Mr. Cummins, the Secretary said the first amount was £2,000.

The Co. Surveyor pointed out that they still had to get the sanction of the Local Government Department.

Mr. Cummins' motion was declared carried.



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TEMPORARY CLOSING OF ROAD.

Under date 15th November, 1932, (R/IR/107/1) the Department of Local Government forwarded Sealed Order of the Minister closing the road from Buffer's Alley to Monamolin for the purpose of carrying out repairs to Monamolin Bridge, for the period from the date of the Order up to and including 7th January, 1933.

The Co. Surveyor stated as the road would not be finished by the prescribed date it would be necessary to make application to the Minister for closing of the road up to 7th February, 1933.

Col. Quin proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That application be made to the Minister for Local Government for extension of the period of closing road from Buffer's Alley to Monamolin, in order to carry out repairs to Monamolin Bridge from the 7th January, 1933, to 7th February, 1933"

ROAD GRANTS.

It was reported that payment of £2,075 from the Relief Grant of £1,400,000 and a special Grant of £1463 had been made by Local Government Department.

HOUSING ACTS.

Under date 15th November, 1932, Local Government Department, (Housing Section) wrote (H.98970/32 (H.B.F.) Loch Garman) acknowledging the communication from the Secretary, relative to provision of an office in Enniscorthy by the Appointed Officer for that area in connection with applications for grants, in respect of the erection of new houses under the Housing (Financial and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1932.

SLIPPERY ROADS.

The following under date 5th December, 1932, was read from the Town Clerk, New Ross:-

"At a meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council held on Friday, the 2nd December, 1932, the following Resolution was unanimously passed and I was directed to send you a copy for the



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"consideration of your Council, viz:-

Proposed by Mr. Doyle

Seconded by Mr. Dunne

"That we, the New Ross Urban District Council in Meeting specially requisitioned for the purpose of considering "the menace to business and personal safety arising from the slippery and dangerous condition of the several roads approaching the town" hereby protest in the most solemn manner against the impassable state of the surface of the roads from

Corcoran's Cross to Ballyanne

Ballyanne to New Ross

Camplin Hill

Newtown to Shanahan's Cross

Rosbercon to the Pink Rock and

Newtown to Mogh Nowlan's Kiln,

owing to which several accidents to persons and property have befallen within the past three weeks; and business has been diverted from New Ross. We consider that the County Councils of Wexford and Kilkenny should ere this have taken notice of our repeated requests on this subject. Timely action would have saved the injuries sustained in the accidents mentioned; and the harvest and Christmas trade of the town would not be impaired. Considering the vast importance of this question to New Ross, we respectfully but urgently request the Wexford and Kilkenny County Councils to have one inch chippings spread and rolled into the sides of the above mentioned roads, at least in patches, without the use of tar or bitumen. We are aware that the County Surveyor has had stone dust sprinkled on some of the roads approaching the town, but the same was washed away with the first shower of rain. In the interests of human life, the business life of New Ross, and in all reasonableness we call on the County Council to remedy this grievance immediately. Delay may not only endanger life but will frustrate the efforts of the Council to promote a healthy



"Christmas market in New Ross: and that copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Secretaries of the County Councils of Wexford and Kilkenny, immediately, so as to get work started at once."

Under date 7th December, 1932, Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"Sections of the roads mentioned in the resolution of the New Ross Urban Council are slippery, and are being treated with grout as far as the limited funds permit. Other sections of those roads were dressed with coarse chippings during the Summer, and are quite safe for any traffic. To render all the roads in the district perfectly non-skid, or non-slippery, as seems to be the desire of some road users, would cause such an increase in the coming Estimate that it would not be at all considered."

A memorial was read from 15 Ratepayers, calling attention to the dangerous state of the main road between Camolin and Ferns, owing to the slippery nature of the surface. The Memorial stated the signatories agreed that the road was in splendid repair and a delight to the motorist and lorry driver, but all other vehicular traffic on it would have to be suspended, as it was impossible for animals to travel. The result of this was that many farmers had been obliged to hire lorries for the delivery of corn and beet, at a cost and inconvenience which they could not afford. It was absolutely necessary that something should be done to allow horses to travel on this thoroughfare.

The Chairman said that this grievance of slippery roads was found in every portion of the County, and something would have to be done to provide for the people with horses and cars using the roads. The Road from Jones' Cross to Wexford was a menace and several accidents had occurred on it within the past month. Anti-slippery material put on this road disappeared within a week, and if the weather was rainy, even before that short time. The main roads were at present no use to anyone except motorists. He noticed that on



the road he had referred to and on several others it was proposed to spend thousands of pounds for spraying work, which would make the roads practically impassable for vehicular traffic. It appeared to him that in the engineering of these roads a mistake must have been made. With regard to the road from Jones' Cross to Rosslare Harbour it was not in a slippery condition at the present time.

The Co. Surveyor said they might expect it would become slippery in about two years' time. The Ferns - Camolin road had been dressed with heavy chippings about two years ago, but with last Summer's heat it had now become very slippery.

Mr. Hall contended that if less tar had been used the road would be passable for all sorts of traffic, but the Co. Surveyor pointed out that unless material was properly bonded, the dressing would be ineffective.

Mr. Walsh suggested the utilization of big sized chippings,  $1\frac{1}{4}$ " or  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " on the sides of roads. Powdered stone or clay put on to make traffic passable was useless, and in his opinion had accentuated the existing slippery conditions. All the bitumen roads were in the same condition as those complained of in New Ross and Ferns and Camolin, and something should be done by the Council to give the ratepayers a thoroughfare which could be utilised by them for carrying out their ordinary business. He proposed that each side of the slippery roads to the extent of four feet should be treated with large chippings.

Mr. Hayes mentioned that on the Duncannon Line some stretches were highly dangerous for any animal, while others seemed to be fairly safe, showing that there was a great difference in the mixing of the tar.

Col. Gibbon held that the trouble was occasioned because most of the tar spraying was carried out early in the Summer with the result that the heat brought the tar and bitumen to the surface and gave them a really slippery road in the Winter. He asked the Co. Surveyor if it would be possible to carry out the suggestion of Mr. Walsh.



Mr. D'Arcy seconded Mr. Walsh's proposal and pointed out that people had to go 9 or 10 miles out of their way to get into Gorey owing to the slippery nature of the adjacent main roads.

The Co. Surveyor said that the rolling in of the chippings was a question of finance.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, in reply to the Chairman, said that a rolled road would generally not become slippery until it was sprayed. If they wanted to prevent this, they could leave a tar stone margin at the sides and spray only in the centre.

The Co. Surveyor said that next time when spraying work was being carried out they would "chip" the whole road and only spray the centre.

After further discussion Mr. Walsh said he would add to his resolution that the Council apply to the Local Government Department for a grant to carry out this much needed work.

The motion with this addition was then put and passed.

The Co. Surveyor said if they were to put 1" or  $\frac{7}{8}$ " chippings on a road already dressed the roller would crush it into the road, and it would become useless.

Mr. Cummins asked if an accident occurred on these slippery roads would the Council be liable, and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, replied in the negative.

It was finally agreed on the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Mr. Cline that the Co. Surveyor should as far as finances allow use coarse chippings on tar and bitumen dressed roads in several areas, and report the result to the Council at their next meeting.

CAHORE DRAINAGE. *Pier*

The following Memorial signed by 34 fishermen was handed in by Mr. Smyth, Co. Councillor:-

"We the undersigned respectfully beg that you would favourably consider and strongly urge our claim for a grant to extend the Pier at Cahore. In the present position, there is not sufficient berths



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"at the Pier for the boats engaged in fishing. Some of the boats have to stand off for an hour or more, with the consequent we lose half a night's fishing, a great privation for men anxious to earn a livelihood. We are Members of the Fisheries Association. Some of our Members have already made application for a loan to purchase boats and we have good grounds for believing, that the loans have not been granted, because the facilities for landing the catch are insufficient, hence it seems useless for any other Member to apply for a loan to purchase a boat. Now that the fishing industry is placed upon a working basis by the establishment of the Fisheries Association, it is evident that we are much handicapped and prevented, through ~~no~~ fault of our own, from securing the full advantages of the Association. We also believe that the extension of the Pier, will tend to deflect the south-easterly seas more northwards and thus prevent the encroachment by the sea on the houses and public road at Cahore. The latter have been very much endangered on several occasions. We also beg to point out that the present storm-wall is too low, as on southerly winds the sea comes over it and at times it is impossible to stand on the Pier. Further - more there is a large number of unemployed in the district and unless work is found for them in the near future there will be much distress. In conclusion we beg to state and we challenge contradiction that the Cahore Fishermen never lost an opportunity of putting to sea, often times at considerable risk. Therefore we consider that we have a just claim that the necessary facilities be provided to enable us to earn a livelihood. Trusting our claim will be considered."

Mr. Smyth mentioned that the number of fishing boats now using Cahore was double what it was 10 years ago. If erosion went on ~~to~~ the same ~~time~~ extent as for the past eight years the public road would disappear. The proposal of the fishermen in their memorial would however stop erosion.

The Co. Surveyor considered that the proposal would involve heavy expenditure, probably £10,000, and about 50% of this would be for labour.



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Mr. Smyth said that the previous extension of 40 yards cost only £2,500..

After discussion Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Co. Surveyor be directed to furnish report as to the recommendations in the Memorial from the Cahore fishermen submitted to this meeting."

COURTOWN HARBOUR.

Under date 6th December, 1932, the Courtown Harbour Committee wrote strongly recommending the Co. Council to proceed with the dredging of the Pier and inner harbour immediately. Unless the inner harbour was dredged there would be no suitable berths available for these new craft. At low water three parts of the harbour was dry while the new boats drew four feet.

Under date 9th December, 1932, the following letter (No.19082/1932) was read from the Commissioners of Public Works:-

"With reference to your letter of the 11th ultimo addressed to the Secretary of the Department of Lands & Fisheries regarding the dredging of the basin of Courtown Harbour, we beg to inform you by direction of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance that he has decided that a grant from the funds for the relief of unemployment of 50 per cent of the cost of clearing Courtown Harbour, with a maximum grant not exceeding £450, may be made on condition that the Wexford County Council provide the balance of the amount required. In these circumstances your Council are free to accept the tender of Mr. P. Donovan as proposed in your letter of 11th ult."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Smyth seconded the following resolution:- "That the Co. Surveyor be instructed to prepare specification of the work and agreement to be entered into with Mr. P. Donovan, relative to the dredging of the inner basin of Courtown Harbour, etc."

Passed.

Mr. Hayes mentioned he had been informed by a man named Roche that he would have tendered for the work if it had been advertised



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Mr. Corish said that he and Deputy Allen had interviewed the Parliamentary Secretary relative to this work and found him very loathe to give any grant towards the work. He mentioned that there would be only one-third of it spent on labour.

#### ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR.

Under date 15th November, 1932, the Department of Lands and Fisheries wrote (D/14/5) acknowledging the resolution adopted by the Co. Council at their meeting on the 7th November, 1932, relative to the making of borings at St. Helen's Harbour.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Commissioners of Public Works be requested to state if they are prepared to provide the necessary finance for making borings at St. Helen's Harbour. As this is not a scheduled harbour the Co. Council are procluded from incurring any expense thereat."

#### PIERS AND HARBOURS OF SOUTHERN COAST.

Mr. Cummins mentioned that at last meeting he had brought forward a proposal asking the Co. Surveyor to visit the Piers on the southern coast and furnish an estimate of the cost of putting them into fair condition, for the purpose of approaching the Government who were very sympathetic towards development, for a grant. Five years ago he had brought forward a similar motion and a Committee was appointed to go into the circumstances of each harbour but it never met. There were 100 unemployed people in the district who were very badly off.

The Co. Surveyor said he was laid up for the past fortnight.

Mr. Cummins proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution, which was adopted:-

"That the Co. Surveyor be directed to furnish - as soon as possible - an estimate of the cost of putting the harbours of Duncannon and Arthurstown into proper condition, so as to be of benefit to the people and fishermen in the locality, also to suggest recommendations as to improvements at Ballyhack."



CONSIDERATION OF PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME.

On the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Col. Quin the following resolution was adopted:- "That special meeting of the Council be held on Monday, 9th January, 1933, at 10.30 a.m. for the purpose of considering Provisional Road Works Scheme for financial year, 1933-34."

ROAD BALLINASLANEY - POULDARRIG.

Application for repair of road from Ballinaslaney fo Pouldarrig with branch to Ballina - Carrig on which 12 or 13 families resided ~~was~~ received from Mr. Aidan Mernagh, Ballinaslaney, Oylegate, <sup>was</sup> referred to the Co. Surveyor for report

DEFECTIVE SEWER IN GOREY.

Under date 9th November, 1932, Mr. Matthew Webb, 100 Main Street, Gorey, and five other residents wrote complaining that a grate over the main sewer was not sufficient to take the surface water off the road with result that the lane adjoining their premises was covered with water after rain.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said the work was one which concerned the Health Board, who had men working there at the moment, improving the existing gratings. It was expected that as a result there would be no further complaint from the residents.

APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION - SLIPPERY ROAD.

Under date 3rd December, 1932, Mr. N. Walsh, Rathdowney, Kilrane, wrote as follows:-

"On Saturday the 8th October, 1932, when driving home on the Wexford - Killinick Road, at Kilmacree, owing to the slippery condition of the road my pony fell pitching me out on the road and breaking the shafts of the trap.

"These I have got replaced at a cost of £2.10.0d. which I expect you will refund me, as it was owing to the ice-like condition of the road surface that the accident occurred.



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"Trusting you will give this matter your favourable consideration."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That application of Mr. Walsh, Rathdowney, Kilrane, be referred to Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor."

In reply to query, Mr. Elgee said he considered the Council were not liable.

#### COMPLAINT OF UNEMPLOYED WORKMEN.

A long correspondence was read from Messrs. Patrick Kelly, Patrick Lambert and Laurence Cusack, of Little Graigue, Fethard-on-Sea, pointing out that although they had applied for road work several times their claims had not been recognised, while they contended, in one case a man with 7 acres of land, who was also a fisherman was working on the roads; and in another case a man with nine acres was doing direct labour while his brother was employed at haulage. These men were relatives of the ganger and the whole system should be thoroughly investigated.

Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, reported that the three men referred to had been working during the Summer and Autumn with the following farmers by whom they were still employed, Mr. James Sinnott, Templetown, for whom Kelly was working, Mr. Michael Foley, Carnivan, employed Lambert, and Cusack was employed by Mr. Henry Gahan, Littlegrigue.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Hall, it was decided in view of Mr. Kehoe's report to take no further action in the matter."

#### ROADS - ROSSLARE HARBOUR.

The following report was submitted:-

"The Committee appointed by the Co. Council inspected these roads on 8th November, 1932, Messrs. M. Doyle, (Chairman Co. Council) and R. Corish, with the Co. Surveyor and Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, were present.

"A large number of Ratepayers concerned met the Committee. They



"contended there was a right of way along the thoroughfare at Barryville to the top of the cliff for foot passengers, and that as it should be regarded as in a "town" area the restriction preventing the Co. Council taking over roads which were not "through" roads should not apply. They further pointed out in view of the fact that they paid over £50 annually in Rates ~~that~~ they had a claim on the Co. Council for the maintenance of the roadway on which their residences were situate. Also as the general public used the road it should be brought under the jurisdiction of the Council.

"The Committee inspected the flooded portions of Ballygillaine Lane ( a presented road).

" Mr. Corish promised to do what he could to obtain a Government Grant to be applied to the removal of this nuisance. A large number of school shildren have to pass over this road daily to and from Kilrane school and it is used by the general public to attend Kilrane Catholic Church and Kilscoran Protestant Church.

"The Committee recommend that the Council should take over the road at Barryville and that it should be included in the Road Works Scheme for 1933/34 at an estimated figure of £60.

"They considered that if the Council agreed to be responsible for its maintenance, repairs to the worst portions should be carried out during the coming winter."

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. Gaul seconded the following resolution:- "That the Report of Committee which inspected roads at Rosslare Harbour be received and approved."

The Chairman referring to the inspection said that in view of the circumstances at Rosslare Harbour, he felt the committee were justified in recommending the Council to take over the road.

Mr. Corish bearing out the Chairman's statement, said that there was also a number of large Ratepayers concerned. He suggested that something should be done to repair the Ballygillaine Lane, which was so bad that children could not get to school. He had brought the



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matter to the notice of the Government, and expected to get a grant for it.

The Chairman stated that <sup>as</sup> the inhabitants might be under the impression that the work could be done out of the Council's funds, he desired to make clear that the Council could not do anything until they got the grant.

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

#### BALLYCONNICK QUARRY.

The 13 workmen engaged at stonebreaking at Ballyconnick Quarry applied for an extra 6d. per yard for breaking. They contended they were unable to earn a living wage at the present rate of 3/- per yard, Sixteen shillings and sixpence per week out of which they had to pay for insurance, could not be considered as a suitable wage for men who had four or five children. In addition to that they could not work in bad weather.

The Co. Surveyor said that the best of the men would only break a yard in the day, others about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a yard. The only alternative he saw was to put in the breaker, 3/- per yard was the cost of breaking by machinery. Even if they paid the same amount for hand breaking, the work was more costly because the item for insurance was increased, by additional workmen. <sup>W</sup>hat could be done for the men in the circumstances if they wished to remain on at the work would be to help them in the sledging and to provide for the wheeling of the stones to the breaker.

It was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Co. Surveyor.

#### KILTREA QUARRY.

In connection with the proposed extension of Kiltrea Quarry the Co. Surveyor submitted the following letter from Mrs. Anastasia Roche, Newtown, Enniscorthy, owner of the quarry, under date 9th December, 1932:-

"Please excuse me for not replying to your letter received some



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"time ago re Kiltrea Quarry. We agree to your offer of 5/- per perch and the 3d per yard as usual, the trouble is the fence, we do not consider a wire fence suitable, it would be always getting out of repair or causing damage to stock. I do not think the difference between the cost of a stone and sod fence and a wire one would be much, and now would be a suitable time for the work to be done."

The Co. Surveyor considered that the offer of Mrs. Roche was reasonable.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince, the following resolution was adopted:- "That we accept the offer of Mrs. Roche, owner of Kiltrea Quarry and agree to pay her 5/- per perch and 3d per cubic yard of material, the Co. Surveyor to provide stone and sod fence."

#### BALLYTEIGUE DRAINAGE SURVEY.

In connection with the above the Co. Surveyor submitted the following letter, under date 22nd November, 1932, (19258/32) which had been received from the Office of Public Works:-

"With reference to your letter of 14th instant to our Chief Drainage Engineer, Mr. C.H. Olley, regarding plans and sections of the above named District, we wish to state that we have in our possession the original proposed section of 40 or 50 years ago. A survey which was made in 1926 showed, however, that the proposed section was departed from in the execution of the works, and consequently it would be of little value for your purpose.

"A longitudinal Section of most of this District was prepared in 1926 but as copies are not available and their preparation would take some time, we think that the required information could most readily be made available to you if you would send an assistant to this office where he would be given every help possible in the procuring of the required data."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Gibbon seconded by Col. Quin:- "That the Co. Surveyor be authorised to call



"at the Office of Public Works with a view to examining the plans etc. of Ballyteigue Drainage Area."

LANES IN SOW DRAINAGE AREA.

Under date 6th December, 1932, the following letter was read from Rev. R. Browne, C.C., Glenbrien:-

"Some of my parishioners are anxious to have a bog road built from Clonmore in this Parish to Ballina in the parish of Ballymurn. They have been in communication with members of the Government party and are confident that a grant will be made from the Fund for the Relief of Unemployment if the Co. Council approve. A deputation will attend the Co. Council meeting next Monday. They will bring with them a map showing the proposed new road. It will be about half a mile with a bridge and would probably cost about £1,500.

"The two ends of above proposed road were made in 1847. The centre part about half a mile, as above, was not constructed.

"Unfortunately there are other parties who are opposing above scheme and who want the bog road made in other places nearer to the Ballagh. Two meetings were held here to try and have agreement but without result.

I presume it will be all right for a deputation as above to attend the Co. Council meeting next Monday.

There are three lanes on each side of the Sow between here and the Ballagh. If these six lanes were cleared up, lengthened and joined on each side of the river without making any bridge, I dare say it would satisfy all parties, but I presume that would hardly be a matter for the Co. Council."

A Memorial was also submitted from ~~the~~ 12 Ratepayers of the Sow Drainage Area asking the Co. Council to construct a road through the centre of the said area, from existing main laneway in Killask to existing laneway in Oulartleigh. They believed a Government Grant would be available for this work.

A very extensively signed memorial was submitted in favour of



the proposal referred to in Father Browne's letter, while Rev. J. Furlong, C.C., The Ballagh, wrote that a road from Killask to Oulartleigh would be a great asset to the ratepayers of the district, and to the public generally. So far as he knew it was the largest area in the County Wexford without a road.

Mr. John Mernagh, Oulartleigh, came before the Council, and explained from the map, the position of the proposed road from Clonmore to Ballina.

Two sections had been constructed under Public Works in 1847 and there was about a mile at each end which would require some small repairs. The centre portion was left unconstructed. It was about half mile over bog and a bridge would be required over the River Sow. The making of the road would give a great deal of employment and would make more tillage possible on the adjoining farms, besides being a considerable convenience to the ratepayers of the district.

The Chairman pointed out that they had rival projects and in his opinion it would not be possible for the Council to give any decision that day. He suggested they should refer the matter to the Finance Committee or appoint a view Committee who would recommend some one of the proposed three lanes. The Co. Surveyor had pointed out there were really three lanes in the locality but if they recommended three to be taken over by the Council, they certainly would not get a grant for any one of them. In fact it was doubtful if they would get any grant at all, and the whole thing would fall to the ground. If they appointed a Committee, the latter could report which of the lanes they considered best entitled (on the score of utility for the district) to be accepted.

Mr. Gaul proposed that a Committee be appointed to inspect the three lanes in the Sow District and report to next meeting of County Council.

Mr. D'Arcy seconded.

Passed.



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Col. Quin proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution, which was also adopted:- "That the Councillors for the Enniscorthy Electoral Area, with Mr. Hall, be appointed a Committee to inspect and report to next meeting of Co. Council as to the application of ratepayers in the Sow Drainage Area district for repair of lanes in said area. The Committee to fix the date of meeting."

MAUDLINS ROAD NEW ROSS.

Mr. Cooney complained that although a grant had been given for unemployment in the locality, only two men had been employed breaking stones at the Maudlins Road.

The Co. Surveyor said that this road was outside the Urban Area and they could not move men from one district to another. The two men were the only married men available but there was at present six men in employment there - two married men and four single ones.

Col. Gibbon said at every other meeting the Council were discussing the question as to whether certain men should be employed or others dispensed with. He considered they should appoint a special man who would be put on while Relief Work continued, and he should be empowered to investigate all those cases of unemployment, and suggest a course of action to the Council.

Mr. Corish said he believed the whole system was wrong because the proper people were not getting employment. The Manager of the Employment Exchange was not competent to ascertain all the circumstances. The Labour Party had suggested to the Government that there should be a Committee in each area to deal with this matter, to be composed of a representative of the Surveyor's staff, the Home Assistance Officer and the Councillor for the division, with the Manager of the Exchange. In his opinion the Managers of these Exchanges were doing their best under very difficult circumstances but the whole thing was gone beyond ~~their~~ control.

Col. Gibbon proposed the following resolution:- "That as



"regards work in connection with Relief Grants, the Government be requested to set up a local Advisory Committee to consider the question of the employment of workers, as there is general dissatisfaction with the present system, the fault being that the men who most required work were not getting it. That the Committee work in conjunction with the Manager of the Employment Exchange."

Mr. Clince seconded the motion which was passed.

Mr. Gaul dissented.

TAGHMON UNEMPLOYED.

Under date 6th December, 1932, Mr. L.O'Connor, Secretary, pro. tem. to unemployed at Taghmon and district wrote asking for the reception of a deputation of two or three before the Council for the purpose of informing them of a serious crux re employment which had arisen as regards the work at Upton Quarry.

Laurence O'Connor and Thomas Whelan came before the meeting.

The latter complained that though all the men were employed, the quarry men - some of whom came from outside the district - were working by the hour, while the men from Taghmon were employed hand-breaking at 3/- per cubic yard.

L. O'Connor said that single men from outside the area were employed in the quarry.

The Manager of the Labour Exchange sent in a list of married men to work in the quarry but they were not employed there. They were however breaking stones. He was not married himself.

The Co. Surveyor said that Upton Quarry was situate in the New Ross District.

Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, said that he obtained the names of the men from the Unemployment Exchange. He put into the quarry men who had experience of handling explosives, If he had carried out the request of the deputation he might have men in the quarry who would blow the heads off every one working in it as they had no experience whatever in handling explosives.

The Chairman said the deputation should be glad that work had



<sup>them</sup>  
been provided for by the Council and considered they had no grievance as regards their employment.

NUISANCE AT ROAD - CAMPILE RAILWAY STATION.

The following under date 1st December, 1932, to the Co. Surveyor was read from the Chief Engineer, Great Southern Railway, Westland Row, Dublin:-

"With reference to the letter of the late Chief Engineer - Mr. J.F. Sides - dated 18th February, 1929, re above.

"The road under this bridge is being constantly flooded and pedestrians and cyclists whose passage is obstructed trespass on the railway line. The Company, of course, cannot overlook this trespass, and I should be obliged to know when you propose to remedy the present condition of affairs."

The Co. Surveyor said that some years ago on the motion of Mr. Coney, the Council gave permission to the Creamery people to discharge water for washing into a pipe but since there had been endless trouble in keeping the pipe clear. The Creamery people and the Co-operative Society were discharging sewage into this pipe and it would be necessary for them to provide a septic tank or the Co. Council would be compelled to cut off the pipe.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That the Co. Surveyor be empowered to take any steps which he may consider necessary to have nuisance at road to Campile Railway Station, abated."

TRANSFERS OF ROAD MONEY.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by the Chairman:- "That the following transfers of road money be agreed to:-

<u>From</u>	280	<u>To</u>	450	£70.0.0d
"	240	"	270	50.0.0d
"	32M	"	34M	50.0.0d
"	19M	"	68M	30.0.0d
"	33M	"	18M	30.0.0d



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REPAIRS FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That Contract accepted by Wexford County Council with the Irish Piling Company, 3, Lower Abbey Street, Dublin, for repairs to Ferrycarrig Bridge be sealed and signed."

"That application be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for the temporary closing of Ferrycarrig Bridge from 13th February, 1933 to 13th August, 1933, for the purpose of repair. Alternative route for heavy lorries, viz. lorries four tons "all in" and for traction engines via Killurin and Ballymackessy to Enniscorthy and eastern side of river Slaney (L127 Nos. 52 and 51 and T 7 - No. 9)

"All light traffic via Edermine Bridge, Deeps Bridge and Wexford Bridge."

ADVERTISING CONTRACT.

The Managers of "The Wexford People", "Wexford Free Press" and "Enniscorthy Echo" wrote they were prepared to accept £110 (One hundred and ten Pounds) for publication of the advertisements of the County Council and Co. Committee of Agriculture for one year as from 1st January, 1933.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That contract for publishing for year as from 1st January, 1933, the advertisements of the Co. Council and Co. Committee of Agriculture at £110 each be entered into with "Wexford People", "Wexford Free Press" and "Enniscorthy Echo".

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCE.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Clince seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That new licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, issue to Michael O'Neill, 17, Monck Street, Wexford, provided no objection be offered by the Garda Siochana Authorities.



LAW GOVERNING COMPENSATION FOR CRIMINAL INJURY.

The following resolution from Wicklow Co. Council was adopted on the motion of Mr. Clince seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- That we hereby submit to the Government Executive Council the hardships involved on ratepayers from time to time by the Code of Laws governing Malicious Injury claims, and we suggest that the time has now arrived when these Laws might be equitably repealed, so as to place the obligation on each owner of property of insuring **such** property, and we hereby direct that a copy of this resolution be sent to each County Council in An Saorstát."

Mr. O'Byrne said that Wexford Co. Council had already on three or four occasions asked for the repeal of the law dealing with compensation for Criminal injury.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF COUNCILLORS.

The following letter under date 16th November, 1932 (G105928-32 Loch Garman - C) 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 11th instant regarding the payment of travelling expenses to members of the County Council."

GULLET AT NEWTOWN, CAHORE.

Mr. Smyth said that the gullet at Newtown, Cahore, had broken down. The Engineer from the Board of Works, who was in charge of the drainage work at Cahore said he had nothing to do with this gullet. Several parties had approached him (Mr. Smyth) and pointed out that unless the gullet was repaired the drainage would be impaired and the road become so flooded as to be impassable.

The Co. Surveyor said he understood from an Engineer of the Board of Works who called on him that the Board would repair this gullet. He had communicated with the Board of Works in the matter officially and had received an acknowledgment only.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall



seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the Co. Surveyor communicate again with the Commissioners of Public Works and point out that the defective gullet at Newtown, Cahore, is part of the Cahore drainage system and that the necessary repairs to same should be carried out by the Commissioners without further delay. "

FREE SCHOOL BOOKS.

The following resolution received from Mayo Co. Committee, Irish National Teachers' Organisation, was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Gaul:-

"That on account of the large number and high price of text books required by Pupils of National Schools, especially in the Senior Standards, the Children of the Poor suffer an irreparable educational loss during their school career through the inability of their parents to purchase the necessary books, we, the National Teachers of Mayo request County and Urban Councils, Fianna Fail and Cumann na nGaedheal Branches, Clerical Managers' Associations, Labour Unions, and all bodies who are friends of the poor man's child, to pass resolutions requesting the Government to provide a Grant to supply free School Books to all Children attending the National Schools."

"BRITISH BOYCOTT" LEAGUE.

The following resolution was received for adoption from the Executive of the British Boycott League:-

"That as the forces of British Imperialism, in an endeavour to achieve the perpetual political and economic subjugation of the Irish people have virtually declared war upon the Irish nation and that as Imperial statesmen still persist in holding Ireland by force within the Empire, we hereby call upon the people of Ireland to resist the threats and aggressions of our only enemy by enforcing a complete boycott on all British commercial, industrial and financial interests."

The Chairman said they had that day a very big discussion about improving Wexford Harbour, but if the British Boycott League had its



way the Harbour would not be wanted very badly. He considered the suggested resolution was clearly political and he thought they need not take any notice of it. He ruled it out of order.

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