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Half yearly Meeting - 3rd November 1903.

The first statutable half yearly Meeting of the County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Court-House, Wexford on November 3rd 1903.

Present:- In the Chair - Sir J. H. G. Edmonde Bart (Chm)
Other Councillors:- Messrs Edmond Hore, (Vice-Chairman)
Daniel Dempsey, James E. Mayler, Michael Browne,
James Donohoe, John Bolger, John Cummins, Alexander
Kinsella, Michael J. Furlong, Robert King, Denis
Kavanagh, James Sinnott, James A Doyle, C. H.
Peacocke, James Shearne, John F. Walsh, John J.
Kehoe, Thaddeus Bolger, W. Murphy, Michael Hickey,
J. D. Doyle, Lord Stopford, and W. A. Ennis.

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

Election of Coroner.

The following application for the position of Coroner
was read.

Harpoonstown, Bridgetown
2nd November 1903.

W. H. Pigott Esq
Secretary Co. Council

Dear Sir,

I beg to offer myself as a candidate for the
office of Coroner for South Wexford. If elected
I will spare no pains to give satisfaction in the
discharge of my duties.

Your Obedient Servant
Peter French

Mr French enclosed testimonial as to character etc. from
very Rev Canon O'Horman P. P. Kilmore.

Under date - 30th October, letter No 60.708-1903. Wexford County
approving of salary of £125, per annum which the

County Council proposed to grant the incoming coroner, vice Mr Bogan, was read from the Local Government Board

On the motion of Mr Hore, seconded by Mr Peacocke Mr French M.P. was unanimously elected coroner. Mr French, returned thanks for his election.

J.L.H.

Adjustment Financial Relations.

Wexford Urban District, and Wexford Co. Council.

Under date 14th October 1903 (letter No 58651/1903) the Local Government Board wrote forwarding copy of the act of Parliament, confirming their Provisional Order, altering the financial relations, between the Urban District of Wexford and the County of Wexford.

The Secretary explained that the act carried out the agreement arrived at between the Urban Council and the County Council.

Motor Car Act 1903.

Under date the 21st October 1903 the Local Government Board (letter No 57.809-1903. Miscellaneous) forwarded for the consideration of the County Council, a draft of the regulations which they proposed issuing under section 6. of the Motor Car Act 1903.

The Local Government Board wished to be furnished with the observations of the Council by the middle of November as it was necessary for them to issue the Rules at the beginning of December.

The Chairman moved: - That Messrs Hore, C. H. Peacocke, Ennis, Kinsella, J. B. Hearn, and Lord Stopford, form a Committee, with Mr Webster County Surveyor, to investigate the regulations of the Local Government Board and make such suggestions or alterations as they consider necessary to the Local Government Board.

That the Secretary of the Local Government Board, be

requested to furnish six copies of the draft regulations for the members of the committee, and that a meeting of the committee be held on Tuesday 10th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M." Passed.

Quarterly Payments.

The Local Government Board under date 27th October (letter No. 59943-1903 Wexford County) wrote referring to an entry in the minutes of the Council of the 16th October, relative to the proposed re-adjustment of the salaries of the County Officers consequent on the adoption by the Council of a system of half-yearly meetings and requesting to be informed what provision the County Council proposed to make for the payment of 140 road contractors who it appeared had not consented to accept half yearly instead of quarterly payments.

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Hore the following recommendations of the Finance Committee were adopted:-

"That the Secretary be directed to bring the Return of Road Contractors affected by the quarterly payments up to date, and furnish same to the Local Government Board, and that all contractors on the quarterly basis, who have consented to receive their payments half yearly should be paid every six months." Passed.

"That a suitable memorandum be addressed by the Secretary, to the Road Contractors affected by quarterly payments, and that these contractors be asked in the interests of the public to agree to receive their payments half-yearly as the matter cannot be satisfactorily settled until we obtain their consent to have this done."

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hore,-

it was decided that it should be pointed out to these contractors, who have not replied, or who have refused to accept half-yearly payments; that unless they fall in with the action of the majority of the contractors it will not be possible for the County Council to effect the saving in the Rates they desire."

— Bond of Mr. Sinnott. Rate collector. —

Under date 20th October, the Local Government Board, (letter No 54.695-1903. Wexford County) wrote asking what steps had been taken by Mr. John Sinnott, Rate collector, with a view to providing the necessary security as collector.

The Secretary explained that the Bond executed by Mr. Sinnott failed to meet with the approval of the Local Government Board and it was necessary that a new bond should be executed.

This had been done and he had forwarded the Bond which he received on November 2nd to the Local Government Board for approval."

— Pier Repairs —

Under date 14th October and 21st October, the Board of Works, wrote (letters Nos 10538/03 and 9522/03) asking what steps had been taken to have repairs already pointed out by them carried out at Slade and Athurstown Piers."

The Secretary said the matter had been dealt with by the Council on the advice of the County Surveyor.

— Incidental Repairs to Piers. —

Sir J. H. Grattan Esmonde, Chairman of the Council had given the following notice of motion:-

"That all works to Piers other than structural improvements be half County-at-Large, and half district charges- in future."

He obtained permission to amend his proposal so as to read - "that all works to piers in future be half County-at-large and half district charges - Urban and Rural."

In moving this proposal he pointed out that although strictly speaking the motion was not binding, if the Council came to an honourable understanding it would save a great deal of time and trouble.

After a long discussion the Chairman requested that the motion, should be adjourned till next quarterly meeting and this was agreed to.

— Boulduff Pier. —

Under date 28th October 1903, the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, wrote (letter No. 3390-03. Fisheries Branch) acknowledging the receipt of letter embodying the terms of a resolution to be submitted to the Wexford County Council on the 3rd. proximo, in reference to Boulduff Pier; and stating that the Department will adopt as far as possible, the alterations suggested by the Piers and Harbours Committee, and concurred in by the County Surveyor, as marked on plan. Read.

— Grant for Piers. —

The Chairman (Sir J. H. G. Esmonde) moved: - "that we request the Government to allocate the sum of one hundred thousand pounds to the construction and improvement of Fishing Piers in the South East of Ireland on the same terms as the Grant under the Marine Works (Ireland) Bill, for the construction and improvement of fishing Piers in the West, with a view to affording similar facilities for the Fishermen on our coast as has been afforded in other places. e.g. at Ardmore in the County of Waterford.

And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief Secretary for Ireland, and the Vice President of the Department of Agriculture. Passed.

Mr Ennis moved and Mr Donohoe, seconded that the resolution as above be forwarded the Secretaries of the County Councils of Waterford, Wicklow and Louth and that they be requested to bring the matter under the notice of their Councils.

Repair of Roads

The following resolution passed by Gorey Rural District Council was read:-

"That instead of striking off a certain sum from each contract road, that this sum be expended under ten days notice on each road, and that the County Surveyor be instructed to have this proposition carried out when making his quarterly payments before any other payments are made."

This resolution was dealt with in connection with the next question.

Negligent Road Contractors

The following communication was read from the County Surveyor under date 31st October 1903.

"I wish to draw your attention to the following list of negligent road contractors, I would be glad if you would give me permission to prosecute any contractors on the list, who do not properly repair their roads and prepare their road material before the 30th November.

Enniscorthy Rural District

No 173. Felix Murphy No 35. Patrick Carty. No 190 John Stokes
No. 221 & 243 Michael Green, No 106 Owen Nolan, No 134. James Nolan, No 138 Michael Doran.

Gorey Rural District

No 22, 124, & 151. Joseph Murphy, No 97 Michael Keegan, No 111. John Dunne, No 125 Walter Dalton, No 141 Thomas Byrne, No 155 Michael Stanton, No 141. Thomas Byrne, No 155. Michael Stanton, No 160 Myles Kelly, No 171 John O'Leary, and Nos 68, & 68^a James Murphy.

New Ross Rural District

No 15 & 155 Philip Kelly, No 177, John Finn, No 182 Arthur Martin, No 216 John Doyle, No 69^a Richard Miskella No 92 James Roche.

Wexford Rural District

No 38 John Keuffe, No 110 Anne Keuffe, No 116, 117 and 97^a David Reilly, No 120 Laurence Radford, No 132 Richard Fortune No 139 John Devereux, No 184 John Breen, No 75 and 85^a John Dowd, No 89 Nicholas Fortune, No 93 William Whelan, No 94 George Browne.

I have served ten days Notices under the 54 section on a great many contractors; it would facilitate the repairs of the roads in some cases under this section, if you would allow the cost of the repairs in the first instance to come out of the subsidiary account.

During the past quarter the following are the amounts struck off or deferred:-

	<u>Deferred</u>	<u>Struck off.</u>
Enniscorthy Rural Dist.	228 : 17 : 7	153 : 13 : 3
Gorey " "	150 : 1 : 2	253 : 14 : 5
Wexford " "	195 : 10 : 5	107 : 12 : 8
New Ross " "	187 : 18 : 4	192 : 5 : 5
	<u>£ 762 : 7 : 6</u>	<u>£ 707 : 5 : 9</u>

The Chairman moved that full particulars in this matter be furnished the Local Government Board as to the question of repairing road under the 54th section and that they be asked for their direction' Mr. Ennis seconded. Passed.

On the motion of the Chairman the request of Mr. Webster as to prosecuting the contractors referred to was acceded to.

Resolutions from Rate Collectors.

The following resolutions passed at a meeting of Rate

collectors on the 23rd October, were laid before the meeting-

"That we the Rate Collectors of the County Wexford, assembled at a meeting in Enniscorthy on October 23rd do hereby protest against the letters of County Council to some of our collectors and especially their surties on August 31st owing to the then state of the rate collection, as up to that date we had all worked with due diligence as regards our collection. But the County Council should take into consideration the late harvest and the bad season, the worst on record for many years for both grain and cattle which put the poor rate in many instances in a very backward condition.

Should the County Council in future press us to take extreme measures by legal proceedings or otherwise against the poorer rate payers we would request that they would notify same through County Wexford Press, instead of their present method of sending private letters to the collectors."

"That we the rate collectors at a meeting in Enniscorthy on 23rd consider that the making out of revision sheets for the Secretary County Council is not part of our duty, and we respectfully ask County Council for payment for doing same, say £2 per 100 changes.

Mr Cummins proposed: - That the Local Government Board be requested to allow the Rate Collectors of the County to close their accounts by the 1st May and 1st November, and that we also request Sir Thomas Esmonde, to have such an amendment made in the law as will allow this to be carried out and that a copy of this resolution be sent the other County Councils of Ireland.

Mr Durlong seconded. Passed.

Mr Peacocke proposed - "That in deference to the meeting of the Rate Collectors in Enniscorthy we place the views of the Rate Collectors before the Local Government Board and ask them to rule if the collectors

are entitled to payment for work under the valuation acts.

Mr J. Bolger seconded the resolution which was passed.

— Sale of Food & Drugs Act. —

Referring to the working of the food and drugs Act, the Department of Agriculture etc. under date 26th October (letter No. 19528-03) wrote that it would be an advantage if arrangements were to ensure that samples submitted for analysis should on reaching the analyst contain the same proportion of water as on the date of purchase and with a view to secure this end it is recommended that the three portions into which samples are divided should be placed without pressure in dry and clean screw capped bottles.

The cost of providing these bottles would be comparatively small, when regard is had to the need for the adoption of all practicable means to safeguard the interests of the Irish butter industry, and the Department suggested the desirability of supplying each food inspector in the county with suitable bottles to be used for the object specified.

The Finance Committee made the following recommendation on the above:-

"That we agree to furnish the Food and Drugs Inspectors with clean screw capped bottles, and that we ask the Department of Agriculture to furnish us with the name of the firm from whom these bottles can be obtained."

On the motion of the Chairman the above resolution was adopted.

— New Ross Bridge. —

Under date 9th October the General Manager of the Grand Canal Company wrote:- For the safety of the steamers and boats belonging to this company working

on the Barrow at night, it is absolutely necessary to have a red light on each end of abutment of way arch of New Ross Bridge. At present there is only one white light on bridge and no guide whatever for vessels passing under in the dark. This makes it very dangerous for our Steamers and boats travelling during the night, and I shall be glad if you will place the matter before your Council with a view of having the necessary lights placed upon the bridge without delay. I took up the matter with the New Ross Harbour Commissioners but they referred me to the County Councils of Kilkenny and Wexford as owners of the bridge. I am writing the former to-day also.

On the motion of the Chairman it was decided that Mr. Dough be informed that his complaint should be addressed to the Harbour Commissioners of New Ross, and Urban District New Ross.

Works untendered for at Proposal Committee. Etc.

The following orders were made on works untendered for at meetings of Proposal Committee and Rural District Councils:-

Proposal Committee

No. 5. To repair New Ross Bridge not to exceed £40. to be a County charge. Given in charge of the County Surveyor.

No. 6. To repair Athurstown Pier, not to exceed £10. Area of charge to be fixed by the County Council. Given in charge of the County Surveyor.

The question of area of charge was adjourned until the disposal of the motion by the Chairman as to the understanding to be arrived at with regard to the repair of Piers.

The area of charge for sudden damage order for £50. for repair of ^{Duncannon} ~~Athurstown~~ Pier, was also postponed pending the discussion and disposal of the Chairman's notice of motion.

Wexford District.

No. 19, 113, 120, and 208, were referred back to the District Council.

New Ross District

William Hayes, Kilhili, Arthurstown, wrote with reference to Contract No. 21. - repair of 480 perches of road between Riverview gate and Arthurstown; - that he was under the impression when tendering that the branches to the Quay and Back street in Arthurstown, and also to the graveyard in Ballyhack were included, as he called for a specification but could not get one. As he found these branches were a separate contract, it would be impossible to keep up the road at $7\frac{1}{4}^d$ per perch. He had never been a contractor before, was a struggling man and could not carry out the contract. As he had been accepted contractor under a misapprehension he asked that the contract be cancelled.

On the motion of Mr Donohoe, seconded by Mr Dempsey, it was decided that the contract be cancelled, and that the work be given in charge of the County Surveyor for a month. No 141 was given in charge of the County Surveyor for a month.

No. 64, 60, and 71 were given in charge of the County Surveyor for six months.

No 142. - 968 perches from Tottenhamquer Bridge to the cross near Bullinstown, not to exceed 7^d .

James Banville, Bullinstown was accepted contractor at $6\frac{1}{2}^d$ per perch, Annual Amount £20 : 16 : 0

No. 4. was referred back to the District Council.

Gorey District

No. 1 and 142^a were given in charge of the County Surveyor.

Enniscorthy District

No. 164, 188, and 198, were referred back to the District Council.

No. 213- To keep in repair from the District bounds to the Wexford and Enniscorthy road 140 perches, not to exceed 4^d per perch.

John Bruen, Ballygomarran tendered at 3½^d per perch Annual Amount £2: 0: 10. and was accepted on the motion of the Chairman

Confirmation of Proposals.

Proposed by Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Ennis:-

"That the several proposals sent up by the Proposal Committee, as regards expenditure chargeable to the County-at-Large, be approved, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman, and including Provisional Proposal for £1000 for the improvement of Poulduff Pier". Passed.

Proposed by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Cummins

"That the several proposals for New Works and for payments sent up by the Rural District Councils of the County for the current quarter be approved, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman, and including provisional proposal, for the construction of a bridge over the stream on the road leading to Monaseed Chapel." Passed.

Confirmation of Minutes

On the motion of the Chairman, the minutes of the Proposal Committee, and Finance Committee were confirmed.

These included the following recommendation from the Finance Committee:-

"That Mr. P. Donohoe, Assistant in the County Council Office be granted an increase of salary from £1: 10/- per week to £2. per week in accordance with the understanding made at the time of his appointment"

Dates of Meetings.

The following dates were fixed for Council Meetings

for the Quarter ending 31st December 1903.

Wexford	Saturday	January 9 th 1904	at 10.30 O'clock
Enniscorthy	Tuesday	" 12 th "	" 11.15 "
Gorey	Thursday	" 14 th "	" 12. "
New Ross	Saturday	" 16 th "	" 12. "
Proposal Committee	Friday	" 15 th "	" 2. "
Co. Council	Tuesday	February 2 nd "	

Council Meetings for the quarter ending 31st March 1904
and half year ending 31st March 1904.

Wexford	Saturday	2 nd April 1904	10.30 O'clock
Enniscorthy	Tuesday	5 th " "	11.15 "
Gorey	Thursday	7 th " "	12. "
New Ross	Saturday	9 th " "	12. "
Proposal Committee	Friday	15 th " "	2. "
Co. Council	Tuesday	3 rd May 1904	

Report of Analyst.

City Laboratory
17 Castle Street

Dublin, 30th October 1903.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, B. Sc. M. D. Public Analyst, for the County of Wexford, on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 30th September 1903.

32 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R. I. C. as follows:-

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number</u>
Butter	16
Whiskey	12
Buttermilk	1
Brandy	1
Pepper	1
Rum	1
Total	<u>32.</u>

of the specimens of whiskey one was 28 degrees under proof and was therefore adulterated with at least 4 per cent of added water.

The remaining articles were of good quality.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union, fourteen drugs and four specimens of tea were analysed.

One of the drugs, namely, Liquid Extract of Cascara Sagrada, was high in gravity and solids. Another, namely, Ammoniated Liniment of Camphor, was low in ammonia and camphor. The specimens of tea were of good quality.

A specimen of water analysed for Enniscorthy Urban District Council had the following composition. One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matters	18.200
including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.006
Saline Ammonia	0.0015
Nitric Acid	1.560
Chlorine	2.186
Sulphuric Acid	1.4412
Equal to Calcium Sulphate	2.0000
A good water.	

For the Guardians of Gorey Union, thirteen drugs were analysed. One of them, namely, Tincture of Ferric Chloride, was low in iron.

For the Guardians of New Ross Union, ten drugs, five specimens of milk, and two of water were analysed. One of the drugs, namely Tincture of Calumba, was slightly low in solids.

Two of the milks were of poor and doubtful quality but not sufficiently so to warrant certificates of adulteration. The specimens of water had the following compositions.

One Imperial gallon contained in grains		
	No 1.	No. 2.
Total solid matters	25.200	28.000
including		
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.021	0.009

	<u>No. 1.</u>	<u>No. 2.</u>
Saline Ammonia	0.0015	0.002.
Nitric Acid	0.500	0.500
Chlorine	0.994	1.689
Sulphuric Acid	None	1.4412
Equal to Calcium Sulphate	None	2.0000

No. 1. was an inferior water, No. 2. a tolerably good one.

Twenty one specimens of water analysed for New Ross Urban District Council had the following compositions
On imperial gallon contained in grains

	<u>No. 1.</u>	<u>No. 2.</u>	<u>No. 3.</u>	<u>No. 4.</u>	<u>No. 5.</u>
Total Solid matters	35.000	121.800	22.400.	18.200	32.200
including					
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.004	0.013	0.005	0.009	0.006
Saline Ammonia	0.001	0.0015	0.001	0.0035	1.029
Nitric Acid	2.870	23.000	3.000	1.000	Trace
Chlorine	1.789	18.488	3.280	1.789	2.783
Sulphuric Acid	1.4412	28.824	1.4412	1.4412	5.7684
Equal to Calcium Sulphate	2.0000	40.0000	2.0000	2.0000	8.0000

	<u>No. 6.</u>	<u>No. 7.</u>	<u>No. 8.</u>	<u>No. 9.</u>	<u>No. 10.</u>
Total Solid matters	32.200	53.600	21.000	14.000	28.000
including					
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.010	0.010	0.007	0.005	0.007
Saline Ammonia	0.002	0.024	0.002	0.001	0.001
Nitric Acid	4.900	7.780	1.890	0.870	5.740
Chlorine	4.473.	7.057	1.590	1.192	3.772
Sulphuric Acid	4.3236	14.412	1.4412	1.4412	None
Equal to Calcium Sulphate	6.0000	20.000	2.0000	2.0000	None

	<u>No. 11.</u>	<u>No. 12.</u>	<u>No. 13.</u>	<u>No. 14.</u>	<u>No. 15.</u>
Total Solid matters	30.800.	46.200	35.000	35.000	42.000
including					
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.0055	0.037	0.008	0.007	0.010
Saline Ammonia	0.001	0.058	0.001	0.002	0.004
Nitric Acid	4.900	6.680	9.480	8.000	7.600
Chlorine	3.180	5.964	4.572	4.771	5.069
Sulphuric Acid	None	14.412	7.206	None	5.7648
Equal to Calcium Sulphate	None	20.000	10.000	None	8.0000

	<u>No. 16.</u>	<u>No 17.</u>	<u>No 18.</u>
Total solid matter	25.200	43.400	56.000
including			
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.006	0.007	0.007
Saline Ammonia	0.001	0.007	0.0035
Nitric Acid	4.800	4.900	7.120
Chlorine	8.677	5.765	7.256
Sulphuric Acid	8.6472	4.3236	4.3236
Equal to Calcium Sulphate	12.0000	6.0000	6.0000

	<u>No 19.</u>	<u>No 20.</u>	<u>No 21.</u>
Total solid matters	123.200	52.200	47.600
including			
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.015	0.007	0.007
Saline Ammonia	0.0045	0.006	0.0036
Nitric Acid	26.200	1.560	9.800
Chlorine	19.800	2.882	5.566
Sulphuric Acid	21.618	7.206	7.206
Equal to Calcium Sulphate	30.000	10.000	10.000

No. 1. 3. 8. 9. 10. 11. 13. 14. 16. 18 and 21 were very good waters

No 4. 6. 15. 17. and 20 were fairly good ones.

No 2. was very inferior, being extremely hard, and containing a rather large amount of Albuminoid Ammonia.

No 7. was slightly polluted, No 12. was largely polluted No 19 was very hard and inferior. No 5. was slightly polluted

For Enniscorthy District Lunatic Asylum three specimens of milk were analysed. One was under the average quality of pure milk.

There were twenty specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, Upper Merion Street Dublin, which were taken up in the County Wexford. They were pure.

A specimen of water analysed for J. Hodge Esq., Newtownbarry, had the following composition -
One imperial gallon contained in grains

Total solid matters	14.000
including	0.004
Albuminoid Ammonia	→
Saline Ammonia	0.0025
Nitric Acid	Trace
Chlorine	1.1093
Sulphuric Acid	1.14412
Equal to Calcium Sulphate	2.0000
A pure water.	

For the Enniscorthy Co-operative Society a specimen each of cotton, linseed, and compound fattening cakes were analysed with the following results -
100 parts contain

	<u>cotton cake</u>	<u>linseed cake</u>	<u>comp. fattening cake</u>
Moisture	10.27	11.27	11.17
Ash	6.33	5.03	7.28
Oil	9.08	11.30	11.02
Albuminoids	41.56	34.13	22.75
Carbohydrates	32.76	38.27	47.83
Nitrogen	6.65	5.46	3.64

For Shillelagh Union, which is partly situated in the County of Wexford, eleven drugs were analysed. One of them namely, Ammoniated Liniment of Camphor, was low in ammonia. Another namely Dilute Hydrobromic Acid was low in gravity.
Total analyses. 144

Charles A. Cameron

C. H. Keacoe Esq.
2nd Feb 1904

Special Meeting - 2nd December 1903.

A special meeting of the County Council, was held on December 2nd 1903. in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford; on the requisition of the Chairman, (Sir Thomas H. G. Esmonde) to consider the decision of the Magistrates, in the case of the County Council v. The Rosslare and Fishguard Railway Co., and the offer of the Railway Company to pay £845, to repair the damage done by them to the County roads by traffic in connection with the construction of the new line of Railway.

Present: - Mr. E. Hore, vice chairman (presiding)
Other Councillors: - Messrs C. H. Peacocke, J. F. Walsh, W. J. Furlong, D. Dempsey, John J. Kehoe, J. Cummins and W. Hickey.

The Secretary, Mr. R. W. Elgee, Solicitor, and Mr. Webster County Surveyor, were in attendance.

Railway Co. v. Co. Council - re roads.

Mr. Elgee informed the Meeting that on the hearing of the summonses by the County Surveyor on behalf of the County Council, against the Fishguard and Rosslare Railway Company, on the 25th ultimo, to enforce the penalties incurred by the Railway Company owing to non-compliance with the orders of the Magistrates of the Wexford petty sessions made in April last, the Magistrates decided unanimously that the Railway Company, were liable for the penalties sought to be enforced.

When the cases were before the Magistrates on the 25th ultimo, counsel for the Railway Co., offered in open court to pay £845. (the amount estimated by the County Surveyor which would be required to put the roads into repair) in settlement of the claim. This offer had been confirmed by Messrs O'Connor & Co. Solicitors for the defendants in a letter to Mr. Elgee.

The Meeting having gone fully into the matter, Mr Webster, in reply to the Chairman, said, he considered £845. would put the 11 roads proceeded on, into a proper state of repair.

The following resolution proposed by Mr Peacocke, and seconded by Mr Dempsey was unanimously adopted:

"That having heard the statement of our Solicitor Mr R. W. Elger, we instruct him to accept the sum offered by the Fishguard & Rosslare Railway Company £845. to repair the eleven roads which were the subject of legal proceedings, upon the clear and distinct understanding that this payment is in respect of any damage done up to now, to these roads by the Railway Company, and is not to include any future damage.

That we instruct Mr Elger, when he receives cheque to hand it over to the County Surveyor to be expended on the roads mentioned in the summonses."

J. B.
B. H. Peacocke

2nd Feb'y 1904

Special Meeting - 15th January 1904.

A special meeting of the County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on Friday 15th January 1904.

Present:- Mr. E. Hore, (vice chairman) presiding
Other councillors:- Messrs W. Browne, C. H. Peacocke, John Bolger, John J. Kehoe, J. Bolger, W. A. Ennis, J. B. Hearn, D. Dempsey, J. Sinnott, W. Murphy, D. Kavanagh, John F. Walsh, and J. E. Maylor.

The Secretary of the Council, Mr. Webster, County Surveyor, and R. W. Elger, Solicitor, were in attendance.

Auditor's Report.

The following report of the Auditor of the Local Government Board, on his audit of the accounts of the County Council, for the half-years ended 30th September 1902 and 31st March 1903, was read.

No. 69.485 : 1903

Wexford County

Wicklow

1st December 1903.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour, to report that I have completed the audit (which had been opened by the late Mr. Calvert) of the accounts of the County Council of Wexford, for the half-years ended the 30th September 1902, and 31st March 1903, and beg to forward Abstracts of the same duly declared and certified.

I ascertained that all sums received were properly brought to account, and that the several items of expenditure were supported by adequate vouchers.

The collection of the rates for both periods has been efficiently carried out, as the arrears returned

as outstanding have been all practically accounted for.

As regards a paragraph in the last Auditor's report, in which attention was called to an error in the assessment of No. 12. Special Charge (Mountgarrett Bridge) the levy for which was omitted on a small portion of one Electoral Division, I have satisfied myself that the matter in question has been since correctly dealt with.

The non-receipt of any sums for either of the Railway Companies, whose systems run through the County in respect of maintenance of roadways on, and approaches to, overline bridges (which was also commented on by Mr. Calvert) has been investigated and Counsel's opinion taken, which was favourable to the claims of the Council. When discussing this question with the Secretary, and also the County Surveyor, during the audit, I strongly advised that an amicable settlement of the case should, if possible be carried out, in order to avoid the costs of legal proceedings.

I had also an interview with the Solicitor of the Council, on the same subject, and he fully concurred with my views. He accordingly brought them under the notice of the Finance Committee at their meeting on the following day and they have recommended that the course suggested should be adopted by the Council.

A Road Contractor in the Rural District of Gorey was overpaid the sum of 6/8. As the amount, however, was duly lodged to the credit of the County, prior to the close of the audit, it is unnecessary for me to make any comment on the matter.

The Bonds of the accounting officers were produced for my inspection, and were found to be correct and in order.

I have only to add that the accounts were in every respect satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your most Obedient Servant,

W^m Gibson,

Auditor.

The Local Government Board

Custom House, Dublin

With reference to overline bridges on Railways the following minute of the Proposal Committee was confirmed on the motion of W^r Ennis, seconded by W^r Dempsey:— "W^r Webster reported, I have been in communication with the Chief Engineer of the D. W. & W. Railway, with reference to the maintenance of roads over the railway. I shall lay before you the offer of £30. per annum from the Railway Co., in lieu of maintaining these roads and road diversions I think the offer is a fair one. I am in correspondence with the Engineer of the Great Southern and Western Railway on the same subject with regard to their system in the County."

W^r Webster read the correspondence which had taken place between himself and the Engineer of the Railway Company. There were 23 bridges in all to be taken into account of which 3 were maintained by the Railway Company, thus leaving 20 maintained by the County.

W^r Peacocke proposed:— "That a copy of the letter of the Chief Engineer of the D. W. & W. Railway Co. to W^r Webster, be furnished the Wexford Urban District Council, and that they be requested to inform the County Council as soon as possible, if they will accept £2. 10/- per annum for the maintenance of the roadway over the bridge within the Borough boundary."

W^r Ennis seconded the resolution which was adopted.

New Auditor

Under date 12th December 1903 letter No. 155/W/1903. from the Local Government Board, stated that until

further notice the accounts of the County Council would be audited by Mr D. B. Sheehan Local Government Auditor.

Motor Car Regulations

Circular letter No. 57809/1903. from the Local Government Board, under date 23rd November 1903, with reference to the issue by that Board of regulations under section 7 of the motor car Act of 1903 was read.

In this letter the Local Government Board pointed out that the regulations had been framed after conference with the English Local Government Board, and the Secretary for Scotland, and after a careful consideration of the various suggestions received from local authorities and others to whom the draft regulations had been submitted.

The regulations did not materially differ from the Draft the principal alterations being that two shapes of rectangular plates were permitted. Particulars of these were in the Fourth Schedule to the Order.

The index letter "I" would be used only in Ireland.

The Secretary of the County Council and any other Officer duly authorised by the Council are empowered to perform any duty or exercise any power of the Council, for the purpose of putting the regulations into effect.

The Act came into force on the first of January 1904.

Payments of Rate Collectors under Valuation Acts.

Under date November 14th 1903, the following letter No. 63,699/1903, Wexford County, was read from the Local Government Board.

With reference to your letter of the 4th instant relative to the remuneration of collectors of Poor Rate in the County Wexford, for services under the Valuation Acts, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to state, that in their

opinion, the collectors are not entitled to extra remuneration for this work, which forms part of their ordinary duties for which they are paid poundage fees." Marked "Read"

Close of Financial Year.

The following letter under date 12th November 1903 and No. 63,561: 1903. Wexford County, was read from the Local Government Board.

"With reference to an entry on the minutes of Proceedings of the County Council of Wexford on the 3rd instant on the subject of the dates for closing the collection of the Poor Rate in that County, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to state that in the existing state of the law, the financial half-years must close on the 30th of September and the 31st March."

Mr Peacocke proposed: "That a copy of the resolution of the Council as to the change of the financial half-years, and the reply of the Local Government Board, be furnished Sir Thomas Esmonde M.P. and Mr. French M.P. and that they be requested to have the change asked by the collectors carried out"

Mr Kehoe seconded. Passed.

Electric Light Installation District Asylum.

Under date 4th December 1903 (letter No. 17848/03) the Secretary to the Board of Works, wrote with reference to the loan of £6,000 for the purposes of installing electric light in Enniscorthy Asylum that the instructions of the Treasury rendered it necessary before the case can proceed that the Council should give an undertaking to pay the instalments of the proposed loan at the dates when they became due, viz:- 1st May and 1st November in each year.

On receipt of the undertaking the Board would be in a position to proceed with the ease, provided the financial position disclosed by the particulars furnished by the Local Government Board, be found to be satisfactory.

"On the motion of Mr Ennis, seconded by Mr Dempsey the following undertaking was agreed to:-

"The Wexford County Council hereby undertake that the instalments in repayment of the loan now proposed (£6,500) for the purpose of installing electric light in the District Asylum, Enniscorthy) will be punctually remitted at the dates at which they become due, viz:- 1st May and 1st November in each year."

Arthurstown Pier.

Under date 31st December 1903, letter No. 18,891. '03 from the Board of Works as to repairs to Arthurstown Pier, was read. The communication stated that the Commissioners of Public Works had received the report of the County Surveyor as to the repairs to this Pier, and they regarded it as satisfactory.

Poulduff Pier.

Under date 10th November 1903, the following letter, No. 3637/03. F. from the Department of Agriculture was read.

"I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 4th Inst. embodying copy of resolution passed by the Wexford County Council on the 3rd Inst. in reference to Poulduff Pier; and to state, for the information of the Council, that the execution of works embracing the suggested extension might cost up to £2,400. They will, however, be carried out by contract, on plans to be approved by the County Surveyor, so far as the sum at present available (£2,000) will permit.

If a contractor cannot be found to undertake the whole work for this sum, the Department will

expect the County to take its share of any extra expenditure between £2,000 and £2,400.

Mr. J. Bolger proposed - "That a copy of the letter of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, under date November 10th be forwarded to Sir T. H. Grattan Esmonde, and that he be asked to use his influence with the Department to induce the latter to agree to the terms of the resolution of the County Council, and that such a very necessary work should not be allowed to fall through.

Mr. Ennis seconded the resolution. Passed.

Lights New Ross Bridge.

The following correspondence was laid before the meeting in connection with the question of providing lights for navigation at New Ross Bridge.

Letter from the Secretary of the New Ross Harbour Commissioners, to the Secretary of the County Council, Wexford, under date 5th November 1903.

"At a meeting of my Board on the 4th Inst the application of the Grand Canal Company, re Lights on New Ross Bridge, was before them. I beg to state that I have been directed by my Commissioners to apply to your Council and Kilkenny, the owners of the Bridge to supply the lights required.

I beg to attach copies of letters from the Grand Canal Company."

Letter from the Agent of the Grand Canal Company at New Ross to the Secretary of the New Ross Harbour Commissioners, under date 26th August 1903.

"I have been directed by the Manager of the Grand Canal Company to apply to your Board to have lights put on the New Ross Bridge, same as other Harbours, and the winter nights are now coming on and our steamers and boats will be travelling by night.

Where we require the lights is on the second arch on the County Kilkenny side of the bridge."

Letter from the Agent of the Grand Canal

company at New Ross, to the Secretary of the New Ross Harbour Commissioners under date 25th September 1903-

"With reference to yours of the 5th Inst, I am again requested by the Manager of the G. & C. Co., to apply to you to know when the lights are to be put up. Two lamps on each abutment of Bridge with red panes facing up and down the river. Awaiting your reply."

Letter from the Manager of the Grand Canal Company to the Secretary of the New Ross Harbour Commissioners under date 2nd November 1903-

"With reference to your letter of the 7th ultimo to our New Ross Agent, regarding the matter (lights on New Ross Bridge) I wrote the Secretary of the Kilkenny County Council, and he replies as follows:-

"Your application re lights at New Ross Bridge, came before my Council, at their meeting on 31st Inst. After some discussion the matter was referred to the New Ross Harbour Commissioners, who, my Council, hold are the proper authorities to deal with the matter."

Will you therefore lay the matter before your Commissioners again, and let me hear from you without delay as our vessels are running great risk in passing under the Bridge on these dark nights."

The Secretary said that an application had been made to the County Council, by the Manager of the Grand Canal Company as to the Council providing the lights in question. The matter was considered at the meeting of the Council on the 3rd November, and the following letter sent by him, to the Manager of the Grand Canal Company, would explain the views of the Council.

"I beg to inform you that your letter of the 9th October, with reference to the necessity of the placing of a red light on each end of abutment of way arch of New Ross Bridge, was considered by

my county council at the meeting on the 3rd inst., when it was decided that the matter was one either for the Harbour Commissioners or the urban District of New Ross, as my county council have nothing to say to the navigation on the river, and are responsible only for the up-keep of the bridge.

Proposed by Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Kehoe - "That the Secretary of the New Ross Harbour Commissioners be informed that acting on the advice of their solicitor, the county council hold they are not responsible for providing lights for navigation."

Poor Law Reform Commission

Under date 9th inst. circular letter was received from Mr. G. A. Mahon, Secretary to the Poor Law reform Commission.

The communication was accompanied by a list of queries, replies to which were solicited.

The council were also asked to furnish the names of two witnesses who would give evidence in detail as to the views of the council on the subject matter for inquiry.

Mr Hearn moved - That Mr Peacocke and Mr Ennis be appointed a committee to draft replies to the queries and be also appointed witnesses to give evidence on behalf of the council.

State of the Roads.

Mr. Mahon, General Post Office, Dublin, wrote as follows, under date 19th November 1903 -

It has been reported to me that the Road between Kate's crossroads and Claristown is frequently flooded, sometimes to a depth of three or four feet rendering it impassable for the conveyance of mails except at considerable risk and danger to the postmen employed. I shall be obliged if you will bring the matter before the next meeting of your council in order that steps may be taken to remedy the existing state of affairs."

On the motion of the Chairman

seconded by Mr Walsh, the above letter was referred to Mr Webster, County Surveyor.

Capt Samuel Barrett-Hamilton, Kilmannock House, Athurstown, wrote as follows under date 24th November 1903.

"I should feel so much obliged if you would bring this letter before your County Council. It is a matter, I think, with their high powers they should take serious notice of.

It appears, as I am informed, the Rosslare Railway Company contractors, have been bringing by road a 50 ton locomotive on the public road. Of course I can only speak of my own district, personally I am all in favour for anything that will in the smallest degree benefit our County in any shape or form, but at the same time, I think this is simply scandalous, and I would most respectfully ask your County Council, to use all their powers to prevent a repetition of what I may call the greatest destruction you could do to our County Roads, which are bad enough, and totally unheard of. With this short statement I confidently leave the matter in the hands of the County Council."

Mr Webster said the Railway Company were being prosecuted for the condition of the road referred to by Capt Hamilton.

The locomotive did not do half as much harm to the roads as the traction engine traffic of the contractors.

Mr Henry Bruen junr Coolbawn, Enniscorthy wrote under date, 29th November 1903-

"I would ask you to draw the attention of your Council to the state of some ^{of the} roads - viz: that between Killanne, and Ballyhyland, also between Kiltrea and Monart. In the latter few

of the stones put on measure less than six inches in the smallest part. The road between Ballyanne and New Ross, is also practically impassable.

There are such good roads in some other parts of the county, that I cannot think the fault is in the material for repairing the roads."

The consideration of Mr Bruen's letter was adjourned till the quarterly meeting.

State of County Courthouses.

Under date December 15th 1903 the following letter was read from County Court Judge Barry:-

"I trust that the County Council of Wexford will not consider that I am unduly trespassing upon their time if I write to call attention to the condition of the courthouses in the several Quarter Sessions towns of the county.

None of these seem to have been painted or looked after for years, and are in a very neglected state, the heating appliances consisting in Gorey and Enniscorthy, of a small stove of very primitive design, placed in the body of the court, and in New Ross of such another placed beside the bench; are quite inadequate in the cold winter or autumn months.

I would also suggest that some effort might be made to give a semblance of comfort to judges' rooms.

For instance in New Ross, I am provided with a miserable apartment, in which the paper did for some time hang in festoons from the walls, but has now entirely peeled off in consequence of the damp, which appears to come from the defective condition of the roof.

The few wretched articles of furniture are mouldering and wormeaten, the floors devoid of carpet or mat, and in fact the whole place most squalid and comfortless.

The same remarks apply though to somewhat

less degree to Enniscorthy.

I wish it to be understood that the several Court-keepers are in no way responsible for this state of things. They are without exception, respectable men, who do their best to keep courts, and rooms, clean and tidy, but of course they are powerless to stay the ravages of time or to cope with mildew in the buildings, which I presume have not been papered, painted, repaired or refurnished within the memory of man.

The sanitation of the courts also leaves much to be desired. Trusting that the County Council will give some attention to these matters which so sadly need reformation.

Mr. Ennis proposed:- That we refer Judge Barry's letter to Mr. Webster, our County Surveyor for his report as to the cost of carrying out the suggestions contained in Judge Barry's communication, and that the Secretary so inform Judge Barry.

Mr. Walsh seconded the motion which was passed.

Rent of Enniscorthy Courthouse.

Under date 3rd November 1903, the following letter was read from Mr. G. B. Roberts, Agent to Lord Portsmouth.

"The period for which the Enniscorthy courthouse holding was let, viz:- 61 years having expired, I beg to inform you, that his Lordship has re-rented same at £15 a year, clear over all taxes, save landlord's proportion of Income Tax, from 25th March 1903. His Lordship will grant a lease of same to the County Council, for 70 years from the 25th March 1903."

The Secretary stated that he had given this letter to the Solicitor to the County Council who wrote under date 10th November, that he had written to Mr. Roberts for a copy of the lease, and

forwarded copy of the reply which he had received.

The following is a copy of the letter written by Mr. Roberts, to Mr. Elgu, Solicitor, to the County Council, under date, 9th November 1903.

"Replying to your letter of the 7th inst., I beg to say the above holding was let 61 years ago by the Trustees of John Charles, Earl of Portsmouth, and as the lease for same was not taken out it was impossible for you to find the Lessee's portion.

As I mentioned in my letter to Capt. Pigott the period for which the lease would be granted viz: 61 years expired on 25th March last, and his Lordship has now re-rented it from that day at £15 a year.

Should the County Council wish for a lease his Lordship will grant one for 70 years."

The following minute of the Finance Committee in relation to the above was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Walsh.

"That having considered the letter of Mr. Roberts of the 3rd November 1903. the Finance Committee are surprised at Lord Portsmouth having re-fisced a rent on the plot of ground in question without making any communication before hand to the County Council. Having regard to the fact that the Courthouse was erected by the County at the expense of the Ratepayers, and that it requires considerable outlay - the County Court Judge having called attention to its dilapidated condition the County Council consider that the rent of £15 per annum asked for, is much too high, but in order to arrive at a settlement of the matter, they would be prepared to pay a rent of £10 a year on the terms mentioned in Mr. Roberts' letter of the 3rd November last.

In view of the fact that his Lordship's predecessor in title let the plot upon which the buildings were erected to the County at of a year the increase to £15

a year would seem excessive.

The County Council would be glad to know if his Lordship would sell the plot, and if so on what terms."

Application for Explosive Licence.

Mr W. Armstrong, Main Street, Wexford applied for an Explosives' Licence for premises at Hopeland Bank, Rosslare; the Secretary explained that Mr Armstrong had had a licence for this place, but through an oversight forgot to have it renewed within the proper time.

On the motion of Mr Ennis, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the application was granted.

Wexford Branch, Irish Medical Association

Dr W. W. Murphy, Hon Sec. to the Wexford Branch, of the Irish Medical Association, forwarded the following resolution for the consideration of the County Council.

"That we, the County Wexford Branch of the I. M. A., desire to call the attention of the County Council, and the various Boards of Guardians in this County, to section 6 of the Local Government Amendment Act 1902, and to ask them in their own interests as representatives of the Ratepayers to agitate for the early repeal of this section, and thus to facilitate a settlement of the grievances under which we, as Poor-Law Medical Officers labour."

Mr Peacocke proposed, Mr Kehoe seconded and it was passed.

That we request our Parliamentary representatives to agitate for the repeal of section 6 of the Local Government Act of 1902."

The Compulsory Education Act.

On the motion of Mr Kavanagh, seconded by Mr Peacocke, the Standing Orders were suspended to allow Mr J. Bolger to move a resolution with reference to

amendments proposed in the Irish Education Act 1892.

Mr Bolger was moving his resolution, when some councillors pointed out that it was liable to lead to a long discussion, and to be opposed.

The chairman then suggested that as no notice had been given of the resolution it would be as well to adjourn it, till the quarterly meeting, and it could be set out in full on the Agenda paper.

This suggestion was agreed to.

New Telegraphic line.

An application was read from the Secretary to the General Post Office, Dublin, for permission to place an overground telegraphic line along the public road between Kilmuckridge and Oulart Post Office. Any damage which would be done in making or maintaining the line would be made good.

Mr Ennis proposed and Mr Kehoe seconded the following. "That permission be granted the Postmaster General, to erect a telegraphic line on the road between Kilmuckridge and Oulart." Passed.

B. H. Keane

27th Feb 1904

Quarterly Meeting - 2nd February 1904.

The Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 2nd February 1904.

Present:- Messrs C. A. Peacocke, W. A. Ennis, J. Donohoe, W. Browne, W. J. Furlong, W. Murphy, J. D. Doyle, Lord Stopford, John J. Kehoe, John Cummins, J. Bolger, Daniel Dempsey, and J. F. Walsh,

On the motion of W^r Ennis, seconded by W^r Donohoe, the Chair was taken by W^r Peacocke.

The Secretary of the Council, W^r R. W. Elgee Solicitor, and W^r Webster, County Surveyor, were in attendance.

The Minutes of Quarterly, and previous meetings were read and signed.

Adoption of Rate.

Letter from the Local Government Board, under date, 6th January 1904, (No. 74522/1904 Wexford County) which was read, assented to the Estimate of Rate for the year ended the 31st March 1905, being dealt with at the meeting of the County Council on the 2nd February.

W^r Cummins proposed - That the estimate of Rate for General, and separate charges as presented by the Secretary, be adopted. W^r Kehoe seconded.
Passed.

Sheep Scab Order.

The Local Government Board, forwarded copy of the Diseases of Animals Act 1903. (3 Edward 7 Chap 43) and which gives power to the County Council, as the Local Authority, to examine any sheep suspected of having scab, and to provide dipping tanks or stations.

In connection with this matter, circular letter, No 3814 - 04 D. B. January 1904 was read from the

Department of Agriculture. The communication pointed out that there were certain practical and scientific points in connection with sheep dipping, that required further elucidation, before a final decision is arrived at, as to the precise nature and scope of the Orders which the Department were empowered to issue under the Act, and a committee, on which the Department, as well as Irish farming interests are represented was appointed last year, by the Board of Agriculture, and Fisheries, of Great Britain to conduct investigations into the matter.

The Department proposed to defer action as regards the issue of Orders under the recent Act until the Report of the committee had been presented and considered.

"Referred to Diseases of Animals committee"

Sealed Orders- Enniscorthy District

The Local Government Board, forwarded copy of Sealed Order (No. 1491-1904) Rathfyllane Pump, the Rural District of Enniscorthy, being the area of charge, and copy of Sealed Order No. 65,807-1903, Guarantee of a sum not exceeding £23. per annum, for seven years, for any loss sustained by the Postal Authorities, by reason of extension of telegraphic communication to Oulart - the Rural District of Enniscorthy being also the area of charge.

Poor Law Reform

The following was read for the meeting:-
Report of Messrs C. H. Peacocke, and W. A. Ennis, committee appointed by the Wexford County Council, on January 15th, to draft replies to queries submitted to the Council on behalf of the Irish Poor Law Reform Commission.
The committee held two meetings
Report presented to Quarterly Meeting of the County Council on February 2nd 1904.
Query. No. 1. whether having regard to the extent, population, necessities of the sick, and destitute poor,

and economic conditions of the County of Wexford, and the facilities of locomotion and proper administration of the Poor Law therein, it would be expedient to dissolve any of the unions, wholly, or partly contained in the county, and if so, what arrangements, whether by amalgamation or otherwise, should be substituted therefor.

Reply: The Committee suggest that the healthy Infirm, and able-bodied Inmates of the Gorey Workhouse, should be transferred to Enniscorthy; that the Lunatics, and Idiots of the County, which number 150 or thereabouts, should be centralized in Gorey, the existing workhouse there, to be utilized as an auxiliary asylum. In addition the hospital should be retained to deal with cases of illness other than those of a permanent type.

The Committee consider that these alterations could be effected for £1,000. They do not propose that any of the present staff should be superannuated; the institution should be under the supervision of the Medical Officer of the Workhouse, and sufficient attendants to care the inmates should be appointed; with the Resident Medical Superintendent of the District Asylum, as a consulting and visiting Physician.

The Capitation Grant of 2/- per head would amount for the 150 people to be transferred from the other Workhouses, to £780. per annum, and the change favoured by the Committee would it is considered impose no additional taxation on the general body of Ratepayers. The Committee, in this connection fail to see any valid reason why the Capitation Grant for patients in ~~District~~ Auxiliary Asylum should be only 2/- as against 4/- for patients in District Lunatic Asylum and in order to provide for thoroughly efficient treatment, they consider a move should be made in Parliament to secure an all round capitation grant of 4/-.

The Committee consider that an experiment should be made in the boarding out of the healthy

infirm, but that an organized system to carry out this view should not be agreed to unless the experiment was found to yield good results.

The healthy infirm should be boarded out if possible with their relatives. Grants should be voted by Parliament to assist in boarding out the deserving poor.

Query No. 2. whether in the event of any union or unions being dissolved, and of the workhouse or workhouses thereof being no longer required, for Poor Law purposes, such workhouse or workhouses could with advantage be taken over by the county council, for an Auxiliary Lunatic Asylum, under section 76 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, or could be otherwise utilized for any other, and if so, what public purpose.

Reply :- Answered above.

Query No. 3. whether with or without a dissolution of any union it would be possible:-

- (a) by an arrangement for the maintenance of any class or classes of paupers in the workhouse of another union; or
- (b) by combining a number of unions for the purpose of Poor Law Relief; or
- (c) by boarding out workhouse inmates.

to make better provision for the classification and treatment of the inmates chargeable to the said unions.

Reply :- Answered above.

Query No. 4. whether in the event of an amalgamation or combination of unions being carried out or any other arrangements being made for the relief of the destitute poor, any changes in the law and procedure as to administration, and in the chargeability of relief would be desirable.

Reply :- In the event of imbeciles etc, being centred in Gorey, the county council, should appoint one or two councillors from each of the four districts, to act as a committee to administer the finances and

management of auxiliary asylum, (sec 76. 61 & 62 Vic. c. 37- Local Government (Ireland) Act).

Maintenance of Imbeciles, and harmless Lunatics - in fact of all the inmates of the auxiliary Asylum - should be a County-at-Large charge.

Maintenance of the healthy infirm, proposed to be transferred from Gorey to Enniscorthy Workhouse, should be charged to Gorey district.

Query. No. 5. whether having regard to the number, capacity and situation of the Workhouse Hospitals, County Infirmary, County Fever Hospitals, and other Hospitals, existing in the County, additional accommodation is required for the proper treatment of the sick poor in any union, district, or locality in the County and if other accommodation seems desirable, how it may best be provided without entailing undue hardship upon the destitute or on the sick poor of the union.

Reply:- The Workhouse Hospitals in New Ross, Enniscorthy, Gorey, and Wexford, should be utilized as District Hospitals, and be cut off from communication with the workhouse proper and have each a separate entrance, and be in all respects managed as an Hospital as distinct from a workhouse, with a view to such Hospitals, in future, under improved conditions of work, and management, being sufficient to satisfy the need for Hospital accommodation in the County, and the public using those Hospitals to be admitted without entry on the workhouse books.

Query. No. 6. whether any administrative and financial changes are desirable in order to secure a more economical system for the relief generally of:-

(a) the sick

(b) the insane, and

(c) all other classes of the poor or destitute, without impairing efficiency of administration

Reply:- answered above

Query No. 7- How far, in the case of persons who are not

destitute, it would be desirable to introduce a system of payments or contributions in aid of the cost of treatment of the sick, and insane in hospitals or other such institutions.

Reply :- It would be desirable that the Committee managing the Institution, should have power to fix the amount of contribution to be paid in each individual case.

Query No. 8. What change, if any, seems to be possible and desirable as regards the treatment of the vagrant poor generally known as "Tramps or Casuals"?

Reply :- "Tramps or Casuals" should be under the immediate supervision of the police, by means of a system whereby any person leaving his own locality to procure employment would obtain a certificate from the Head Constable of his district as to his need of employment and the reasonableness of his going in search of it, said certificate to be considered as a guarantee of the bona fides of the holder and to remain effective for three months, after which period the person should be placed in the category of the "professional tramp" and be liable, having been tried by two or more Magistrates sitting at a special court; or in ordinary Petty Sessions, to committal to a Reformatory, with a view to his being made self-supporting.

In the case of persons passing from one place to another seeking employment, the Relieving Officer should give them a ticket for one night, to a common lodging house, and if necessary afford them provisional relief.

The term "workhouse" should be abolished.

(Signed) C. A. Peacocke, Co. Councillor
W. A. Ennis, Co. Councillor

W. Peacocke reports in addition to the above, as follows :- "In the event of the workhouse hospitals of the four unions of the county, being utilized as

District Hospitals, having been cut off from communication with the Workhouse proper, and having each a separate entrance, and being in all respects managed as an Hospital, as distinct from a workhouse, and having "pay wards" and qualified nurses to attend such wards, in such an event, I consider the subject of amalgamating the County Infirmary with the Wexford District Hospital, will be well worthy the attention of the Ratepayers.

If such a change were realized it would prove a great saving to the County-at-Large charges"

(Signed) C. H. Peacocke, Co. Councillor

It was decided to adjourn the consideration of the matter until a Special Meeting of the Council on the 23rd February, on the motion of Mr. J. D. Doyle seconded by Lord Stopford.

Appointment of Rate collector

The Secretary said that in May last Mr. John Sinnott, Ballycland, Davidstown, had been appointed Rate collector (vice Mr. Patrick Dunne deceased) for one year, and it was necessary for the Council at the present meeting to take some action as regards the new appointment.

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed, on the motion of Lord Stopford, seconded by Mr. Cummins.

Mr. Peacocke proposed - "That the Secretary advertise the appointment of a Rate collector for No 10. collection District at a poundage rate of 6^d in the £ and the usual statutory fees for Voters and Jurors Acts. Mr. Donohoe seconded. Passed.

Acknowledgments Resolutions

With reference to the resolutions adopted by the Council on the 15th January as to the proposal to change the close of the financial half-years, and repeal of

section 6 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1902. Sir Thomas H. G. Esmonde, Bart. M.P. wrote, that he would do his best to have the views of the Council carried out.

Mr. Peter French, M.P. wrote acknowledging receipt of copies of the same resolutions and stating that it would give him great pleasure to work for the proposed changes.

Repairs of Piers

The following resolution by Sir Thomas Esmonde Chairman of the Council, adjourned from last quarterly meeting came up for discussion:- "That all works to piers other than structural improvements be half county-at-large charges, and half District charges in future."

Adjourned for attendance of Sir Thomas Esmonde.

Marine Works

With reference to the resolution adopted by the Council at last quarterly meeting, requesting the Government, to allocate the sum of £100,000 to the construction and improvement of fishing piers, in the southeast of Ireland, on the same terms as the Grant under the Marine Works (Ireland) Act.

Mr. H. K. Nesbet, wrote under date 5th November 1908 that he was directed by the Chief Secretary for Ireland, to acknowledge the letter of the Secretary of the County Council, containing copy of the resolution.

Mr. H. G. Smith, Private Secretary to Sir Horace Plunkett, also acknowledged receipt of the resolution and which he said, would have the attention of Sir Horace Plunkett.

Sale Sheep Dip.

The following resolution was received from Galway Co. Council:-

"That we consider that any restriction put on the sale of Sheep Dip to be seriously detrimental to the cleanliness of sheep, and that if its sale be

confined to chemists, we are absolutely certain that thousands of small farmers will consider it impossible to dip their sheep; and we therefore warn the Government, of the possible danger of the highly contagious disease of sheep scab spreading.

Mr. Doyle proposed the adoption of the above, Mr. Cummins seconded. Passed.

Building Technical Schools.

Sir Thomas Esmonde, gave notice to move - "That we, in common with the Agricultural and Technical Committees in Ireland, request the Treasury to grant annually a sum sufficient to provide for the repayment of the sinking fund and interest on loans, to be obtained for building suitable and permanent technical schools which are so urgently needed to carry out the work already successfully inaugurated throughout Ireland, further; that copies of this resolution be forwarded the Lord Lieutenant; the Chief Secretary for Ireland, the Prime Minister, the Secretary to the Treasury, and the Department of Agriculture, and Technical Instruction.

The above was postponed for the attendance of Sir Thomas Esmonde.

Irish Education Act.

Councillor J. Bolger, had given notice to move from conference of the County School Attendance Committees confirmation of the following suggested amendments to the Irish Education Act 1892 - "Sec 1 sub sec. 3 a - That three miles limit be substituted for two miles limit, and right of way, for road, for children, between the ages of 10 and 14. Sec 4 sub-section 2 - Read. "Impose a fine not exceeding, including costs 10/- instead of 5/-

Sec 4 sub sec 1. That after the word making order (in this Act called an Attendance order) add the words "with costs".

Sec 4. Sub. sec 3 - After the words less than

two months, add except in the case of truant and incorrigible children that the magistrates be empowered to send said children to an industrial school.

Sec 7. sub-sec 1. - After the words court of summary jurisdiction shall be constituted, substitute one justice of the peace instead of two.

Also the following resolution adopted at the conference "That the unappropriated portion of the Equivalent Grant, assigned to Ireland, by the Development Fund Act, be applied exclusively for the improvement of primary education and for better equipment of Irish National Schools, as it is absolutely necessary that heating, cleansing, and proper sanitary arrangements be provided for, also, with a view to encourage regularity of attendance, to stimulate energy, and to facilitate the intellectual progress of the children of the poor, a liberal system of school prizes be established, and that the present inadequate school staff be increased, that the maximum of educational advantages may be brought within the reach of every child in the country."

Councillor Browne, had also given notice to move:-

"That when the recommendations, of the conference of school attendance committees, comes before the meeting, as it appears from section 10 (2) of the Irish Education Act of 1892, that the county council is obliged, on application from a District Council, to put the act in force in that District, the recommendations of the conference be referred to the District Councils for their opinion; and also, as to whether they wish the act to be enforced in their respective districts."

By permission of the meeting the resolutions of Messrs Bolger and Browne, were postponed until the Special Meeting in February.

Income Tax on Tenant Purchasers.

Councillor W. Browne, moved:—"that the practice of assessing Income Tax on Tenant purchasers under the Land Act, as proprietors, is unjust and inequitable, as their yearly instalments to the Land Commission, are in most cases but slightly less than their former rents, and we request our Chairman to have a clause inserted in any amending Land Act, that may be introduced to remedy this grievance."

The Chairman seconded the resolution which was adopted.

Poulduff Pier.

Under date 22nd January 1904, the following letter (No 249/04) was received from the Department of Agriculture re Poulduff Pier:-

"With reference to the resolution on the subject of Poulduff Pier, adopted by the Wexford County Council on the 15th Inst; I have to state that the Department are prepared to pay one-half the cost of the proposed improvements, provided their contribution will not exceed £1,200. The Department cannot increase the amount of this offer."

Sir Thomas Esmonde, under date 29th January 1904, in answer to a resolution sent to him on this matter, from the Council wrote:-

"You will have received a letter by now, from the Department of Agriculture, with regard to Poulduff Pier. As I cannot attend the meeting on Tuesday may I suggest to the Council, to close with the Department's offer, which is a considerable advance on its previous proposals."

Under the new regulations, the Department will not advance more than half of the cost of marine works. On more than one occasion, I have explained to the Council, how we have been prejudicially affected by the passing of the Marine Works Act, prior to the passing of which we could have counted on two-

chords of the cost of marine works being found for us, out of the Public Funds, as in the case of Ardmore.

As things are now however, and as there is little likelihood under existing conditions of obtaining a marine works Bill, for the Eastern Coast, I think that the Council would do well to accept the proposal of the Department of Agriculture, regarding Poulduff, so that the work may be entered upon without further delay - as delay now, means putting off the work for another year - and so that employment may be provided for the people who badly need it in that locality."

Mr Ennis moved: - "That a special meeting of the Council, be convened for a convenient date by the end of February to rescind the resolution adopted by the Council with reference to the proposed works at Poulduff Pier, and to take such further action as may be deemed desirable by the Council in connection with this work; the full text of the resolution to be set out on the agenda paper. The Chairman seconded. Passed.

On the motion of Mr Dempsey, seconded by Mr Ennis the special meeting was ordered to be summoned for Tuesday 28th February at 2 O'clock. P. M.

Employment of children.

The Local Government Board, forwarded copy of the Employment of children Act 1903. which gives power to the County Council to make by-laws for regulating the employment of children.

Lord Stopford moved: - "That the following Committee be appointed to consider the clauses of the employment of children Act 1903 - Messrs Ennis Kehoe, Peacocke, Walsh, and Browne.

Mr Kehoe seconded the resolution which was adopted.

The State of the Roads.

The following letter from Mr. H. Bruen, Jr. Coolbawn Enniscorthy, under date 28th December 1903. and which

had been adjourned from the meeting of the Council, on the 15th January (owing to the absence of any representative from the District concerned) was read:-

I would like to ask you to draw the attention of the Council, to the state of some of the roads, viz. that between Killanne, and Ballyhyland, also between Kiltrea and Monart; in the latter, few of the stones put on, measure less than six inches in the smallest part. The road between Ballyanne and New Ross is also practically impassable. There are such good roads in other parts of the County, that I cannot think the fault is in the material for repairing the roads."

Mr. Webster said that he visited both the roads in question, on one of them the material was large, but was excellent for the purpose.

The average size of the stones was 2½ inches but he had seen two large stones, one four inches and the other 4½ inches. It was not the case to say the Ballyanne road was impassable.

The Killanne and Ballyhyland road was certainly bad, and the contractor had been served with a ten days notice. The road was in a disgraceful condition.

Lord Stopford proposed:- "That our Secretary inform Mr. Bruen, that his letter has been referred to the County Surveyor. Mr. Donohoe seconded. Passed.

Repairs to Arthurstown and Duncannon Piers.

In connection with the above, the question of fixing the area of charge for £10 repairs to Arthurstown Pier, and £50 Sudden Damage to Duncannon Pier arose.

Lord Stopford proposed and Mr. Kehoe seconded that the above be postponed till the special meeting on February 29th.

New Members Co. Committee of Agriculture

The Secretary of the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture, etc., under date January 25th 1904 wrote that at the meeting of the Committee on the 22nd a resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. C. W. Lett, seconded by Mr. James Bodd; requesting the County Council, to appoint on the Committee, one representative each from Galbally and Templehambo Districts.

Mr. Furlong proposed the appointment of Mr. Thomas Apple. Mr. Kehoe, seconded. Passed.

Mr. J. Bolger proposed the appointment of Mr. James Sinnott. Mr. J. D. Doyle seconded. Passed.

Higher Education

The following resolution was received from the Limerick County Council:-

"That we the County Council of Limerick are convinced that the want of a system of higher Education modern in character and suited to the special conditions and needs of the Irish People is telling with disastrous effect upon the material interests of the country, and is a bar to effectual progress, we therefore beg to represent to the Government the urgent need for finding a remedy for this state of things, and we request the Irish Parliamentary party, to urge this claim of the Irish People, on the House of Commons, in the approaching session of Parliament, with the fullest energy and determination."

The Chairman proposed the adoption of the above resolution. Mr. Browne seconded. Passed.

Teaching of Irish

The Secretary of the Gaelic League, Dublin, forwarded a series of resolutions as to the unsatisfactory position of the teaching of Irish in many National Schools, protesting against the changes affecting Irish in the Intermediate programme for 1904, stating

that Irish should be ^{an} optional subject in examinations for clerkships in Railways, Banks, and similar institutions, and calling on the heads of families in Irish speaking districts to make Irish the language of their homes."

Mr. Browne proposed the adoption of the above resolutions which was seconded by Mr. Kehoe
Passed.

In connection with resolutions given above Councillor Browne moved. "That we are of opinion the Great Southern, & Western Railway Co. should accede to the request of the Gaelic League that Irish be admitted as an optional subject in their competitive examination for officials."

Mr. Kehoe seconded. Passed.

Maintenance of over-line railway bridges.

The following was read from the Wexford Urban Council, under date. 1st February 1904 -

"With regard to your letter of the 16th ult intimating that the D. W. & W. Railway Company were willing to pay a sum of £2 : 10/- per annum for the maintenance by the Corporation of the roadway over and the approaches to the railway bridge at Wexford, I beg to say that the matter has been under the consideration of the Corporation, and in the absence of information as to the extent to which their responsibility would go in case they accept £2 : 10/- per year for the maintenance of the roadway, they hesitated to close with the offer."

The Corporation, however, will be prepared to enter into negotiations with the Railway Company if the company will think well of making a direct proposal to them."

Mr. Dempsey moved :- "That the County Council accept the offer of £27 : 10/- from the Dublin, Wicklow and Wexford Railway Company, for the maintenance of the roadway on, and approaches to, over-line bridges in the county, including the railway bridge leading

to the New Free Bridge of Wexford, and over which the County Council have no control."

Mr. Murphy seconded the resolution which was adopted.

Steam Rolling.

The following resolution forwarded on the 1st of February, was received on behalf of the Wexford Urban District:-

Resolved:- That a mile of road (more or less) including the Redmond road, be subjected to the process of steam rolling as an experiment provided the District Council and the County Council will treat with a steam roller an equal length of County Road in continuation of such of the Urban Roads as may be so treated."

Mr. Furlong proposed, Mr. Browne, seconded and it was passed - "That as the County Council are at present engaged in carrying out an experiment in steam rolling in the Enniscorthy District, the Wexford Corporation be informed that the County Council desire to have an opportunity of ascertaining the result of the experiment they have in hands, before taking further action in this connection."

Caretaker - Mountgarrett Bridge.

The County Surveyor mentioned that the contract for the caretaking of Mountgarrett Bridge would expire on the 31st March, and the County Surveyor of Kilkenny and himself considered it would be wiser as regards the manner in which the work would be carried out; that an appointment of caretaker, with a regular agreement should be made instead of having the work carried out like an ordinary road contract.

Mr. Kehoe proposed - "That the County Surveyor take what steps he considers necessary to provide for the caring of Mountgarrett Bridge, from the 31st March 1904 until the appointment of a caretaker."

Mr Dempsey seconded. Passed.

Mr Kehoe gave notice to move at next meeting of the Proposal Committee, that a caretaker be appointed for Mountgarrett Bridge at a fixed salary, to be a County-at-Large charge.

Vote of Condolence

Mr Cummins moved - that this Council offers to Mr W. Hickey, County Councillor, the expression of their deep regret at the demise of his brother, Mr John Hickey Mayler's Park, New Ross, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded Mr Hickey Co. Councillor, and Mrs Hickey widow of deceased. Mr Browne seconded the resolution. Passed.

Leave of Absence

Mr Furlong proposed - "That, as our Secretary has to consult a medical specialist, he be granted a week's leave of absence for this purpose, and that Mr Frizelle, Assistant Secretary, discharge the duties of Secretary in the meantime."

Mr Kehoe seconded the resolution which was adopted without dissent.

Rent of Enniscorthy Courthouse

The following letter was read from Mr G. E. Roberts Agent to Lord Portsmouth, under date 30th January 1904.

"I submitted your letter of the 16th Inst., re above (rent of Enniscorthy Courthouse) to the Earl of Portsmouth, and replying thereto, I am directed to say, that his Lordship previous to letting had all the facts in connection with the Enniscorthy Courthouse before him, and in fixing the moderate yearly rent of £10 on same, which is much below the usual rate at which the adjoining properties are held, he considered he was treating the County Council very fairly."

The rent fixed compares favourably with that paid by the County Council for Wexford & New Ross Courthouses - in the former with a frontage of

111 feet 6 inches, the annual rent is £180 : 16 : 2. and in the latter, with a frontage of 74 feet 6 inches the annual rent is £74. The Enniscorthy Courthouse has a frontage of 98 feet, for which, as stated, only £15 a year is charged. Under these circumstances his Lordship declines to alter his letting.

Please inform me at your earliest convenience if the County Council accepts his terms."

Mr. Browne, proposed :- "That having no other alternative we agree to pay a rent of £15 a year for Enniscorthy Courthouse, and that the question of taking out a lease be postponed."

Mr. Kehoe seconded the resolution. Passed.

Proposals for Payments

Mr. Furlong proposed, Mr. Browne, seconded, and it was passed. "That the several proposals for Payment sent up by the Rural District Councils of the County and the Proposals for Payment sent up by the Proposals Committee be approved, subject to the modifications and other Orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

Confirmation of Minutes

On the motion of Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. Furlong, the minutes of the Proposal Committee and Finance Committee, from the date of the last quarterly meeting were confirmed."

The Financial Statement Books of Receipt and Expenditure and Financial Minutes written up to date were produced at the meeting.

The following Books also brought up to date, were produced at the meeting. Register of Separate Charges, Register of Applications and Proposals, and Abstract of Poor Rate Collectors' Lodgments.

Treasurer's Authority in respect of Payments, for the Quarter ending 31st December 1908, was signed.

Edmund Stone

Special Meeting - 23rd February 1904.

A special meeting of the County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on February 23rd 1904.

Mr E. Hore, Vice-Chairman, (presided). There were also present - Messrs C. H. Peacocke, J. Bolger, John J. Kehoe, M. A. Ennis, D. Dempsey, A. Kinsella, M. Murphy, J. D. Doyle, M. Browne, J. F. Walsh, M. J. Furlong, Lord Stopford, John Cummins, Denis Kavanagh, J. Bolger, J. Donohoe.

The Secretary to the Council, the Solicitor (Mr R. W. Elger) and Mr Henry Webster, County Surveyor were also in attendance.

Poulduff Pier.

The meeting was summoned to consider, amongst other matters, the following notice of motion given by Councillor Ennis, and signed by seven other members :-

"That a special meeting of the Council be convened for a convenient day by the end of February to rescind the resolution adopted by the Council with reference to the proposed works at Poulduff Pier and to take such further action as may be deemed desirable by the Council in connection with this work, the full text of the resolution of the Council to be set out on the agenda paper."

The following is the text of the Resolution which it is proposed to rescind :-

"That subject to the Council receiving the consent of the Department of Agriculture by the November meeting of the Council, the following proposal provisionally approved at last meeting of the Proposal Committee be adopted - "That the County Council contribute a sum of £1000. for carrying out the works at Poulduff Pier recommended by the Piers

and Harbours Committee, said works to be a County-at-Large charge, on condition that the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, agree to contribute by free grant such further sum as may be necessary to complete said works, and undertake to carry out said works to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

For the information of the meeting, letter n^o 249/04 under date 22nd January from the Department of Agriculture was again read.

Mr Ennis asked permission to move the following instead of the above:- "That in the resolution of the County Council, approving of the Council voting £1,000 for improvements at Roulduff Pier, the following words be resinded:- "on condition that the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, agree to contribute by free grant such further sum as may be necessary to complete said works and undertake to carry out said works to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor." Mr Doyle seconded. Passed.

Mr Kinsella moved the following:- "That the County Council contribute a sum of £1,000 for carrying out the works at Roulduff Pier recommended by the Piers and Harbours Committee, said works to be a County-at-Large charge, on condition that the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction contribute by free grant a further sum of £1,000." Mr Dempsey seconded.

Mr Murphy moved- "That the question be postponed for twelve months."

Mr Furlong seconded.

A vote was taken on Mr Murphy's amendment with the following result.

For:- Messrs Furlong, Donohoe, and Murphy - 3.

Against:- Messrs Walsh, Browne, Bolger, Dore, Peacocke, John. J. Kehoe, Ennis, Dempsey, Kinsella, Cummins, Kavanagh, and J. D. Doyle - 12.

Did not vote - Lord Stopford.

Mr Kinsella's motion was then put and passed.

It was decided that a special meeting be summoned for 10th March to consider the reply of the Department on this matter.

Repairs to Piers.

Mr Cummins proposed:- "That £10. repairs to Arthurstown Pier and £100 sudden damage orders repairs to Duncannon Pier be a County at large charge." Mr Ennis seconded.

Mr Donohoe moved that the repairs to Arthurstown Pier for £10. and Duncannon Pier for £100, be half County at large and half District charges. Mr Bolger seconded.

A vote was taken on the amendment as follows:-
For - Messrs Furlong, J. Bolger, Donohoe, Murphy and Lord Stopford. 5.

Against - Messrs Walsh, Browne, Peacocke, Kehoe, Ennis, Dempsey, Kinsella, Cummins, Kavanagh, Doyle, and the Chairman. - 11.

The amendment was declared lost, and the motion of Mr Cummins, was put and passed.

Prosecuting Road Contractors.

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Peacocke, it was decided that the following Road Contractors be prosecuted:-

Enniscorthy - James Quirke 263; John Murphy No. 183, Felix Murphy No. 173.

Wexford District - William Whelan No. 91; Nicholas Fortune No. 112.

Ferryarrig Bridge

The following letter was read from Capt. J. J. Walker O.L. Tykillen;- under date February 16th 1904:-

"Dear Sir,

Permit me to point out to the County Council on behalf of the ratepayers who are obliged to use Ferryarrig Bridge that the time seems to have arrived

when the County Council should take immediate steps to replace the present old Bridge by a new structure.

If you refer to the minutes of the County Council, ever since 1900, you will find that time after time references have been made to the age and dangerous state of this bridge. The large sum needed for its annual upkeep and the necessity existing for a new and more suitable structure.

If I am correct, so far back as April 1901, Mr. J. H. Ryan, the engineering expert who inspected the bridge for the County Council, was asked for his opinion as to whether a new girder bridge or one on the suspension principle would be the cheaper.

Mr. Ryan had not gone into that question for the purposes of his report, and was consequently unable to give definite information to the Council without a further inspection, but he replied to the query in a letter in which he stated that the suspension bridge would be much cheaper.

~~Mr. Ryan had not gone into that question for the purposes of his report and was consequently unable to give~~

This goes to show that three years ago practically, the necessity of replacing the present bridge by a new one, had been recognised by the members of the County Council, and this necessity becomes daily more apparent. Furthermore, if I am correct, at the Proposals Committee of October 1901 a resolution was passed to erect "temporary" railings for the safety of persons using the bridge. The fact that a "temporary" work only was ordered, conclusively proves that a new structure in the immediate future was then contemplated.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen we would ask you to remember that the question of this bridge, was before the County Council, long before that of the various fishing harbours in the County, to the improvements of which large grants have been generously voted. Surely it is not too much to ask that you will at least consider the question of at

once erecting a new bridge at Ferry carrig, which has been under consideration for nearly four years."

"Mr Webster said that the contract on the bridge would not expire until March 1905. Two or three times lately the bridge had been fouled by barges. The bridge was as strong now as it was for the last 15 years, if not stronger. He did think the time had arrived when there should be a decent bridge over the river. He suggested that if a bridge were built it should be able to sustain engine traffic. Recently he had been asked by the agents of the promoters of the Pirie-Ineagh scheme if Wexford bridge would sustain a motor engine and wagon of 9 and 5 tons respectively, and he had been obliged to give it as his opinion that the bridge would only bear an engine of 7 tons and a trailer of 5 tons. He was not in favour of a suspension bridge, but recommended a bridge built of steel, with steel cylinders filled with concrete. The water there was 40 feet deep. He estimated the cost would be at least £10,000.

He had not made any estimate as to what it would cost to put the present bridge in really first class order.

Capt. Walker said, it was an absolute necessity that the bridge should be renovated for the ratepayers.

He would not call the flooring of the bridge safe, and the old planks in portions of the skirting boards were full of holes. The flooring was perfectly irregular and he predicted that some bad accident would occur. The bridge was in a dangerous state and was getting worse from day to day.

Mr Webster said it was ridiculous to say that because a beam was shaking the bridge was rotten.

It was nonsense to say that because the flooring was uneven the bridge was unsafe. The piles had subsided probably more at one side than the other. Mr Donohoe - Mr Webster has a contract on the bridge and he should make the contractor do his duty.

Mr Doyle - Do you believe the bridge is in a safe condition for traffic.

Mr Webster - Yes, so long as a barge does not foul the bridge. I have given the contractor orders to have the footpath repaired. I do think it would take £500 to put the bridge into really first class order, at the expiration of the present contract. It is as strong as it was 15 years - certainly 11 years ago.

Capt Walker - If you went over it as often as I do you would not say that.

Mr Donohoe argued that the amounts of the contracts spent on the bridge should have kept it in repair.

Mr J. Bolger moved - That the consideration of letter re ferry carrying bridge be adjourned till next ordinary meeting of the Council and in the meantime that Mr Webster obtain a rough estimate of what will be required to put the bridge into thorough repair so as to allow of steam barges etc., being safely navigated under it, and an estimate for a new steel bridge." Mr Walsh, seconded the resolution which was passed.

Capt Walker, in reply to Mr Webster said the bridge was worse because it was so much older.

Mr Webster - But you make no allowance for all the new timber that has been put into it.

Mr Elger said that when the bridge was injured on the first two occasions, the owner of the barge paid for the damage, but on the last occasion the contractor was not able to prove who caused the damage.

Mr Webster said that since the accident he had received an application to put down buoys for warping barges through bridge.

Irish Poor Law Commission

The following report of Mr. G. H. Peacocke, and Mr. A. Ennis, Committee appointed by the Wexford County Council on January 15th 1904 to draft replies to queries

submitted to the Council on behalf of the Irish Poor Law Reform Commission, was read:-

Query No. 1- Whether having regard to the extent, population, necessities of the sick and destitute poor, and economic conditions of the County of Wexford and the facilities of locomotion and proper administration of the poor law therein it would be expedient to dissolve any of the Unions wholly or partly contained in the County, and if so what arrangements, whether by amalgamation or otherwise should be substituted therefor

Reply:- The Committee suggest that the healthy infirm, and able bodied inmates of the Gorey workhouse, should be transferred to Enniscorthy, that the lunatics and idiots of the County which number 150 or thereabouts should be centralised in Gorey, the existing workhouse there be utilised as an auxiliary asylum. In addition the hospital should be retained to deal with cases of illness other than those of a permanent type.

The Committee consider that these alterations could be effected for £1,000. They do not propose that any of the present staff should be superannuated the institution should be under the supervision of the medical Officer of the workhouse and sufficient attendants to care the inmates should be appointed, with the resident medical superintendent of the district asylum as a consulting and visiting physician.

The Capitation Grant of 2/- per head would amount for the 150 people to be transferred from the other workhouses to £780 per annum, and the change favoured by the Committee would it is considered impose no additional taxation on the general body of ratepayers. The Committee in this connection fail to see any valid reason why the Capitation Grant for patients in an auxiliary asylum should be only 2/- as against 4/- for patients in district lunatic asylums, and in order to provide

for thoroughly efficient treatment they consider a move should be made in Parliament to secure an all round capitation grant of 4/-. The Committee consider that an experiment should be made in the boarding out of the healthy infirm, but that an organised system to carry out this view, should not be agreed to unless the experiment was found to yield good results. The healthy infirm should be boarded out if possible with their relatives. Grants should be voted by Parliament to assist in boarding out the deserving poor.

Query No. 2. whether in the event of any union or unions being dissolved and of the workhouse or workhouses thereof being no longer required for poor law purposes such workhouse or workhouses could with advantage be taken over by the county council for an auxiliary lunatic asylum under section 76 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 or could be otherwise utilised for any other and if so, what public purpose

Reply:- Answered above.

Query No. 3:- whether with or without a dissolution of any union it would be possible

(a) by any arrangement for the maintenance of any class or classes of paupers in the workhouse of another union or (b) by combining a number of unions for the purpose of poor law relief.

or (c) by boarding out workhouse inmates to make better provision for the classification and treatment of the inmates chargeable to the said unions.

Reply:- Answered above.

Query No. 4. whether in the event of an amalgamation or combination of unions being carried out or any other arrangements being made for the relief of the destitute poor, any changes in the law and procedure as to administration and in the chargeability of relief would be desirable.

Reply:- In the event of imbeciles, etc., being centred in Gorey the county council should appoint one or two councillors from each of the four districts to act as a committee to administer the finances and management of auxiliary

asylum (section 76, 61 and 62 Vic Chap 37 - Local Government (Ireland) Act). Maintenance of imbeciles and harmless lunatics, in fact of all the inmates of the auxiliary asylum, should be a county at large charge.

Maintenance of the healthy infirm proposed to be transferred from Gorey to Enniscorthy workhouse should be charged to Gorey district.

Query No 5:- Whether having regard to the number capacity and situation of the workhouse hospitals county infirmaries, county fever hospitals, and other hospitals existing in the county, additional accommodation is required for the proper treatment of the sick poor in any union, district or locality in the county, and if other accommodation seems desirable how it may best be provided without entailing undue hardship upon the destitute or on the sick poor of the union.

Reply:- The workhouse hospitals in New Ross, Enniscorthy, Gorey, and Wexford, should be utilised as district hospitals, and be cut off from communication with the workhouses proper, and have each a separate entrance, and be in all respects managed as an hospital, as distinct from a workhouse, with a view to such hospitals in future under improved conditions of work and management being sufficient to satisfy the need for hospital accommodation in the county, and the public using these hospitals to be admitted without entry on the workhouse books.

Query No. 6. Whether any administrative and financial changes are desirable in order to secure a more economical system for the relief generally of (a) the sick (b) the insane, and (c) all other classes of the poor or destitute without impairing efficiency of administration

Reply:- Answered above.

Query No. 7:- How far in the case of persons who are not destitute, it would be desirable to introduce a system of payments or contributions in aid of the cost of treatment of the sick and insane in hospitals or other such

institutions.

Reply:- It would be desirable that the committee managing the institution, should have power to fix the amount of contribution to be paid in each individual case.

Query No. 8. what change, if any seems to be possible and desirable as regards the treatment of the vagrant poor generally known as "tramps or casuals".

Reply:- "Tramps or casuals" should be under the immediate supervision of the police by means of a system whereby any person leaving his own locality to procure employment would obtain a certificate from the head constable of his district as to his need of employment and the reasonableness of his going in search of it, said certificate to be considered as a guarantee of the bonafides of the holder, and to remain effective for three months, after which period the person should be placed in the category of the "professional tramp" and be liable, having been tried by two or more magistrates sitting at a special court or in ordinary petty sessions, to committal to a reformatory with a view to his being made self-supporting. In the case of persons passing from one place to another seeking employment the relieving officer should give them a ticket for one night to a common lodging house and if necessary afford them provisional relief. The term "workhouse" should be abolished.

(Signed) C. H. Peacocke, County Councillor
M. H. Ennis, County Councillor

Mr. Peacocke reports in addition to the above as follows:- "In the event of the workhouse hospitals of the four unions of the county, being utilised as district hospitals, having been cut off from communication with the workhouse proper, and having each a separate entrance, and being in all respects managed as an hospital as distinct from a workhouse, and having "pay wards" and qualified nurses to attend such wards, in such an event I consider the subject of amalgamating the County Infirmary with the Wexford district

hospital, will be well worthy the attention of the rate-payers. If such a change were realised it would prove a great saving to the County-at-Large charges.

(Signed) C. H. Peacocke

County Councillor

Lord Stopford moved: "That the foregoing report of Mr. Peacocke and Mr. Ennis be received"

Mr. Doyle seconded. Passed.

The report was then discussed.

(Mr. Peacocke proposed and Mr. Ennis seconded - "That the report of the Committee be adopted." Passed.

Lord Stopford moved as an amendment - "While we are of opinion that it is highly desirable that an auxiliary asylum for imbeciles and idiots should be provided, we are not in a position to recommend that any workhouse in the County should be used for that purpose. But we suggest that if after inquiry it is found that there are too many workhouses in this County for the population, that there should be a redistribution of Unions in this and the neighbouring counties and any workhouse that is closed should be used as an auxiliary asylum."

Mr. Doyle seconded the amendment.

For the amendment there voted: Messrs J. Bolger, Kinsella, Kavanagh, and Doyle, 4.

Against: Messrs Furlong, Browne, Peacocke, Kehoe, Ennis, Donohoe, Dimpsey, Cummins, Murphy, J. Bolger, Walsh, and the Chairman, 12.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

Mr. Doyle proposed - "That each Union be charged according to the number of imbeciles etc. sent to the auxiliary asylum."

On a poll there voted for. Messrs Murphy, Kavanagh, and Doyle, 3.

Against: Messrs J. Bolger, Furlong, Browne, Peacocke, J. Bolger, Ennis, Kehoe, Donohoe, Dimpsey, Cummins, Walsh, and the Chairman - 12.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

Mr Doyle moved - That the word "Gorey" be struck out of the report in connection with the establishment of hospitals."

The motion fell through for want of a seconder. The motion for the adoption of the report was then put and adopted with the exception of the separate paragraph at the end and submitted by Mr Peacocke.

Mr Peacocke moved the adoption of the concluding paragraph in the report.

Mr Doyle seconded
on a poll there voted:-

For - Messrs Peacocke, Kinsella, Murphy, Kavanagh, and Doyle - 5.

Against - Messrs J. Bolger, Furlong, Browne, Kehoe, Ennis, Donohoe, Dempsey, J. Bolger, Walsh, Cummins, and the Chairman - 11

Irish Education Act 1892.

Councillor J. Bolger moved (from conference of County School attendance committees). Confirmation of the following suggested amendments to the Irish Education Act 1892:- Sec 1, sub sec 3a. - That three miles limit be substituted for two miles limit, and right of way for road for children between the ages of 10 and 14. Sec 14. sub section 2 - Read "Impose a fine not exceeding including costs 10/- instead of 5/-

Sec 4. sub sec 1 - That after the word making order (in this Act called an attendance order) add the words "with costs"

Sec 4. sub. sec 3. After the words less than two months add except in the case of truant and incorrigible children that the Magistrates be empowered to send said children to an Industrial School.

Sec 7. sub sec 1. After the words Court of Summary jurisdiction shall be constituted, substitute one justice of the Peace instead of two.

Councillor Browne moved:- "That when the recommendations of the conference of School Attendance Committees comes before the meeting, as it appears from section 15 (2) of

the Irish Education Act of 1892, that the County Council is obliged on application from a District Council, to put the Act in force in that District, the recommendations of the Conference be referred to the District Councils for their opinion and also as to whether they wish the Act to be enforced in their respective districts."

Mr. Kavanagh seconded Mr. Bolger's resolutions
Passed.

Mr. Doyle seconded Mr. Brown's motion which was subsequently withdrawn.

Mr. Bolger's motion was then put and declared passed. Mr. Bolger moved that the foregoing resolutions be sent to the Chairman of the Irish National Party, Mr. French, the Chief Secretary, Sir Thomas Esmonde and the Secretaries of the Irish County Councils. Mr. Kavanagh seconded. Passed.

Mr. Bolger moved the following:-

"That the unappropriated portion of the Equivalent Grant assigned to Ireland by the Development Fund Act, be applied exclusively for the improvement of primary education and of better equipment of Irish National Schools, as it is absolutely necessary, that heating cleansing and proper sanitary arrangements be provided for, also with a view to encourage regularity of attendance, to stimulate energy, and to facilitate the intellectual progress of the children of the poor, a liberal system of school prizes be established, and that the present inadequate school staff be increased, that the maximum of educational advantages may be brought within the reach of every child in the country."

Mr. Peacocke seconded. Passed.

Application Increase of Salary.

The following letter under date 1st February 1904 was read from Mr. G. H. Richards, Assistant in the County Council Office:- "I beg to apply for an

increase in my salary. My duties are greatly increased.

I now attend the meetings of the four District Councils for the purpose of executing Contractors Bonds (which was hitherto performed by the Solicitor of the Council) and for three months in each year, I have charge of the clerks engaged in the preparation of the Rate Books.

I have also extra work in connection with the new Motor Car Act.

I am sure the Secretary, and Assistant Secretary will vouch for my efficiency in the discharge of my duties."

Mr Dempsey moved and Mr Ennis seconded, that Mr Richards be granted an increase of salary of five shillings per week. Passed.

Overline Bridges.

Under date February 13th. letter no 7/658 the Secretary of the Dublin, Wicklow and Wexford Railway wrote as follows:-

"With reference to your letter of the 3rd instant, addressed to Mr Shannon, I am desired to advise you that my Directors confirm the proposed arrangements namely to pay a sum of £27.10/- per annum for the maintenance of the roadways on and approaches to overline bridges in the County Wexford, excluding the bridge at Wexford over which the County Council have no control.

It will be convenient to have a formal agreement embodying the terms settled by the County Council and this company, and I shall be glad to hear whether you will furnish the draft of this document, or desire us to prepare it."

In connection with the same matter the following letter to the County Surveyor was read from Mr A. Gordon, Engineer's Office, Great Southern and Western Railway, Inchicore, Dublin. Under date 8th February 1904

"Following mine of the 27th ult. I brought this matter before my Board on Friday last and they have agreed to pay the County Council an annual sum of £11. for

the maintenance of the roads in question.

I shall be obliged if you will arrange for this and let me hear."

Mr. Cummins proposed, Mr. Kehoe, seconded and it was passed - "That we accept the offer of the Great Southern, & Western Railway Company of £11, for the maintenance of the roadways on and approaches to overline bridges, on their system, and that Mr. Elgee prepare the agreement between the County Council and the G. S. & W. Railway Company."

Kilmore Pier.

The Dockyard Company
Wexford

February 1904

To. Henry Webster Esq. B. C. C. C.

County Surveyor, Wexford.

Dear Sir

In further reply to yours of the 9th inst; assuming that according to the strict letter of the contract; that says the wall should be finished according to the specification and plan to your satisfaction the loss and damage falls on me.

I think in a case like this a public board like the County Council, ought not to throw the whole loss on me. I therefore state the following facts for the information of the Co. Council:-

1st- It was admitted that £1,000 for this work was very low and any person taking it up could not expect to make a profit. And in the County Council fixing a price, no allowance was made for such a very bad summer as we have had

2nd. My principal object in taking up the contract was the improvement of Kilmore, because it was well known that failing a contractor and good securities the work would fall through altogether.

3rd. I therefore looked on myself more as a servant of the County Council than as a contractor and as a matter of fact my time was given in the services of the Co.

council, all last year, for nothing.

4th - The damage caused to the wall was occasioned by no fault of my workmen or myself. We did the work as well as it could be possible to do it.

5th In your letter you point out that one day you showed me some dry work. Quite right. I explained to you the reason, as you may remember, that the preceding high water, had taken the cement away.

You then approved of my having this part grouted and pointed which was done. This washing out of the cement occurred all through the building of the lower end of the wall. To my knowledge none of the wall was built dry, but of course when the cement got washed out the wall looked a dry built one in places.

6th - I am now, (and I believe most of the Kilmore people who saw the heavy seas are) of opinion the wall ^{could} not stand such heavy sea built in this manner. Its chief weakness is the washing out of the cement each high water and if the wall is to be built up again in this manner, the result must be the same as I or no one else can keep the cement in the wall.

As a fair proof that the cement was put in the wall, you may remember you very kindly made an estimate of 45 tons as necessary to complete the work.

My bill at Messrs Cooper's shows some 60 tons were used.

7th - There is no comparison between the effects of the sea on the extreme upper parts of the wall and the lower part. As the upper portion of the wall is $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet to 2 feet higher than the lower part and therefore it was easier to build the upper part and of course the cement had a better chance of remaining in the wall.

8th The facts that I had the wall to all intents and purposes finished, and that I reported the same to you in January last; with the exception of some grouting and pointing, made necessary by the cement being washed out of the wall; this grouting and pointing which was done before the great storm ought to stand

in my favour with the Council.

9th - The fact that you and your assistant many times inspected the wall whilst building, and that official objection was never made to me, goes to prove, that my men were doing the work as well as it could be done, and that the unfortunate state of affairs as now exists could not be foreseen.

10th - The fact that I was paid some cash on account also shows the wall was being built as well as it could be, and that if no big storm had taken place this winter, the wall as it was built, would have been taken over and this of course would have thrown the loss on the County Council.

11th - As to placing sand bags on the wall now to further protect the wall. When building the lower end of the wall, I several times tried to save my days work by sand bags, but it was no use, the bags were washed off by even a very moderate sea. So far as the next couple of months go, the wall must only take its chance, as any storm that will further damage it would wash the sand bags off at once.

12th - But the strongest point in my favour and one that I must ask you and the Co. Council to consider well is - If the wall is to be built up again, it can be done no better, I or no one else, can keep the cement in the wall; it is in fact an impossibility; therefore a change of plan is absolutely necessary in the future interest of the Co. Council and also the future interest of Kilmore Harbour.

13th - I am just as keen to-day on building up this wall and making a good job of it; but I cannot do work that is impossible (ie. keep the cement in the wall).

Taking all these facts as stated above I think this is a case where the County Council ought not to throw all the loss and damage on me. I did my best and could do no more.

As to future work, I give my opinion for what it is worth; that it will be necessary to put a coping

of bagwork on the wall, nothing else would have any chance of standing such heavy storms as we now get every February.

I presume you will put this letter before the council.

Yours truly

Francis Walsh

The following minutes of the Finance Committee in respect of the above were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Donohoe, seconded by Mr. Kehoe.

Mr. W. J. O'Connor Solicitor on behalf of the contractor for the construction of works and dredging at Kilmore Harbour appeared before the council and pointed out that about three weeks ago a tidal wave or bad storm had swept away the coping and damaged the work to the extent of £200 or £300. If the summer had been fair the work would have been finished.

This portion of the work was completed; - (Mr. Webster, County Surveyor) - said all the stones were in position but some pointing had to be done.

Mr. O'Connor said that Mr. Walsh was willing to carry out the contract at the original price and suffer all the loss but the work would not be well done and the coping would not stand storms. As an alternative he was satisfied to do the coping in cement bags which would cost between £200 and £300 more than the contract.

Mr. Walsh had already expended £900 in cash on the work.

Mr. Webster explained the plan to the Committee. During the summer owing to the weather the cement got washed out of the joints. He (Mr. Webster) thought that some of the work had been set in the dry, but he found that it had been set in cement, but taken away by the washing sea. Portion of the work which had been specified to be done in concrete bags had stood the effect of the weather and was very satisfactory although it was more exposed to the wind than the rest.

Mr. Murphy said he saw some of the concrete bags that were put on the work washed off and were

round the strand.

Mr. Webster said when the work was finished he went down to see it and found the masons were closing up in dry work and pointing it afterwards.

He called upon the foreman and told him that this could not be passed, but it was only a small stretch and they were finishing it in a hurry.

Mr. Walsh had put in bags of concrete in places to protect the work. The breakwater had done a great deal more than was anticipated, and as regards the benefits to the harbour, and the deepening was most remarkable.

Mr. Murphy - It would be better get the thing out of it altogether if it is to cost £200 or £300 every time there is any storm.

Mr. Peacocke - If the work is carried out as originally contracted for, would it be a substantial job.

Mr. Webster - If carried out exactly as there, it would.

Mr. Murphy said the whole breakwater was shook to the foundation. The Council should see the work. He found the sand was much higher inside than outside on two occasions.

Mr. Webster - I tell you exactly as it is now.

Mr. Ennis said that from the time the breakwater rose two feet, the sand began to accumulate outside and leave the inside.

Mr. Webster - At the first the sand from the cot safe went into the harbour and it was now washed out of it.

Mr. Ennis said that the view of their engineer should be taken as to the damage to the top of the Pier, but when the work was completed it would mean that there would be a deep water safe harbour in Kilmore.

Mr. Murphy proposed: "that Messrs Browne, Mr. Murphy, J. Bolger, Peacocke, Furlong, Ennis, Kehoe, and the vice-chairman, form a committee to inspect the breakwater at Kilmore and report, and that any other members of the Council who wish can join the inspection."

Mr. Donohoe seconded. Passed.

Mr Bolger said that the idea of the construction was a good one but it struck him when he was there that it was too flimsy to stay there.

Mr Webster- The same storm did damage to the main Pier.

It was decided that the inspection take place on Wednesday March 2nd at 11 o'clock sharp and that Mr Webster, County Surveyor and the Contractor be invited to attend, and that the report of the Committee be considered at the special meeting of the Council to be held on March 10th.

State of the Roads.

The following letter from Mr Mahon Surveyor G. P. O. was read- The letter is dated 14th February 1904.

"I have received strong complaints as to the condition of the roads between Taghmon and Bannow (Coolbruck - Wellingtonbridge section) and between Enniscorthy and Killarn (Ballyhiland - Killarn section)

The drivers of the mail cars working between these points besides being unable to observe the scheduled time, thereby causing public inconvenience are, I am informed, exposed to grave risk owing to the dangerous state of disrepair into which the roads have been allowed to fall.

I shall feel obliged if the matter will be laid before your Council at the earliest possible moment in order that steps may be taken to remedy the existing state of affairs."

The Secretary stated that on the date of receipt a copy of the above letter was furnished to the County Surveyor.

Mr Webster explained that he had prosecuted, and recovered a penalty, against the Contractor, of the road referred to at Ballyhiland this week, and the other road complained of was being repaired out of money he had in hands.

Mr Ennis proposed, Mr Kehoe seconded and it was passed:- "That the explanation of Mr Webster be furnished Mr Mahon, Surveyor G. P. O."

The State of the Rate Collection

The Secretary submitted the state of the Rate Collection up to Saturday. All the collectors were much behind, but Mr. J. L. Doyle, was particularly backward, having collected only £ 254 : 18 : 6 out of £ 1070 : 7 : 8.

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Kehoe the Secretary was directed to send a circular letter to each ^{of the} collectors calling their attention to the backward state of their collection and that a special letter be forwarded Mr. Doyle that unless he displays more diligence in the discharge of his duties serious notice will be taken of his conduct.

Malicious Injury Cases.

Under date February 20th a letter was read from the Assistant Clerk of the Rural District Council, of New Ross enclosing a letter from Mr. Bolger Solicitor to the Council asking the Council to arrive at some settled practice as to whether he was to be employed as Solicitor to the Council in Malicious Injury cases or otherwise.

At present he never knew whether he was to be employed or not, and he did not wish to be prevented from acting for claimants in these cases if he were not to be employed by the District Council.

Proposed by Mr. J. Bolger seconded by Mr. Ennis and passed - "That the Solicitor to the County Council has received directions to appear on behalf of the Council in all cases of claims for criminal injuries. The question of the Rural District Council of New Ross employing a Solicitor is a matter for that body alone."

Lights for New Ross Bridge.

Under date 17th February 1904. letter No 24/2081. the following; was read from the Board of Trade London.

"I am directed by the Board of Trade to acquaint you for the information of the County Council of Wexford that the Board have received representations from the

New Ross Harbour Commissioners and the Grand Canal Company upon the subject of the difficulties stated to be caused to navigation during the winter months especially owing to the arches of New Ross bridge not being lighted at night for the guidance of craft navigating through or under the Bridge.

The Board understand that the matter has already been brought to your notice by the Harbour Commissioners but that the County Council are advised by their Solicitor that they are not responsible for providing lights for navigation, and I am to request that you will favor this Department with the views of the Council fully on the matter.

From the complaints received the Board gather that the bridge in question was erected in 1852 by the Grand juries of the Counties of Wexford and Kilkenny but they are unable to trace any record of application having been made for their consent to the erection of the bridge in question and I am to request that you will favor the Board with a reference to any Statutory enactments referring to this bridge and the powers of the County authorities over it.

The Board will be glad if your reply includes a statement as to the nature of this bridge i.e. number and size of spans, whether opening or not, headway above ~~high~~ water of ordinary spring tides etc."

Proposed by Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Kehoe:-
That the letter from the Board of Trade with reference to lights on New Ross bridge be referred to our Solicitor.

Passed.

Edmund Gore.

Special Meeting - March 10th 1904

A special meeting of the County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on March 10th for the purpose of considering the reply of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, as to the resolution of the County Council with reference to improvements to be carried out at Poulduff Pier, and to consider the report of the Kilmore Breakwater Committee.

Present: Mr. E. Hore (vice chairman) presiding.

Other councillors: Messrs M. A. Ennis, C. H. Peacocke, James Donohoe, W. Murphy, John J. Kehoe, W. Browne, J. F. Walsh, J. E. Mayler, James Sinnott, J. Bolger, J. Bolger, John Cummins, D. Dempsey, W. J. Furlong.

Mr. R. W. Elger, solicitor to the Council, Mr. Webster, County Surveyor, and the Assistant Secretary, were in attendance.

Illness of the Secretary

The Secretary forwarded a certificate from Dr. Douse that he was suffering from neuralgia.

Mr. Peacocke proposed and Mr. Kehoe, seconded and it was passed: "That Mr. Frizelle, be appointed locum tenens, for the Secretary during the latter's illness."

Solicitor's Costs

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Ennis: - "That the costs of Mr. R. W. Elger, solicitor for the Council, for the past nine months be referred for taxation; - that a Requisition to tax them be sealed, and that Mr. Thomas J. Healy solicitor, be appointed to attend on behalf of the Council on the taxation."

Wexford Bar.

Mr. Ennis proposed, Mr. Browne seconded and it was passed: - "That we regard the commercial and manuf."

actuating activity of Wexford, the capital town of our county with deep satisfaction and would regard anything tending to hamper the further development of her industries with grave apprehension, especially in view of the increased importance which the port of Wexford will attain on the near completion of the Fishguard Rosslare project and the establishment of the Motor transit service referred to by the Chief Secretary in his statement in the House of Commons.

We therefore desire to commend to the earnest and favorable consideration of the Irish Government and the Board of Trade, the resolutions passed by the Wexford Harbour Board and the Wexford Corporation on the subject of the siltage of the approaches to Wexford Harbour; and that copies be sent to our Parliamentary Representatives the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Chief Secretary for Ireland."

Poulduff Pier.

The Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction wrote under date March 2nd (letter No. 690-04) in reference to the proposed improvement of Poulduff Pier, that the County Council, should advertise for a contractor for the work. Detailed plans upon which tenders can be invited, are being prepared by the Department and will be submitted to the County Surveyor for approval in a few days. The Department's Engineer will consult with the County Surveyor so as to arrange a scheme for the joint supervision of the work."

The Secretary was directed to advertise the work for tenders by the May Meeting of the Council.

Kilmore Breakwater.

The following report of the Kilmore Breakwater Committee, was read:-

Kilmore Breakwater Committee.

Meeting - March 10th 1904.

Present:- Mr B. Hore, (Vice Chairman), Presiding.

Messrs G. H. Keacocke, M. Browne, M. A. Ennis, M. Murphy

and John J. Kehoe.

Other County Councillors present: Messrs J. Donohoe, J. F. Walsh, James E. Maylor.

Mr. R. W. Elgee, Solicitor for the Council, the County Surveyor, and the Assistant Secretary, were in attendance.

Mr. F. J. Walsh, Contractor was also present.

Owing to the illness of the Secretary, Mr. Peacocke proposed, Mr. Kehoe, seconded and it was passed:—"That Mr. Frizelle, Assistant Secretary act as Secretary to the meeting." Passed.

Mr. B. J. O'Flaherty Solicitor (on behalf of Mr. O'Connor Solicitor for the Contractor, Mr. F. J. Walsh) laid before the meeting the following Memorial from Ratepayers of the locality:-

To the Members of the Co. Council of the County of Wexford.

The Memorial of the undersigned humbly sheweth:-

- 1.- That we are Ratepayers, Residents, and Boat Owners, in the District of Kilmore, in this County.
- 2.- That we have seen in the public Press a report of what occurred at the last Meeting of the County Council, with reference to Kilmore Pier.
- 3.- That we desire to place before the County Council, our views on this very important matter.
- 4.- If the Pier or Breakwater is properly constructed, it would, in our opinion, be a great advantage to the shipping, and fishing boats at Kilmore, and besides this, it would be a great protection to the Quay walls which have to be kept in repair by the County Council.

We are strongly of opinion that if a proper topping of cement bags and concrete were put upon this breakwater, it would be a permanent work and we think the additional sum required would be well expended in having this done, even though that sum would amount to £400 or £500.

- 5.- We are of opinion that the work as originally specified would not be a permanent work, owing to the action of the tide in removing the cement before

it has time to set, and we think that the Breakwater if so constructed would not be able to stand the heavy seas at Kilmore, and if it did not do so, the stones of which the breakwater would be constructed would be scattered around the little Harbour, and would be a great source of danger to the fishing boats, and a big expense to the Council in removing same.

6.- The scheme of building the Breakwater has proved quite correct, because we find that since the work was commenced, that the sand considerably increased on the sea side, the Harbour has deepened, and we think that if the Breakwater be made a permanent job in the way we suggest it will not only deepen the Harbour further, but it will also make it a safe refuge for the fishing boats, and it will be a protection for the Quay walls, and will therefore lessen the expense which the County Council will have to incur in repairing the Quay walls.

7.- we think it would be useless to go on with the work as originally specified, as we find that the cement cannot properly set before the tide washes it away.

8.- The foundation of the Pier is right and the top only needs to be secured in order to make it a permanent work. We believe that it would be impossible for anyone to build the Breakwater as specified, because it has now been found from experience that the tide removes the cement before it has time to set. That being so, Your Memorialists amongst whom are the largest ratepayers of the District are assured that the required sum of £400 or £500 ought to be spent in making the new and much required breakwater a good and permanent work.

Your Memorialists, therefore, respectfully request the County Council to have the specifications altered in such a way as to provide for a topping of cement bags and concrete on the new breakwater at Kilmore, and to expend, out of the rates such a

sum as may be necessary for this most desirable work which all the Ratepayers in the District are most anxious to see carried out and made secure at once.

And your Memorialists as in duty bound will ever pray.

Dated this 7th day of March 1904.

E. A. Gibbon, J.P. Sleedagh.
 John Stafford, Killag Bridgetown
 John Barry, Rackardstown Kilmore
 Nicholas Keating Sarshill "
 John Earle, Blongaddy "
 Samuel W. Boswell Sarshill "
 James Stafford, Chapel "
 John Rossiter, Libgate "
 Walter P. Furlong Beak Kilmore Quay
 William Rossiter, Newtown Kilmore
 Bridget Norton, Grange, "
 John Rochford, Ballyhealy "
 John Keating " "
 Francis Rossiter Libgate "
 William Rossiter " "
 W. Canon O'Gorman P.P. "
 Patrick Kelly Newtown "
 Wm Staples " "
 John Keating Grange "
 Wm Moore " "
 James Power Sarshill "
 Stephen Whelan Grange "
 John Beates " "
 Thomas Borish " "
 Walter Cahill Rackardstown "
 James Murphy, Chapel "
 Thomas Power, Libgate "
 John Power, Rackardstown "
 Catherine Moran " "
 Johanna Browne, " "
 Harinah Batterton, Farm Bridgetown

James W. Grant, Kilmore Quay
 John Alexander, Dean of Forns, Mulbrankin Rectory
 Paul F. Kehoe, C. C. Mulbrankin
 William Rochford Bellgrove
 Nicholas Stafford Baldwinstown Bridgetown
 William Stafford " "
 James Rochford, Newtown
 Nicholas Codd, Kilcovan Mills.
 Nicholas Keating Rackardstown Kilmore.

Continuing Mr O'Flaherty said that the scheme proposed originally was a good one, if the season had not been exceptionally severe and, if the storm which carried away the coping was not also exceptional, a change of plan such as was proposed by the memorial was desirable, and would tend to make a permanent and useful work. The change in plan referred to could be executed for about £500.

Mr Walsh proposed that if the County Council would give the £500 necessary he would finish the contract in bag work in accordance with Mr Webster's plan and specification and would be prepared to allow the £500 from the Government to remain outstanding for six months after the completion of the contract. The County Council, he proposed should pay him £550. the amount outstanding on his present contract.

Mr Walsh had tendered at a very low price, and had made no profit. Neither had he made any provision for contingencies, and he (Mr O'Flaherty) had been informed that in works of this description contractors usually put on 100 per cent to cover contingencies.

Mr Walsh had received no remuneration for his own time and in the interests of everybody he urged that the proposal made by Mr Walsh should be carried.

Mr Ennis said if Mr. Walsh was not going to allow the County Council something for the portion of the contract not done it would manifestly not be to the interests of the Council to agree to his proposal.

Mr. O'Flaherty said that in the estimate for the new work, Mr. Walsh was not making any claim for his own time, and for the risk in doing the work.

Mr. Webster said he had gone very carefully into the figures and his estimate to have the work as proposed by Mr. Walsh, carried out, was £450.

This would provide for a capping of cement in bags rising to a height of 3 feet 6 inches, and then crowned with concrete in situ, and stones could be used as displacers. The total length to be repaired was 510 feet, leaving 179 feet still standing on the land side, and in this latter portion it was not necessary to make any alteration except to point it wherever required.

Continuing Mr. Webster said - If you want my candid opinion, in a thing like this where you set a contract to a contractor, although my sympathies are with Mr. Walsh, it is my duty to put before you the fact, that the contractor has taken a contract to do certain work, and no matter what the loss is he should make it right.

The only reasonable grounds that Mr. Walsh could go on and ask you to change these plans is the fact that owing to the very bad weather of the last year the plan has been a very difficult one to carry out. The work except for a certain portion was done in accordance with the plans. It was pointed out that the work was not done in accordance with the plan in several portions.

Mr. Murphy - Was that reported to the County Council.

Mr. Webster - It was not, because the work was not taken over.

Mr. Murphy - It was too big a job to have going on like that.

Mr. Webster (in reply to Mr. Donohoe) said that in one case the cement had been washed out of the joints, but the case he specially referred to was the finishing up of the job. On one occasion when he went there he found that the men were finishing the job with dry

work and then grouting it. That was only a short stretch, but it was very important. It was about three-quarters out from the land.

Mr. Walsh - That would be one of the places where the cement would not stop in.

Mr. Webster - They were building it in the dry and filling in the concrete and the result was they could not get the concrete in as far as it could go if the specification were followed - That was a capping of about 20 feet.

Mr. Donohoe - Were you there when the rest of the coping was done.

Mr. Webster. No, I am only pointing out to you what was done before my own eyes. That shows that the plans have not got a fair trial, but I don't say it is Mr. Walsh's fault.

In reply to Mr. Browne, Mr. Webster said the cost of finishing the work according to the contract would be £255, and the difference between this and the new proposal was £195.

Mr. Browne proposed: "That the specification for the part of the new Kilmore Breakwater which had been injured by the storm, be altered so that a topping of bags of concrete be substituted for the previous topping of cemented stones, and that an extra sum be allowed to the contractor equal to the estimated additional cost of what the building of the bag topping would be, over the building of the topping on the original plan and that this extra sum be allowed on condition that the breakwater be finished before June 5th 1904, Mr. Webster's estimate of the additional cost being £200, and that the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction be requested to contribute half the extra cost."

The motion fell through for want of a seconder.

Mr. Peacocke submitted the following report:-

Kilmore Breakwater

Report of Committee of Inspection

In accordance with the resolution of the last meeting of the County Council, the committee appointed to inspect Kilmore Breakwater visited Kilmore on the 2nd Inst.

The members of the committee attending were: Messrs E. Hore (Vice Chairman County Council) C. H. Peacocke, W. Browne, J. Bolger, W. Murphy, and W. A. Ennis.

The other members of the County Council attending the inspection were - Messrs J. Donohoe, J. J. Walsh, and J. E. Mayler.

Mr. Webster, County Surveyor and the contractor for the works (Mr J. J. Walsh) were in attendance.

The committee found that the work had been carried out to a junction with the existing Breakwater.

At the sea-end two large breaks have been made by the sea, but the portion adjoining the mainland appears to be fairly intact.

It was evident from the inspection that the cement had been washed out of the joints of the whole backed coping, with the result that the coping was unable to resist the action of the sea, a large portion having been completely swept away.

As regards the sand in the Harbour it was observed that rocks had been stripped, demonstrating that, even with the incomplete structure the sand has been scoured from the upper or land side of the Harbour.

The committee obtained the views of some local people and elicited the opinion that a considerable improvement as regards the depth of the Harbour by the erection of the new work had taken place.

The committee recommend the following for the adoption of the Council:

'That the letter from the contractor (Mr J. J. Walsh) to the County Surveyor, as appearing on the Minutes of February 23rd 1904, and also the Memorial from the

Ratepayers be furnished the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction and that the Department be informed, the contractor finds it most difficult to carry out his contract so far as the completion of the whale-backed coping is concerned. The difficulty seems to us to have arisen not alone from the exceptional severity of the weather during the past summer and winter, but from the fact that as the coping was so near high water level, when cement was placed in the joints it was washed away by the waves before it had time to set.

The contractor, as will be seen by his letter to Mr. Webster, made a proposal to the County Council that instead of building the coping two feet thick, with stones cemented in the joints it should be constructed to a large extent of concrete in bags.

The cost of carrying out the contractor's suggestion would be £195 in excess of the amount of the contract accepted by the County Council and in addition, that the contractor be allowed a sum of £50 for surplus stones to be used as a protection to the Breakwater.

That the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction be requested to state with as little delay as possible if they are prepared to contribute one-half of the above sum of £245 should the County Council agree to the suggested alterations in the plans.

Mr. Ennis said the disaster was due to the fact - of course the bad weather was to some extent responsible - that the work was not pushed on more expeditiously. If the work had been pushed on more expeditiously this would never have happened. The change in plan if adopted should commence by the first April.

Mr. Murphy said he would propose that as a Breakwater was necessary they should appeal to the public and put a Breakwater in the place that would stay in it. Was not the Breakwater an absolute failure, they should all admit that.

Mr. Webster said he felt when preparing the plans they were too elaborate for the amount allowed.

Mr. Donohoe argued that Mr. Webster's specification was not sufficient, and submitted the following for the Committee:-

To the Chairman and members of the Co. Council Gentlemen,

In accordance with your resolution of the last meeting we beg to report that we visited Kilmore on the 2nd Inst to view the new Breakwater at present in course of construction and some repairs to the existing Breakwater and regret to say that we found both unsatisfactory.

1.- As regards the new Breakwater, about half of it has been destroyed, and we have no confidence whatever in the stability of the portion still standing.

2.- The specification does not define the class of "rubble stone" to be used, and, in consequence is that about half the stones are not large enough to breast an ordinary road ditch, and a very large proportion only fit for rough road metalling, and consequently quite unfit for a breakwater which requires size and solidity.

3.- The breast work or facing stones, are not nearly large enough; and no attempt has been made to effect close joints with the result that the part still standing exhibits numerous apertures, and these stones being horizontal instead of upright simply invite destruction; as affording flat leverage for the action of the sea.

4.- Considerable repairs are required on South East side of the breakwater, which have not yet been commenced.

5.- As the inspection in question was the result of an application on the part of the contractor for a variation of the specification, and a further sum of money for the purpose, we unhesitatingly advise that the application be refused and that the County

Surveyor be held strictly responsible for the completion of the work, and, for its stability for a reasonable number of years afterwards.

6.- We further advise the County Council in view of our complete want of confidence in the sufficiency of the specification, and of the work performed under it, that the Department of Agriculture etc, which is responsible for £500 - half the contract money - be requested to send down an expert to view the work in its present state, and so divide the responsibility with the County Council of approving or rejecting the work.

7.- This is all the more necessary in view of the notoriety the work has already acquired, and the possibility of future public action, which the Co. Council should be prepared to meet.

8.- We think it but right to add in conclusion that if trouble should come to the Contractor in this matter it will be, in our opinion, largely owing to the indefiniteness of the specification, and to the absence in it of sufficient working directions as to the construction, material, or otherwise.

9.- We understand a considerable payment has been made to the Contractor on the certificate of the Surveyor, and if that is so, the Council and the Ratepayers generally may well feel serious misgivings as to the past and future expenditure of the County, and this requires in our opinion careful and prompt consideration.

The names of the councillors present at the inspection are - Messrs E. Hore, C. A. Peacocke, M. A. Ennis, J. Bolger, M. Murphy, M. Browne, J. Donohoe, J. F. Walsh, and J. E. Mayler.

Mr Peacocke proposed that the County Council be recommended to adopt the report which he presented, and be requested to agree to expend the sum of £195 for the change in plan as regards the coping. Also to allow the Contractor a sum of £50 for surplus stones.

Mr. Ennis seconded the resolution which passed.
Mr. Murphy dissenting

Mr. Peacocke moved the adoption of the recommendations of the committee's report. Mr. Browne seconded.

Mr. Murphy said the first storm that came would take the proposed breakwater away.

Mr. J. Bolger said he agreed with the report submitted by Mr. Donohoe.

Mr. O'Flaherty then addressed the council, reiterating the statements made at the meeting of the committee, and asking that a sum of £330, should be allowed Mr. Walsh for carrying out the work.

Mr. Donohoe, argued that it was a gross injustice for South Wexford men to make the poor men up in the North of the county pay for this work.

The county council had made themselves a laughing stock by throwing £1,000 into the sea as against the distinct advice of Mr. Bindon-Stoney. The plan was absurd - a ginger-bread thing, that could be kicked down. He for one held Mr. Webster absolutely responsible for the whole thing. Mr. Webster in order to save his reputation should have declined to lend himself to the scheme. There seemed to be a rooted objection on the part of certain members of the council to have the Engineer of the Department of Agriculture, see the present state of the work and report to the council. An expert should report to them on the condition of the Breakwater or they would excite ridicule. Why did not Mr. Webster have a clerk of works?

He considered the stones which had been generally utilized were too small - there were only 50 per cent of large stones and there was no direction in the specification as to how the stones should be laid.

If an expert said that a certain sum was required, the Wexford Rural District should contribute to the cost and it should not be imposed on the people of the North.

Mr. O'Flaherty, (Harbour Master) said that if the new breakwater had been coped with cement in bags it would have stood the action of the sea.

Mr. J. Bolger disagreed with the proposal of the committee. They were going to put the cement bags on a bad foundation and the inner portion which it was proposed to allow to stand showed bulges and cracks. He considered the original plan etc. should be carried out and if the Council wished to give something to Mr. Walsh for the abnormal storm he (Mr. Bolger) would be in favour of it. It was a great responsibility for the Council to expend any further money on this proposal.

Mr. Webster - (in reply to Mr. Furlong) If the work had been carried out in accordance with the specification and plan he had prepared it would have stood, and he had no reason to alter his opinion. Unless he had a block of works, he or his assistant should be on the ground every day, and it was better to have a block of works. It was possible for the cement to be inserted without casing.

Mr. Browne. - Isn't it your opinion that it would be better to have it finished with cement in bags, and not have any further delay.

Mr. Webster. - It is possible to carry out the plan for the cement in bags quickly, and the original plans, from my experience of the weather last year, it is impossible to carry out expeditiously.

Mr. Ennis said that even with the top off; the breakwater was worth the money which the Council had spent. With regard to the resolution from the Wexford Rural District Council, which had been sent the Co. Council, it was not true to say that £1,000 had been expended on the new breakwater. This amount was to cover the repairs to the old breakwater, and the dredging of the Harbour, works which in 1899 had been estimated by the Board of Works to cost £700 as well as the construction of the new breakwater.

The following was the resolution referred to by Mr. Ennis as having been received from the Wexford Rural

District Council - Resolved - "That, we, the Wexford Rural District Council protest against the extravagant manner in which the County Council are spending the rates, and we call attention particularly to the £1000 they have spent at the breakwater at Kilmore, said expenditure being of no use to any portion of the community; such extravagance we consider in the present year unreasonable, as it is the worst we have had since '79, and that if the County Council consult the Ratepayers they will find 95% opposed to spending money on the Piers of the County. That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Co. Council, and to the Councils of Enniscorthy, New Ross, and Gorey Districts."

Mr Donohoe proposed - "That a copy of the Committee's report be sent to the Department of Agriculture, with a request that a Expert be sent down at once to inspect the Breakwaters, and to report as to the sufficiency of work already done on them, and as to the advisability or otherwise of continuing the work of the new breakwater under the present specification."

Mr Murphy seconded.

Mr Peacocke said that his impression was that there was a very small percentage of small stones used in the work.

The Chairman said that Mr Donohoe had stated that the stones used in the construction of the Wexford Breakwater were considerably larger than those which had been used at Kilmore. He (Mr Hore) disagreed with this view. The stones used at Kilmore were longer and more suitable for the purpose.

The motion for the adoption of the report of the Committee was then put and declared carried by the Chairman.

A Poll was taken with the following result.

For the motion: - Messrs Browne, Walsh, Mayler, Peacocke, Cummins, Ennis, Kehoe, and the Chairman - 8.

Against: - Messrs Furlong, J. Bolger, Donohoe, Dempsey, Murphy, L. Bolger and Sinnott - 7.

The Chairman declared the motion for the adoption of the Committee's report carried.

Mr. Donohoe then made his motion read: - "That a copy of the Committee's report be sent to the Department of Agriculture, with a request that an Expert be sent down at once to inspect the Breakwaters, and to report as to the sufficiency of the work already done.

A vote was taken on Mr. Donohoe's motion with the following result: -

For the motion: - Messrs Furlong, J. Bolger, Donohoe, Dempsey, Sinnott, Murphy, and J. Bolger - 7.

Against: - Messrs Browne, Maylor, Walsh, Peacocke, Ennis, Cummins, Kehoe, and the Chairman - 8.

The Chairman declared the resolution lost.

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Dempsey the following resolution was adopted: -

"That Messrs Ennis, Peacocke, Browne, J. Bolger, Donohoe, the Chairman, and Vice-Chairman of the Council, be appointed a Committee to deal with the reply of the Department, and if considered necessary that they should arrange for a deputation to wait on the Vice President of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction to lay before him the views of the Council in connection with the improvements at Kilmore Harbour. That Mr. Webster County Surveyor be requested to attend with the deputation should one be appointed.

Edmund A. O'Connell

Meeting - 5th April 1904

A Meeting of the County Council was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse Wexford on April 5th 1904 for the purpose of making payments to Guardians, District Councils etc.

Present Mr. E. Gore, Vice Chairman, presiding
Other Councillors present: Messrs C. H. Peacocke, M. A. Ennis, M. Murphy, J. B. Maylor, J. J. Kehoe & J. F. Walsh

The Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Council held on the 2nd February and of Special Meetings held on the 23rd February and 10th March were read and confirmed

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Murphy the following resolution was adopted. -

"That Paying Authority for £9291 : 1 : 7. quarterly amount of the demands of the Boards of Guardians and District Councils of the County, in respect of the financial year 1904-5 be signed, and that payments for £3582 : 15/- (including payment of a quarterly amount of £3467 to the District Asylum) be passed, and Paying Authority for same signed.

Edmund Gore

7th. Quarterly meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber Courthouse Wexford on May 3rd 1904

Present, Mr E. Hore, Vice Chairman of the Council
 presiding, other members Messrs J Bolger, M Browne
 C. A Peacocke Lord Stophord M A Emis. J J Kehoe.
 M Murphy, A Kinsella, D Kavanagh, John Cummins.
 J E Mougher M J Furlong. J Bolger, J A Doyle.
 J B Hearn, Jas Shearne, M Hickoy J F Walsh.
 James Simmott, D Dampsey J W Doyle

The following resolution was adopted on the Motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Peacocke That the several proposals for payments from the Rural District Councils and the Proposal Committee for the current quarter be approved, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman

Thos. Watson Esq.

The Statutable Half-yearly Meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse Wexford on Tuesday 3rd May 1904

Present E Hore (Chairman, presiding)

other members Messrs J Bolger M Browne C H Peacocke Lord Stopford, M A Ennis, John J Kehoe, M Murphy Alexander Kinsella, D Kavanagh John Cummins J E Mayler, M J Furlong, J Bolger, J A Doyle J B Hearn, J F Walsh and James Simmott, J O Doyle Jas Shearney D Dempsey M Hickay

The Secretary, County Surveyor and the Solicitor of the Council were in attendance
The minutes of last meeting were read and signed

Rate for year 1904-5

Mr Peacocke proposed and Mr Kehoe seconded the following resolution:- "That we hereby strike the rate for General and Separate charges for the year 1904-5 and seal and sign the rate Books and Collectors Warrants. Passed,

Issue of Stocks

Under date May 2nd 'letter No. 19,990: 1904-Miscellaneous', the Local Government Board forwarded copies of order and amended regulations relative in the issue of Stock by Urban Sanitary Authorities, and which had been made by the board under section 52 of the Public Health acts amended Act 1890

Appointment of Rate Collector

in connection with the appointment of Rate Collector for No 10 Collection district the Secretary read letter from the Local Government Board under date 9th Feby 1904 and No 7066-1904 forwarding a list of queries to be answered as

Regards the person appointed to the office
 The Secretary read for the Council
 the questions to which the Local Government Board
 required answers Messrs Edward Somers, Dunneane
 Emmisconthy, John Sinnott Ballyd and Emmisconthy
 and Moses Sutton. Ryane Oylgate applied for the
 position of Rate Collector for No 10 Collection
 District (Electoral Division of the Leap Emmisconthy
 and Bue) Mr J Healy appeared for Mr Edward Somers
 who offered to collect the rates in this collection
 district for 5th in the £. Mr Ahern proposed that
 Mr Somers application be not entertained as he has not
 complied with the terms of the advertisement. Mr
 J D Doyle seconded. The proposal was carried
 Mr Dempsey proposed the election of Mr Sutton Mr
 Kehoe seconded. Mr J Bolger proposed by Mr John
 Sinnott for the appointment Mr J D Doyle seconded
 A poll was taken with the following result
 For Mr Sinnott Messrs J Bolger, Turling Browne Lord
 Stopford, Peacocke, Emmis. Murphy, Kinsella, Kavanagh,
 J D Doyle, J Bolger and the Chairman. 12
 For Mr Sutton Messrs Mayler, Kehoe, Ahern, Dempsey,
 Hickey and Cummins - 6. The Chairman declared
 Mr Sinnott elected. The following is the application
 of the successful candidate.

Davidstown
 Ballydand, Emmisconthy
 3rd May 1904

Gentlemen,

In reply to your advertisement for a
 Rate Collector for the Divisions of Ballyhogue Bue
 and the Leap, I beg to offer myself as a candidate
 for the position and offer as my security and hand
 in a letter of agreement. From the Lancashire and
 Lancashire Insurance Company, agreeing to
 guarantee me if elected this is the same company
 that guaranteed me last time
 As to the manner in which I discharged my duty
 on the last occasion without using any pressure

on the Ratepayers although I had the whole
years rates to collect in a very short space of time
I refer ^{you} to Capt Pigott and Mr Triggell. Hoping gentlemen
that I have invited your confidence approval and
support, and trusting you will see your way in
appointing me to the position. I now leave myself
in your hands as I am sure you will treat me
fairly

your obedient and most Respectful servant
John Sinnott -

Audits of Accounts

Under date 6 April (Letter No 61. No 1904-office) The
Local Government Board wrote that the audit of the
accounts of the County Council for the period ended
the 30th September 1903, would be undertaken by
Mr J. E. King, Local Government Auditor in lieu of
Mr D. B. Sheehan the Auditor for the District.
The Local Government Board forwarded copies
of the reports of their Auditors dealing with the accounts
of the following bodies, Enniscomthy Union and Rural
District Council, County Wickford Committee of
Agriculture and Technical Instruction and District
Lunatic Asylum, New Ross Guardians and New
Ross Rural District Council.

From the Auditor's report of the Enniscomthy Union
a/c. it appeared that a surcharge had been made,
and on the motion of Mr Kavanagh seconded
by Mr Dempsey the following resolution was passed
That the Local Government Board be asked to remit
the surcharge in the case of the Enniscomthy Union

Courtown Harbour

The following Petition which was signed by a large
number of persons was laid before the Council
Gentlemen, Whereas great destitution and loss
is caused to the fishermen and others of Courtown
Harbour Ballymorney Poulshone &c by the bad state
of the Bar and Harbour at Courtown caused by the
siltting of sand at the Bar mouth, and in the Harbour
preventing boats of even the most moderate draught

from leaving or entering the Harbour except on spring tides and thereby depriving about one hundred fishermen with families depending on them of the means of earning a livelihood at a time when it is admitted by all that fish is as plentiful in the bay as ever it was. The most moderate Calculation shows that each day on which the boats are prevented from going to sea the Community loses at least twenty pounds during the herring season and during the Herring season the loss would be much more. This loss to a poor Community is very great and has caused much poverty and distress.

The Department of Agriculture is prepared to co-operate with a local Authority in remedying this state of affairs but the existing Harbour Commissioners do not come within the local definition of Local Authority and the Department is therefore debarred from co-operating with them it is hoped that if the Harbour were invested in the County Council an Imperial Grant or the greater part if not the whole of the money required to improve the Harbour would be obtained from the Government. For the past twenty five years there has been a great falling off in the number of fishing boats and their capacity owing to the shallowness of the bar entrance. The fishermen cannot therefore venture ^{as far} to sea as formerly on account of the difficulty and danger encountered on returning to the Harbour should an unfavourable change take place in the weather. We venture to suggest to the Council in support of our application that any permanent improvement made to the Harbour would be not only beneficial to the fishing interest but also to the district at large. As appears from a letter from Lord Courtown acting for the Commissioners that body is quite willing to hand over their interests to the County Council. Now we the undersigned fishermen and ratepayers respectfully bring this urgent condition of affairs to the notice of your Council and most earnestly request that your Council may consent

to take over the charge of the Harbour from the existing Commissioners with a view to obtaining Imperial aid for its improvement. - on the same subject the following resolution was received from the Forey Rural District Council. That we the Forey Rural District Council by this our resolution earnestly request the County Council at their next meeting on 3rd May do take into consideration a petition of the people of Courtown and vicinity asking that the said ^{Council} May take over charge of the Harbour of Courtown from the existing Commissioners. The Department of Agriculture have expressed their willingness to Co-operate with the local Authority that has power to deal with the Piers and Harbours and the only local Authority that has power to deal with Piers and Harbours under the local Government Act is the County Council and we direct that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the County Council before their meeting of 3rd May. Mr Kinsella moved That a Committee be appointed to examine Courtown Harbour and the accounts kept by the Courtown Harbour Commissioners, and to report to the County Council as to the advisability of taking steps to take over that Harbour from the present existing Commissioners. Mr J D Doyle seconded. - Passed.

The following Committee were appointed Messrs Peacocke, Emms, Kinsella, J. Bolger, Furlong, J D Doyle, Cummins, Dempsey and Hickey and vice Chairman of the Council and the County Surveyor to meet at Courtown Harbour on Thursday 19th at 12:30 o'clock.

Kilmore Harbour Improvements

Referring to the question of the proposal of the Council to allow the Contractor for the Harbour Improvements at Kilmore a sum of £295 for work in connection with changes in the plan of the works in question the following letter

was read from the Local Government Board under date 20th April 1904 and No 22,375, 1904 Wexford County. I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th Instant respecting the injury caused to the works at Kilmore Harbour by a storm, and in reply I am to refer you to Section 8 of the Grand Jury Act of 1853 as adapted by the Schedule to the Local Government (adaptation of Irish Enactments) Order 1899 in regard to the proposed extra payment to the Contractor. I am to state that the Board can express no opinion on this matter, and it will rest with the Wexford County Council to satisfy the Auditor as to the propriety of their action. Order date 24th March 1904 the following letter No 833 / 04 F.B. was read from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction. I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th Inst and its enclosed copy of the recommendation made by a committee of the Wexford County Council specially appointed to consider the state of affairs arising from the damage caused by the recent storms to the new ^{breakwater} in process of construction at Kilmore Harbour. It is noted that this recommendation has been adopted by the County Council - in reference thereto I have to request that you will be so good as to remind the Council of the terms of the Department's promise to render financial aid to the scheme of improvement originally contemplated for this place. These terms were that they would contribute a total sum of £500 in the following manner. viz. £300 when the breakwater and Harbour excavation were certified by the County Surveyor to have been finished in accordance with the plan and specifications and £200 six months thereafter if the works were then intact and in sound condition. It now appears that the County Council desire to make an alteration in the design for the breakwater as on the lines suggested by their special committee. The Department, although they do not

Anticipate any good result from the change will raise no objection thereto but at the same time they will not depart from the main elements of their promise as to the amount of this contribution under date 29 March 1904 letter No 876/04 from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction was read. This communication pointed out that the Vice President of the Department would receive a deputation from the Wexford County Council on the subject of Kilmore Harbour on the 13th April at 3 o'clock P.M. Mr Webster in reply to the Council said that the proposed alterations in the plans would be an improvement as regards the strength of the superstructure but the main reason for the adoption of the alteration is that the plan as altered could be carried out even if the weather proves as unfavorable as last year. if the weather be as bad as last year the original plan could not be carried out.

Mr J J Walsh the Contractor appeared before the Council and in reply to the Chairman said he would not be satisfied to give any indemnity in case of a surcharge by the Auditor. Mr Webster said he considered the original plan would stand if carried out but the difficulty was if there was a wash on - under the circumstances his advice was to let the work go on as per the original plan. Mr J Doyle proposed - That the Contractor be directed to carry out the original plan and that Mr Webster be given power to employ a clerk of works during the progress of cement work at a salary of 4/- per day. Mr J Bolger seconded passed.

Loan for Lighting District Asylum by Electricity

Under date 16th Feb'y 1904 (letter No 9303. 1904, Wexford County), the Local Government Board wrote sanctioning the application of the County Council for a loan of £6,500 for the purpose of lighting the Ennisceorthy District Asylum by means of Electricity repayment to spread over a period

of twenty five years and the loan to be issued in four instalments of £2,000 £2,000, £2,000 and £500. Under date 8th March 1904 the Secretary of the Board of Works wrote (letter No 2924 /04) stating that the loan mentioned in the letter of the Local Government Board had been sanctioned, the instalments to be issued as therein stated and the loan to be repaid in 25 years at the rate of $3\frac{1}{4}$ per Cent. In connection with the above loan a communication under date 30th April was received from the Asylum stating that the work had been commenced and asking for an advance of £2,000 Mr Peacocke proposed and Mr Ennis seconded that we advance to the Enniscorthy District Lunatic Asylum Committee the sum of £2,000 in anticipation of loan of £6,500 sanctioned by the Local Government Board and Board of Works for the purpose of lighting the Asylum with Electricity etc. Passed.

Proposal for Works

On the Motion of Lord Stopford seconded by Mr Peacocke. The following resolution was adopted - That the several proposals for new works, including Provisional proposals from Enniscorthy Rural District Nos 214 & 221, and for payments sent up by the Rural District Council of the County for the current quarter be approved, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman. On the motion of Lord Stopford seconded by Mr Peacocke the following resolution was adopted. That the several proposals for new works and for payments sent up by the Proposal Committee, as regards expenditure chargeable to the County at large be approved subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman.

An informal Proposal - Gorey District
in connection with the acceptance of a contract for £289.10. by the Gorey Rural District Council for putting

into repair 300 perches of the road from Monmore (on the road leading from Clenevan to Gorey through Mangan to Lodduff on the road from Kilmuckridge to Courtown Harbour it appeared that the Provisional Proposal form after the first meeting of the District Council was not received in the office of the County Council until three days after the statutable meeting of the County Council. Mr. Elgee considered that in these circumstances the Proposal was informal. Mr. Kinsella proposed and Mr. J. D. Doyle seconded that the proposal be referred back to the District Council. Passed.

Discrepancies in Rural District Council Tenders
With reference to No 237 in Emiscorthy it appears that the Contractor had not signed his tender.

On the motion of Mr. J. Bolger, seconded by Mr. J. D. Doyle it was decided to reject the tender and refer the proposal back to the District Council as the tender was not signed. No 234 Emiscorthy - in this case there were two tenders. Arthur Simmott the old Contractor tendered 1/- per perch but inserted only a sum of £1.5. instead of £6.5 in his tender. The other tender of Joseph Hyland was at 1/3 per perch - total amount £7.13.6. The Rural District Council asked Simmott to take the work at £1.5 but he refused and they accepted the tender of Hyland.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hearn seconded by Mr. J. Bolger. That the tender of Joseph Hyland be rejected and that the work be given in charge of the County Surveyor for six months at 2/3 per perch, as we consider that the District Council should have allowed Simmott to amend his tender as it was clearly by a clerical error that his tender was informal. In the case of a man named John Murphy who tendered to keep in repair 1316 perches of a road in Emiscorthy District from the 31st March 1904 it appeared that the Contractor had tendered at 4/- per perch but made a mistake in the bulk sum of £3.6/- Murphy now applied

to have the tender amended. Mr Peacocke proposed that in the case of John Murphy Contractor for a road of 1316 perches in Emiscorthy District and in similar cases where District Councils invite tenders at so much per perch and where the Contractor makes a mistake in his calculation the Contractor be paid the exact sum per perch and that the Auditor's attention be called to John Murphy's case with a view to having the amount corrected.

Works untendered for at Council Meetings

The following were made on works untendered for at the Meetings of the District Councils

Wexford District

No. C- To repair 316 perches of the existing roadway from Mr Cardiff's lane in Gtunminogue to Redshire Hill at 4/6 per perch. to be a district charge. No tender received. Referred to District Council on the motion of Mr Ennis seconded by Mr Kehoe. No. D- To repair Kilmore Pier not to exceed £10 to be a half County and a half district charge. No tender received. given in charge of the County Surveyor on the motion of Mr ~~Dempsey~~^{Kehoe} seconded by Mr Dempsey.

Emiscorthy District

No. 2- To raise the roads and put covering over the four bridges at the following places: - two bridges of Permont Mohury bridge and Pucks bridge not to exceed £50 to be a rural District charge. No tender received given in charge of Surveyor. No. 198- to keep in repair for 11 months from 30th April 1904 to the 31st March 1905. 716 perches from Emiscorthy to New Ross by Monerymore between the bridge of Castleboro and Dranagh at 1/3 per perch. No tender received. given in charge of County Surveyor for six months on the Motion of Mr Peacocke seconded by Lord Stopford. No. 213- To keep in repair for 4 years and 11 months from the 30th April 1904 to the 31st March 1909. 140 perches

from the District bounds to the Wexford and Enniscorthy road at 5^p per perch. Patrick Fortune of Galbally Bue tendered at £2.0.10 and Edward Prien tendered at £2.18.4. Patrick Fortune's tender was accepted on the motion of Mr Raveke seconded by Mr Dempsey No. 216- To widen level metal and make water tables on about 170 perches to the Bush lane leading from the crossroads of Surloughbush to the Coachroad at Ryane not to exceed £35- to be a District Council on the motion of Mr J D Doyle seconded by Mrs Bolger No. 225. To keep in repair 820 perches between the bridge of Barmoney and Bennetts Rinekiln at 1^p per perch John Kelly of Ternfarney Bue and Daniel Tinton Raheenahone tendered at 1^p per perch each In this case it appears Tinton tendered at the meeting of the Enniscorthy District Council and one of his sureties refused to sign the bond Mr Dempsey proposed the acceptance of Tinton's tender but the proposition was not seconded and the tender of Kelly was duly proposed seconded and passed

Gorey District

No. 126- To keep in repair for 5 years from the 30 June 1904 to the 30th June 1909. 596 perches between the Chapel of Ballyfad and the leading road to Arklow at Bally Killy at 9^p per perch. No tender received. and the work was given in charge of the County Surveyor for 6 months from the 30th June to the 31. December 1904 on the motion of Lord Stopford seconded by Mr J D Doyle.

New Ross District

No. 168. To maintain for 4 years and 11 months from 31st July 1904 to the 30th June 1909. 830 perches of the road between the crossroads of Thomas Egan's Contract in Ballycullane including the branch to Rooking at 9^p per perch David Egan Boley. tendered at 8^p per perch and was accepted on the motion of Mr Ahern seconded by Mr. Nichol

No. 181- to maintain for 8 months from the 31st July 1904 to the 31st March 1905. 50 perches of the road between the crossroads of Ballymitty

and Connor house on the Duncannon line at 6 per perch no tender was received and the work was given in charge of the County Surveyor for 8 months on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Ernis No. 60 - To keep in repair for 5 years from 30th September 1904 to the 30 September 1909. 744 perches of the road from Linton to New Ross between Kelly's Crossroads and Taylors town bridge not to exceed 1/- per perch David Egan Boloy tendered at 10 per perch and was accepted on the motion of Mr Ahearne seconded by Mr Kehoe - No. 16 - To build a gullet in the road leading from Aclamon to Griffin's Crossroads. not to exceed £2-10/- No tender received. referred to District Council on the motion of Mr Ahearne seconded by Mr Kehoe. No. 17 - To trunk the approaches to Mulliderry bridge not to exceed £10. No. 18 - To build a gullet across the road at the quay of Wellington bridge not to exceed £4 No tenders received and the works were given in charge of the County Surveyor on the motion of Mr Ernis seconded by Mr Kehoe

Proposal Committee
Works untendered for

No. 2 - Enniscorthy Courthouse. Proposed by Mr Ernis seconded by Mr Peacocke that the work be given in charge of the County Surveyor. No. 6 - Wexford free Bridge. Proposed by Mr Ernis seconded by Mr Peacocke that the work be given in charge of the County Surveyor. No. 7 - Ferry Carrig Bridge not to exceed £116. a similar order was made as in last one. No. 9 - to repair Mount Garrett Bridge not to exceed £50. a similar amount to be laid on Coy Kilkenney. given in charge of the County Surveyor No. 11 - improvement of Bulduff Harbour not to exceed £2,000 referred to Proposal Committee

Road Contracts. New Ross Urban District
The following was received from the New Ross Urban District Council under date 26th March 1904. That the Council inform the County Council that they purpose taking such steps as they may be advised

to compel the County Council to expend such a sum of money upon Mr Kelly's contract within the Urban District as will put his roads in a proper state of repair before they are taken over by the Urban Council in July next and that the Urban Council is informed this expenditure will amount to about £200- No order. The following letter under date 14th April 1904 was read from the Clerk of the New Ross Urban Council. I am directed by the Urban Council to send you copies of two applications made by their Town Surveyor and passed by them at the Quarterly Meeting held yesterday and have to request that you will be kind enough to bring them before the next meeting of the County Council. To keep in repair for 7 years 266 perches of Streets from John Street cross to the Urban bounds. Irishtown at 10/- per perch per year half to be a County at large charge. Passed by the Urban Council at the above sum. Main Road to make 170 yards lineal of sewer in Michael Street in continuation of existing sewer near the barrack boundary wall to Neville Street including three trapped gratings and connecting drains cost not to exceed £80- Half to be a County at large charge. Passed by the New Ross Urban Council at Quarterly Meeting held April 13th 1904 - It was decided that the application of the Urban Council as regards the maintenance of 266 perches be adjourned to next meeting of the Council. With reference to the application for a grant for the construction of a sewer, Mr Ahern moved. That the consideration of this matter be adjourned for six months. Mr Murphy seconded. Passed. Ferry Carrig Bridge

The following resolution was received from the Wexford Corporation. That we respectfully call the attention of the County Council to the dangerous and dilapidated condition of Ferry Carrig bridge. and request them to consider the advisability erecting a new bridge in its place

Proposed by Mr J D Doyle seconded by Mr Morris that the Wexford Corporation be informed the County Council are expending £116 to repair and strengthen the existing bridges at Ferryearney.

Caretaker at Mountgarrett Bridge

Mr Kehoe proposed. That the County Council take steps in conjunction with the Kilkenny County Council to appoint a caretaker for Mountgarrett bridge at a salary of £12 per annum to be a County at large charge and that the County Surveyor be authorised to retain the services of the present caretaker until the new appointment was made at a salary of £1 per month. Mr Hearn seconded the resolution. Passed.

Boyle Laws

Mr Peacocke proposed. That the Kilkenny County Council be asked to take steps to deal with the suggested bye-laws for regulating traction engine traffic over New Ross Bridge and if a reply be not received within a week a direct communication on the subject be addressed to the New Ross Urban Council. Mr Donohue seconded. Passed.

Defaulting Contractors. - Ten days Notices

Mr J Bolger (for Mr Donohue who was absent) moved that the County Surveyor take immediate steps to have ten-day notices served on all defaulting or backward Contractors and to make such arrangements with the Deputy Surveyors as will enable them to know exactly ^{what} is due on all such Contracts so that they may be in a position to take prompt action to spend some by day labour or otherwise as found most advantageous. Mr Bolger after some discussion withdrew the resolution.

Assistant Surveyor Learys Residence

Mr J Bolger moved (for Mr Donohue who was absent) the following but as it was considered not legal it was not passed as Mr Bolger withdrew it.

That Deputy Surveyor Leary be required to at once take up his residence as nearly as possible in the centre of his district.

Council Meetings

Council Meetings for the Quarter ending 30 June 1904

Emisworthy Thursday 7th July at 11.15 A.M

Wexford Saturday 9th July at 10.30 ~

Gorey Wednesday 13th do at 12 noon

New Ross Saturday 16th do ~ 12 ~

Proposal Committee Friday 15th July at 2 P.M

County Council Meeting Tuesday 2nd Aug^t 12 noon

Arthurstown Pier

The board of works under date 9th February 1904 (Letter No 1581-04) wrote as follows in reference to Arthurstown Pier. I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works to inform you that it has been reported to them that the berth of Arthurstown Pier is fast silting up and that one of the bollards has been dislodged from its setting. The Board would be glad to hear that these matters will receive early attention. Referred to County Surveyor who explained that the stone bollards had been settled.

Emisworthy School Attendance Committee

On the motion of Mr & Bolger. Seconded by Mr Cummins the following were appointed as the representatives of the County Council as Local Authority on the Emisworthy Rural District School Attendance Committee from the 1st June 1904 to 1st June 1907. Messrs Thaddeus Bolger Milltown Ferns D J O'Callaghan Ballindaggan Thos Cleary Ballyvaughan Dykegate Thomas Aspin. Galbally Bree Arthur Goff Ballycorley Boolavogue Ferns

Lighting New Ross Bridge

The following correspondence arising out of previous Meetings Minutes was read on the subject of lighting New Ross Bridge. From the Board of Trade to the Secretary of the County Council under date of 17th February 1904 and No 2081. I am directed by the Board of Trade to acquaint you for the information of the County Council of Wexford that the Board have received representations from the New Ross ^{Harbour} Commissioners and the Grand Canal Company upon the subject

of the difficulties stated to be caused to navigation during the winter months especially owing to the arches of ^{the} New Ross Bridge not be lighted at night for the guidance of Craft navigating through or under the Bridge. The Board understand that the matter has already been brought to your notice by the Harbour Commissioners but that the County Council are advised by their Solicitor that they are not responsible for providing light for navigation. and I am to request that you will favour this Department with the views of the Council fully on the matter. From the complaints received the Board gather that the Bridge in question was erected in 1887 by the Grand Jurors of the Counties of Wexford and Kilkenny but they are unable to trace any record of application having been made for consent to erection of the Bridge in question. And I am to request that you will favor the Board with a reference to any statutory enactments to this bridge and the powers of the of County Authorities over it. The Board will be glad if your reply includes a statement as to the nature of this bridge, i.e. Number and Size of spans whether opening or not headway above high water of ordinary spring tides etc. Copy letter from the Board of Trade to the Solicitor of the County Council Mr RW Elgee with reference to your letter of the 20th Ultimo upon the Subject of ^{the} lighting in the interests on navigation of the New Ross Bridge a matter which appears to be in dispute between the New Ross Harbour Commissioners and the Wexford and Kilkenny County Councils. I am directed by the Board of Trade to state that they are unable to concur in your view that the requisite lighting should be done by the Harbour Authority and I am to request that you will inform the County Councils that as a general principle the Board of Trade consider it to be the duty of the owners of Bridges constructed over navigable waters to light such bridges in the interest of navigation. I am to add that when Bills are introduced into Parliament to authorise the construction of such bridges steps are taken by the Board of Trade to provide that clauses are added to the Bills

to the effect that the promoters of the Scheme shall properly light the bridges in the interests of navigation both during and after and after construction of the ~~Quinn~~ bridge in course of construction at the junction of the River Barrow with the River Suir is a case in point. Letter from the Manager of the Grand Canal Company Dublin to the Secretary of the Wexford County Council under 15th March 1904. with reference to former correspondence regarding the matter (lighting New Ross Bridge) I wrote the Board of Trade on the subject and I am informed that it is the duty of the County Council who built the bridge to provide adequate lighting for navigating purposes. I must therefore ask you again to have the necessary lights put on the bridge without further delay and I hereby give you notice that should any accident happen to any of our vessels in consequence of the want of such lights we will hold you responsible under Date 8th April 1904 the Secretary of the New Ross Harbour Commissioners wrote, at a meeting of my Board on the 6th Instant the matter of lighting New Ross Bridge for navigation purposes was fully gone into and my Commissioners directed me to send you a copy of letter received from the Board of Trade on the subject and to request that your Council will be good enough to light the Bridge as soon as possible (The letter referred to is a copy of the communication sent to the Solicitor of the County Council. Referred to Mr Elgee Solicitor who is in correspondence with the Board of Trade on the subject)

Additional members. County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction.

The County Council at a recent meeting appointed Mr J Simmott of Bolinbreesh and T Aple of Galbally as additional members of the County Committee of Agriculture etc. Mr Simmott accepted the position but Mr Aple declined and recommended the appointment of Mr Laurence Walsh of Galbally instead. on the motion of Mr Peacocke seconded by Mr Ennis Mr Laurence Walsh Galbally was

appointed as a member of the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction

New Ross School Attendance Committee

The following letter under date 29th April 1904 was read from the Clerk of the New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee. I am directed by the above mentioned Committee to request the County Council to advance to them the sum of £10 to meet current expenses. Under the present arrangement the School Attendance Officers are always out of pocket for the expenses in connection with prosecution and the Committee consider this a hardship on these officers. For the last month for instance School Attendance officer Noonan was out of pocket to the extent of £7.17.5- and Casey the sum of £5.9/- If the Committee had a small sum out of which they could pay the expenses of prosecution it would be a great improvement on the present system and help the School Attendance Officers to meet the expenses on behalf of the Committee - ordered - That the matter be postponed for the views of the Local Government Board.

Teaching Irish under date 5 February 1904. a letter of acknowledgement of the resolution passed by the County Council on the 3rd February as to the directors of Great Southern and Western Railway making Irish an optional subject in the examination for Clerkships with this Company was read -

The following resolutions were received from the Gaelic League Dublin. That the Coisde Gnotha (Executive Committee) of the Gaelic League representing a large body whose members have done most practical work for the Industrial Revival having largely increased the demand for Irish Manufacture view with alarm the project of an international exhibition and the Coisde gnotha urge the Irish Manufacturers and the Citizens generally to take immediate steps for the holding of an Irish National exhibition in 1905 in place of the proposed international exhibition and that Copies of this resolution

be sent to the Dublin daily press the Dublin Corporation the County Councils the County Borough Councils Chambers of Commerce. Trades Council and the Chairman of the Irish Parliamentary party Whereas if our native language be allowed to die we shall lose the strongest mark of Ireland's distinctive nationality the bond which connected our ancestors will be broken and the way paved for the complete Anglicisation of the Country. And whereas we see that the truth of this has been grasped by the people and that they are working strenuously for the restoration of the Irish language we now resolve that their work is deserving of our hearty support and towards that end we further resolve that on and after the 1st January 1905. we will not appoint to any office of position in the gift of this Council any person who shall not have a knowledge of the Irish language that is to say such knowledge as will satisfy a Committee of this Council chosen for the purpose or such examiner as shall be appointed by said Committee. Postpones for further action that we regard with regret and alarm the instructions recently issued to their Inspectors by the Secretaries of the Board of Irish National Education. re Irish as an extra subject. in the schools and that we appeal to Managers teachers and to every other Irishman interested in the National language to protest before the world against the monstrous outrage of attempting to proscribe our native language in our own schools which though with grim mockery are still called National The following resolution was received from the Rathgeale Rural District Council. That we ^{have} learned with surprise and regret of the issue of a circular to their Inspectors by the Board of National Education disallowing fees for the teaching of Irish to pupils under the fourth standard in National Schools the effect of which would constitute a most serious hindrance to the resuscitation of our native language and that we

respectfully and confidently appeal to the Chief Secretary for Ireland whose sympathies and good wishes towards the language revived have been frequently expressed, to take such action as will result in the withdrawal of the Circular in question and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded the Chief Secretary and Mr John Redmond M.P. our County members and each County Council in Ireland. No action was taken on above resolutions.

North East Agricultural Association

A resolution was received from the Monaghan County Council opposing subsidies from public funds to the North East Agricultural Association and calling upon the Department of Agriculture to in future distribute among the Agricultural Associations of Ireland which are worked in conjunction with their respective County Committees, the large sums of public monies said to be lavished upon the North East Agricultural Association. - Marked read -

Cash on Delivery Post

The following resolution was received from the Strabane Urban District Council. That we desire to record our most strenuous objection to the introduction of the Cash on Delivery Post by the Post office Authorities in view of the great injury it would be calculated to inflict upon Traders and Shopkeepers in Country Towns and Villages throughout Ireland by compelling them to meet the fierce competition of large mercantile firms in England Scotland and on the Continent to whom the proposed system would afford an opportunity of disposing of their goods by means of chaotic advertisements while at the same time exempting them from the ordinary business risks to which local traders are liable.

^{action.}
No ~~motion~~ was taken

action

Arterial Drainage

A resolution was received from the Cavan County Council calling attention to the necessity existing in that County for proper systems of Arterial drainage under the direct control of the County Council.

No action was taken.

Catholic University Question

The following resolution for adoption was received from the Catholic Graduates and Undergraduates Association. Resolved That we approve of and adopt the resolution passed at a General meeting of the Catholic Graduates and Undergraduates Association which demands an immediate settlement of the University question in view of what is now universally admitted to be the utterly inadequate provision for University Education in Ireland. The above resolution was proposed by Mr Emmis and seconded by Mr Peacocke, and adopted.

Compensation for Injury

The following resolution was received for adoption from the Borough Council of Limerick.

Resolved That the present state of the law by which the amounts of claims for Compensation for Injury to Property caused by the wanton and malicious acts of soldiers of the British Army who may happen to be stationed in a City, town or District for the time being and for injury to Persons or Property caused by violent or disorderly behaviour by persons who are non-residents of the locality, and for which the inhabitants are in no way responsible are liable to be assessed and levied in the rates of such City town or District is intolerable unjust and calls for amendment.

No action was taken

The Land act

The following resolution was received for adoption from the Tipperary S. R. County Council -

That we view with deep concern the attempts of the Landlords to extort for land of medium and inferior quality prices obtainable for first class grazing farms we recognise that ^{the} impoverished circumstances exaggerated by the past bad year which finds little if any sympathy or relief from Landlords may tempt many unthinking people to purchase at exorbitant prices with the hope of obtaining temporary relief. We also perceive owing to financial considerations that it is the express wish of those responsible for the government of the Country and the introduction of the Land act that the transfer of Land should be gradual and somewhat regular. We are therefore of opinion that the only way to safeguard the interests of the General body of Ratepayers and effect the desire of the Government is by the re-introduction and of the principle of inspection to every sale concluded under the last Land act and we also express our entire disapprobation attitude assumed by Mr Wyndham towards the Land act Amendment introduced by the Irish Parliamentary Party during the past week. On the same subject the following resolution was received from the South Dublin Rural District Council for adoption That this Council is of opinion that the County Council having regard to the fact that under the provisions of the Purchase of Land 'Ireland' act 1901 and 1896 The Local Government 'Ireland' act 1898 and the Irish Land act 1903. the position and liabilities of the County at large may be seriously affected through non payment of instalments by tenants making improvident bargains in the purchase of their holdings and desires to impress upon the tenants the necessity in the interests of themselves and their fellow Ratepayers to postpone buying their holdings

Unless they obtain reasonable reductions
 The above resolutions were marked read
Ten days notice

The following resolution was received for adoption
 from Co Tipperary N.R. County Council

That we respectfully represent to the Chief Secretary
 for Ireland as official head of the Local Government
 Board the present state of the law as to the service of
 ten days notices on defaulting Contractors whereby
 the County Surveyor is debarred from accepting
 this procedure until authorised by a General Meeting
 of the County Council - is most unsatisfactory and
 leads to a great loss of public money, as owing
 to consequent delay Roads frequently fall into such
 bad repair that they can only be repaired at con-
 siderable expense. Leaving the services of such
 notices to the discretion of the County Surveyor worked
 very well at the time the Grand Juries were the Road
 Authorities and we seriously urge on the Government
 to amend the law by restoring the former practice
 "No action was taken"

Agricultural and Technical Boards

A circular letter was recd from the Council of
 the Irish Technical Association pointing out the
 necessity of choosing as their representatives on the
 Council of Agriculture only such as have a special
 interest in the work and that if the person chosen
 find they are unable to discharge the duties of the
 office it was to be hoped for the sake of the important
 interests at stake they would see the necessity
 of resigning -

Marked read

Width of Cart Tyres

The following resolution was received from the Meath
 County Council for adoption. Resolved, that in
 the opinion of this Committee (Roads Committee)
 great injury is done to the Roads in this County and
 throughout Ireland by the absence of any provision
 regulating the width of the tyres of the wheels of
 Carts in proportion to the weight of the load such

Such provision exist in the English and Scotch Highway acts and we are of opinion that similar provisions should be introduced into Ireland in the interests both of the roads and ratepayers. No action was taken.

Service of Veterinary Surgeons

The following resolution was received from the County Waterford Committee of agriculture and Technical instruction for adoption

That the department of agriculture be requested to assist in removing a grievance under which the stock raisers of this County suffer by losses in cattle of all classes from contagious and other diseases that the Committee are of opinion that the only way to check these losses is by appointment of Veterinary Surgeons in suitable centres who would be available to attend all cases and treat them according to modern methods. That the Veterinary Surgeon to be appointed should have Certificates of Competence from the Agriculture Department's College and that should be fixed at £75 per annum with scale of fees 10/- 5/- 2/- according to valuation with free conveyance by farmers requiring Veterinary Surgeons services. The Department to pay the salary the ratepayers of Veterinary Surgeons District the other half. No action was taken.

Rent Ennis Corthy Courthouse-

Under date February 4th the following letter was read from Mr C. E. Roberts the agent to Lord Portsmouth ground landlord of the Ennis Corthy Courthouse. I have received your letter of the 3rd instant stating the County Council had agreed to pay the new Rent fixed on Ennis Corthy Courthouse by the Earl of Portsmouth viz-£15 a year from the 25 March 1903 and that the Council had postponed the consideration of taking a lease to a future meeting. I shall ^{thank} you to inform me of their decision on this latter point at your early convenience. The matter was postponed till next meeting of the Council.

Maintenance of over-line Railway Bridges etc
 Under date 29th February 1904 - the following letter
 was read from Mr Gordon of the Great Southern and
 Western Railway Company. I beg to acknowledge
 the receipt of yours of the 27th Instant and agree to
 the date named February 23rd for the taking over of
 the maintenance of these approaches by the County
 Council, on the motion of Mr Emmis seconded
 by Mr Macerke the following resolution was
 adopted - That the Seal of the County Council be affixed
 to the agreement between the County Council and the
 G.S and W Railway Co. with regard to the maintenance
 of overline bridges and approaches thereto. Passed
Food and drugs act

Under date 29th February 1904 (Letter No 5663. '04)
 the Department of Agriculture etc wrote that one
 of their officials had taken four samples of Butter
 for analysis in the town of Enniscorthy and that these
 were found by the Public Analyst to be pure. Under
 date 1st March 1904, the following letter (No 5901-'04
 was read from the Department of Agriculture
 and Technical Instruction with reference to
 previous correspondence on the subject of the
 enforcement of the laws relating to the sale of
 certain articles of food I have to acquaint you
 for the information of the Wexford County Council
 that an officer of the Department, Mr P Dignan
 who was instructed to discharge duties under Section
 2 of the act of 1899 purchased on the 16th ultimo
 at the premises occupied by Mr James Bruin Irish
 Street Enniscorthy a sample of butter which on being
 submitted to analysis was found to contain 2
 per cent of water in excess of the maximum
 proportion (16 per cent, thereof allowable in a
 genuine sample of butter under the Sale of Butter
 (Ireland, Regulations 1902) 'Copy herewith' a
 copy of the report from Mr Dignan in regard to this
 matter is enclosed together with the Certificate and
 copy thereof supplied by Sir C. A. Cameron who conducted

who conducted the analysis in question it will be observed that in this instance an offence would appear to have been committed against provisions of Section 5 of the Sale of Food and Drugs Act 1875 and the Department are therefore desirous that proceedings should on behalf of your Local Authority be instituted in respect of the transaction within 28 days from the date in which the sample was obtained vide Section 19. Sale of Food and Drugs Act 1899. It may be well to mention that in accordance with a decision in the Court of Kings Bench the statutory obligations imposed upon your Council in this matter will be fulfilled by your instructing the Food Inspector at the town specified to have a summons issued in his own name against the trader before the expiration of the prescribed limit of time. The Secretary said that prosecution had been instituted in this case and the defendant had been fined one shilling with 12 shillings costs by the Magistrate.

Fertilizers and Feeding Stuffs Act

Circular letter from the Department under date 28 March 1904, and No 6772. 104. Accompanying a copy of the amended Regulations made by the Department with regard to ^{the} taking of samples under the Fertilizers and Feeding Stuffs Act 1893. and read for the Council.

Acknowledgements. Resolutions

The Under-Secretary Dublin Castle wrote on behalf of his Excellency, the Lord Lieutenant acknowledging the receipt of the resolutions of the Wexford County Council on the subjects of the Irish Education Act 1892 and the Development Fund Grant. Irish Poor Law Reform Commission under date 27th February the Assistant-Secretary of the Irish Poor Law Reform Commission wrote acknowledging the replies of the Wexford County Council to the queries issued by the Commission and also the names of the witnesses appointed to give evidence on behalf

of the Council at the forthcoming sitting of the Commission for the County Wexford

Acknowledgments, vote of Condolence

Liters in Acknowledgment of the vote of Condolence passed by the Council on the death of Mr Hickey Brother of Mr E. Hickey Co Councillor were read from Mr Hickey and Mrs Hickey, relics of the deceased

Docks and Wharves Inquiry
Under date 5 February 1904. a Communication was read from the Treasury Solicitors Department giving particulars of the enquiry as to Docks and Wharves held under the Factory and Workshop Act 1901.

Analyst's Report

Report of Sir Charles Cameron C.B. M.D. Public Analyst for the County of Wexford on articles submitted to him for Analysis during the quarter ended 31 Dec 1903
89 Articles were received from the Food Inspectors R.I.C. as follows

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number</u>
Butter	29
Milk	25
Whiskey	15
Buttermilk	9
Mustard	2
Rum	2
Lin	2
Sago	2
Margarine	1
Rice	1
Tea	1
Total	<u>89</u>

of the specimens of milk one was adulterated with at least 14.8 per cent of added water and one was deprived of at least 33 per cent of its fats and was therefore a debased article of the specimens of buttermilk two were adulterated with at least 16 and 16 per cent of added water respectively. exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes. One of the specimens of Whiskey was

was 29 degrees under proof and was therefore adulterated with at least 5.33 per cent with added water the remaining Articles were of good quality For the guardians of New Ross Union nine drugs were analysed. one of them, namely Liniment of Belladonna was high solids Another namely Tincture of Cinchona was deficient in alkaloids. Specimen of Concentrated Compound Solution of Sarsaparilla which should be labelled Extract of Ergot, was low in alcohol. Two specimens of water analysed for New-Ross Urban District Council had the following compositions. one Imperial gallon contained in grains

Including	No 1. 28.000.	No 2 14.000
Albuminoid Ammonia	20.000	10.000
Saline Ammonia	0.001	0.005
Nitric Acid	4.300	Trace
Chlorine	2.584	1.192
Sulphuric Acid	5.7648	1.4412
Equal to Calcium Sulphate	8.0000	2.0000

No 1 was a very good and No 2 a tolerably good water. For the guardians of Gorey Union six drugs were analysed one of them namely Ammoniated Liniment of Camphor was deficient in Camphor Another namely Liniment of Belladonna contained an excess of camphor and Alkaloids.

For the guardians of Enniserry Union twenty one drugs and four specimens of Tea were analysed. one of the drugs namely Concentrated Solution of Rhubarb was high in gravity and low in alcohol. Another namely Liniment of Belladonna contained an excess of camphor and Alkaloids. a specimen of tincture of tincture of Buchu. received from the same Institution was high in gravity and low in alcohol. The specimens of Tea were of good quality A specimen of Cotton Cake was analysed for W^m R. Devereux Esq. Tomhaggard with the following result

100 parts contain

Moisture	11.00
Ash	6.87
oil	9.02
Albuminoids	39.82
Carbohydrates	33.29
Nitrogen	6.37

A good Cake

For the Emiserry Co-operative Society one specimen of basic slag and one of Rinsua Cake were analyzed with the following results

	<u>Rinsua cake</u>	<u>100 parts contain</u>	
Moisture	11.10		Basic Slag
ash	6.73		Phosphate of lime 46.36
oil	8.50		Equal to phosphoric oxide 21.98
Albuminoids	32.38		Fineness 72.98
Carbohydrates	41.29		Deficient in fineness should
Nitrogen	5.18		be 80.

Hair Cake -

one specimen of basic slag and one of feeding meal were analyzed for the Committee of Agriculture Wexford with the following results

	<u>100 part contain</u>		
		<u>Feeding meal</u>	<u>Basic Slag</u>
Moisture	79.48	Phosphate of lime	34.07
Ash	0.46	Equal to phosphoric oxide	15.6
Albuminoids	7.44	Fineness	84.00
Carbohydrates	8.89		Ember
Nitrogen	1.89		

a poor cake in food

Constituents

For Shillelagh Union which is partly situated in the County of Wexford six drugs were analyzed one of them namely compound tincture of Benzoin was low in solids

Total analyses 146

Charles A. O'Connor

Irish Fiscal Reform League

The following resolution was received for adoption from the Irish fiscal reform League. Resolved that we consider the present impositions of Free Trade in these countries prejudicial to the material interests of Ireland and absolutely destructive to the prospect of success of the scheme of peasant proprietary to which the country is committed. That we desire to impress upon the Government the need for such a take upon foreign manufactured goods, and agricultural produce as may encourage the increase of tillage and the Irish cattle trade and preserve the struggling and nascent industries of Ireland.

on the motion of Mr Cummins seconded by Mr Murphy the above resolution was adopted. Mr P.D. Doyle dissented.

The new Labourers Bill

A resolution for adoption was received from the Tipperary No. 1 Rural ^{District} Council expressing keen disappointment at, and strong disapproval of the Labourers Bill introduced into Parliament by the Chief Secretary.

No action was taken.

Areas of Charge

Mr Cummins proposed and Mr Hickey seconded that the amount of the contract for Duncannon Pier (£45.10) be a county at large charge. Passed.
Mr Cummins proposed that the recommendation of the Proposal Committee, that the amount of the contract for the repairs of Ballyhack parapet wall (£18) be a half county ~~charge~~ a half New Ross district charge be comprised. Mr Ennis seconded.

Secretary's leave of absence

The Secretary submitted the following Certificate from Dr. J. J. Dwyer Wexford. As Captain Rigott is still suffering from severe Neuralgia of the head accompanied with nervous prostration and general weakness. I have recommended him to apply for at least 2 months leave of absence. He requires complete rest and change of air. Thos J Dwyer

Wexford May 1st 1904

The Secretary said he would take leave of absence from the 10th May to the end of June. Mr Cummins proposed Mr Peacocke seconded and it was passed that our Secretary be granted leave of absence from the 10th of May to the end of June which period includes his usual holiday one month. Passed.

Proposed by Mr J Bolger seconded by Mr J W Doyle that Mr Fuzille Assistant Secretary be appointed Acting Secretary during the Secretary's leave of absence and that he be paid for three ^{weeks} at the rate of of £2. per week during the period. Mr Fuzille was granted leave of absence for the 4th May to attend Rural Exhibition of Bouns at Gory and Ennis Corthy

Adjourned meeting

The meeting of the Council was adjourned till Saturday May 7. at 3 o'clock P.M. to deal with form 11 from New Ross Rural District Council which had not been received up to the end of the sitting of the Council also to deal with the question of the application from New Ross Urban Council with reference to 26 inches of Main Road

Confirmation of Minutes

On the motion of Mr Peacocke seconded by Mr Ennis the minutes of Finance and Proposal Committee were confirmed

Thos. W. W. W. W.

Special Meeting- May 27th 1904.

A special meeting of the County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on May 27th 1904.

Present :- Mr. E. Hore, Vice Chairman, (presiding)
Other Members :- Messrs J. D. Doyle, J. B. Hearn, W. Murphy, W. Hickey, A. Kinsella, M. A. Ennis, D. Dempsey, C. H. Peacocke, M. J. Furlong, John J. Kehoe, J. Cummins and Lord Stopford.

Mr. Webster, County Surveyor, Mr. R. W. Elger Solicitor and the Acting Secretary; were in attendance.

New Ross New Works, etc.,

The following letters in connection with the proposals for new works and for renewals of contracts, from the New Ross Rural District were read :-

No. 27,421 : 1904.

Wexford County

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 14th May 1904.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant, relative to the absence of a quorum at the adjournment of the half-yearly meeting of the Wexford County Council, on the 7th instant, and, in reply, I am to refer you to Articles 12 (3) and 31 (2) of the Local Government (Procedure of Councils) Order 1899, as amended, and to the adaptation of this Order made by Article 2. of the Board's Order, of the 22nd August 1903, in regard to half-yearly meetings in County Wexford.

It appears to the Board, that, subject to any standing Orders dealing with the matter, you could summon a special meeting for the trans-

action of the business referred to in your letter.
I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

A. R. Barlas

Assistant Secretary

To

The Secretary

Wexford County Council

New Ross Rural District

New Ross, 4th May 1904

Dear Sir -

I regretted very much when I found yesterday that the list of contracts taken at the adjourned Quarterly Meeting, would not reach you in time for the meeting of the Co. Council. I was so much pressed with other urgent work on Friday last and Saturday - when we had two important meetings, also on Monday, that I overlooked the contract sheet - until late on Monday evening. But, the fact is that I made a mistake about the day of meeting; I thought the Co. Council were to meet to-day instead of yesterday, and forgot to refresh my memory by looking at the notice paper.

Please let me know on what day the adjourned meeting of the County Council is to be held.

I have again to express my regret at any inconvenience and trouble I have caused to the Council and yourself and staff.

Yours very truly

P. A. Pope

clock of the Council

The Secretary

Co. Council, Wexford.

The following extract from the report of the Co. Surveyor, to the meeting of the Proposal Committee

was read:-

"I must draw your attention to application B. in New Ross:- To repair 160 perches of lane, at a cost not exceeding 16/- per perch, or a total of £128. which has been approved of by the Rural District Council by 10 votes to 2. This is the lane for which a contract was taken six months ago, and which contract was ~~taken~~ broken by you, and the proposal was referred back to the Rural District Council. I am afraid if the proposal is now passed that there will be the risk of a surcharge, as the proposal is to repair a lane terminating in a bog, and the question of "Public Utility" will be raised by the Auditor."

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Dempsey and passed:- "That the several proposals for New Works and renewals of contracts from New Ross Rural District for the half-year ended 31st March 1904. be approved subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman, and that the proposal N.- To repair 160 perches of lane between Fitzharris's contract and Bantry Commons (by Michael Brien's) and fences to be built and gulleys made if necessary at a cost of £125 : 6 : 8, be rejected, as the County Council consider the work is not of "public utility."

Kilmore Pier.

The following was read:-

Department of Agriculture
& Technical Instruction
Dublin.

3rd May 1904.

Kilmore Breakwater

Sir

I am directed by Sir Horace Plunkett, to say that he has now fully considered the request preferred by a deputation from the Wexford County Council

which waited upon him at these offices on the 13th ultimo, viz:- that in addition to the £500 already promised on certain conditions towards the completion of the above work, a further sum of £132.10/- being one-half of an excess of £245, over the original estimate, should be provided by the Department.

The circumstances out of which this request arises make it extremely difficult for the Department to accede to it. Fully recognising the advantage to the locality of the improved harbour accommodation at Kilmore, the Department went to some expence in getting the best technical advice obtainable upon the means by which this purpose could be most satisfactorily fulfilled.

It was advised that a lesser sum than £5,000 would not meet the case, and it offered to contribute one-third of that amount.

The County Council did not see its way to embark upon so large an expenditure, and reverted to the more modest scheme which was subsequently undertaken.

Owing to the advice the Department had received, its contribution of £500 was made upon the express condition that the County Council should take the entire responsibility for the successful execution of the work, in which the Department had little confidence. The result showed that the Department's Officers, were unfortunately right, and now the Council's scheme has to be revised at the additional cost above stated.

I am to add that the only reason which Sir Horace Plunkett can find for acceding to the Council's request is, that the weather during the period of construction has been exceptionally bad; and in view of the manner in which the County Council is co-operating with the

Department, not only in marine, but in other matters, he feels justified in offering to provide the sum of £122.10/- to be added to the second instalment of £200 and paid when the agreed conditions have been fulfilled.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully
Herbert G. Smith

The Chairman,
Wexford County Council
Wexford.

Mr Peacocke proposed:- "That this Council returns its best thanks to Sir Horace Plunkett for his kindness in offering to contribute a sum of £122.10/- to carry out the amended plan for the construction of the works at Kilmore Harbour, and that Sir Horace Plunkett be informed that as the contractor has elected to carry out the original design, the Council are not in a position to avail of his offer."
Mr Kehoe seconded. Passed.

Road Contracts.

The following letter under date May 18th 1904, was read from the County Surveyor.

County Surveyor's Office,
Wexford, May 18th 1904.

Dear Sir,

I find that road No 213 Enniscorthy R. D. for 140 perches was contracted for at the County Council meeting in November last by John Breen, and it would be well to ask the County Council to cancel the contract of Patrick Fortune for the same road, taken at last County Council meeting.

I would also draw your attention to road No 172 New Ross R. D. tendered for at the last half-yearly meeting of New Ross R. D. Council the measurement

of this road should be 475 perches, instead of 575 perches.

Yours truly
Henry Webster
County Surveyor

The Secretary
Wexford County Council.

The Acting Secretary stated that the clerk of the Enniscorthy R. D. Council was informed on the 4th November 1903 that the tender of John Breen for road No 213 had been accepted at the meeting of the County Council.

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Furlong, and passed :- "That the contract of Patrick Fortune, for road No. 213. in Enniscorthy Rural District be cancelled."

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Furlong and passed :- "That 475 perches be substituted for 575 perches in contract for no. 172. in New Ross Rural District."

(W2)
11.10.05

A letter was read from the clerk of the New Ross Urban Council asking the County Council to allow a sum of 10/- per perch for seven years for the maintenance of 266 perches of streets from John Street Cross, New Ross to the urban bounds.

The County Surveyor pointed out that only 235 perches of this road had been scheduled as a main road.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Kehoe the following resolution was adopted :-
"That we agree to contribute to the New Ross Urban Council a sum of 10/- per perch for the maintenance of 235 perches of streets from John Street Cross New Ross, to the Urban bounds, during the continuance of the present main roads declaration - up to July 1905."

Change on
Coun. 11.10.05
12/- 10.05.

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Dempsey and adopted - Resolved - That this County Council is strongly of opinion that the 4th section 24th and 25th Vic Cap 70. regulating the width of tyres of loaded wagons drawn by traction engines should be extended to Ireland, and it is further resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to the Chief Secretary, the Members of Parliament for the County Wexford, and to each County Council in Ireland."

Courtown Harbour.

The following report of the Courtown Harbour Committee was read :-

"We the undersigned members of the Committee appointed for that purpose visited Courtown Harbour on Thursday 19th inst.,

We made a close and careful survey of the harbour and its approaches and surroundings in which work we were accompanied and assisted by your County Surveyor, Mr. H. Webster. M. Inst. C. E.

We had also the advantage of an interview and consultation with the Earl of Courtown, Viscount Stopford, and the Hon George Stopford, from whom we received valuable information, as to the harbour customs, methods of working, needs, boundaries, etc, and who also indicated to us the terms on which the present Courtown Harbour Commissioners are prepared to transfer Courtown Harbour to the Wexford County Council.

From the Hon George Stopford we received a written statement of the annual ordinary Receipts and Expenditure of Courtown Harbour, for a period of 6 years ended 31st December 1903, from which statement, setting off profit in one year, against loss in another we find that the result shows an average annual deficit of about £9.

The proposed conditions of transfer may be

summarised thus:- The Courtown Harbour Commissioners transfer to the County Council absolutely all their property in authority over and rights and privileges connected with Courtown Harbour, its tolls, Harbour dues, and sources of income generally, together with all Barges, anchors, chains, warps, coal bags, oars, and plant generally in or belonging to the harbour, the transfer also to include the toll house, and weigh bridge; which though not standing within the harbour boundary proper are a source of income to the Harbour authorities and are essential to the efficient working of the harbour.

The County Council are to take over the Harbour in a condition certified by the County Surveyor, to be equivalent to its present condition and to assume responsibility for the liabilities of the Harbour Commissioners, to an extent equivalent to their present liabilities on working a/c, which are estimated not to exceed £200. The County Council to ^{under}take no liability whatever in regard to payment of instalments on construction loans which have been guaranteed by the Earl of Courtown, and which that Nobleman continues responsible for.

The County Council to become responsible for executing any repairs to the existing Harbour works, necessary to place them in a reasonably efficient condition, and also for dredging the Harbour and its approaches of the siltage which at present impedes the fishing industry.

The County Council to take over the future control, ownership, and management of Courtown Harbour, and its maintenance in an efficient condition in the interests of the fishing industry and the community generally.

The County Council to pay costs of the

Provisional order or whatever other steps may be necessary to legally execute the proposed transfer. We have arrived at the following conclusions:-

1.- That the Harbour as it stands can be easily converted into a most valuable and efficient harbour calculated to accomodate in perfect safety a large fleet of fishing boats of a small class, say 5 to 7 or 8 tons, by:-

- (1) - The execution of certain repairs estimated by the County Surveyor to cost £260.
- (2) - Dredging the harbour and its approaches estimated by the County Surveyor to cost £300.
- (3) - Removing some iron piles outside the Harbour mouth, which are dangerous to navigation, estimated to cost £15.

2.- That Bowtown Harbour affords a safe and convenient landing place for considerable quantities of coals, etc., discharged from schooners lying at anchor outside the harbour.

3.- That Bowtown Harbour is the only safe refuge for fishing boats on the east coast between Wexford and Arklow.

4.- That the deficit of £9 per annum shown by the accounts, could probably, by judicious and economical management be wiped out, or converted into a small surplus.

5.- That the annual cost of maintenance estimated by the County Surveyor to amount to £129, would be largely affected by the facilities available for the efficient dredging of the Harbour.

6.- That if the County Council should agree to take over this harbour, chiefly in the interests of the fishing industry, the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction should contribute one-half of the above specified sums to be expended on repairs and dredging.

7.- That the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction should at once provide two small suction dredgers which they should hire out on reasonable

terms to the County Council of maritime counties on the east coast of Ireland, to enable them to deal effectively and economically with the dredging of their fishery harbours.

8- Subject to the Department of Agriculture etc., agreeing to the above suggestions we recommend the County Council to accept the offer of the Courtown Harbour Commissioners

(signed)

E. Hore

C. H. Peacocke

M. A. Ennis

D. Dempsey

J. D. Doyle

J. Cummins

A. Kinsella

M. Hickey

M. J. Furlong.

The undersigned members of the Committee also report :-

"That any attempt to enlarge or extend Courtown Harbour by the erection of new works with a view to enable over-sea cargoes to be discharged alongside the pier, would, under present conditions, be injudicious."

E. Hore

M. A. Ennis

M. J. Furlong.

D. Dempsey

Lord Stopford proposed, Mr. Kehoe seconded and it was passed :-

"That the consideration of the report of the Courtown Harbour Committee be postponed until the annual meeting of the Co. Council"

Mr. Cummins proposed, Mr. Hearn seconded and it was passed :- "That Sir Thomas H. G. Esmonde, Messrs. Ennis, Peacocke, and Hearn, be appointed a deputation from this Council, to wait upon

the Vice President of the Department of Agriculture etc, with the view of ascertaining whether the Department would be prepared to agree to carry out the recommendations of the Bowtown Harbour Committee."

Asylum Loan.

Proposed by Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Cummins and resolved:- That our corporate seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, for the repayment of the sum of six thousand five hundred pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, and that we the Wexford County Council do hereby authorise and request the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, to issue and pay the sum of six thousand five hundred pounds borrowed by us from them under Deed of Mortgage dated the 27th day of May 1904. for the purpose of lighting the Enniscorthy District Asylum by Electricity, to the Committee of the Enniscorthy District Lunatic Asylum."

Solicitor's Costs.

Proposed by Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Dempsey and passed:- "That the costs of Mr. R. W. Elgee, our solicitor, of carrying out the purchase of Kilcarbery Mills etc, by the Council, be taxed and a requisition to tax them be sealed, and that Mr. J. J. Healy solicitor be appointed to represent the Council on the taxation."

J. Healy

Annual Meeting - 16th June 1904.

The annual meeting of the county council was held in the council chamber, courthouse, Wexford; on June 16th 1904.

Present :- Sir Thomas A. Grattan Esmonde, chairman presiding.

Messrs C. Hore, W. Browne, C. A. Peacocke, W. Murphy, W. A. Ennis, J. C. Mayler, D. Dempsey, John J. Kehoe, W. Hickey, J. F. Walsh, J. A. Boyle, and A. Kinsella.

Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, Mr Henry Webster, County Surveyor, and Mr W. J. Frizelle, Acting Secretary, were in attendance.

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Chairmen of District Councils

Communications were read from Mr W. Kehoe, (Clerk District Council, Wexford) and Mr Owen Connolly (Clerk District Council, Enniscorthy) that Mr Michael Murphy, and Mr Thaddeus Bolger, had been re-elected chairmen of Wexford and Enniscorthy District Council, for the ensuing year.

Mr R. Brighton (Clerk Rural District Council, Gorey) wrote that Mr John Sinnott, Ballybeg, Ferns, had been elected as a representative of the District Council, under section 3 of the Local Government Act, instead of the chairman, Sir T. A. G. Esmonde, who is an elected member of the Council.

Mr Pope (Clerk of New Ross Rural District Council) wrote that Mr Michael Hickey, had been elected to represent the New Ross District Council on the County Council; Mr John Cummins, the chairman of the District Council, being already

a member of the County Council.

Messrs M. Murphy, and M. Hickey, subscribed the usual declaration of office.

Election of Chairmen

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Dempsey: Sir Thomas A. Grattan-Esmonde Bart M.P. was unanimously re-elected Chairman of the Council.

On the motion of Mr Ennis, seconded by Mr Kehoe Mr E. Hore, was unanimously re-elected Vice-Chairman of the Council.

Committees

The following were appointed on the Finance Committee, on the motion of the Chairman:- Sir T. A. G. Esmonde, E. Hore, M. Browne, James Donohoe, A. Kinsella, M. J. Furlong, C. A. Peacocke, J. F. Walsh, J. J. Kehoe, M. Murphy, Lord Viscount Stopford and M. A. Ennis.

As Executive Committee under the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Acts the following were appointed Sir T. A. G. Esmonde, Messrs E. Hore, D. Dempsey, J. E. Mayler, C. A. Peacocke, J. F. Walsh, John J. Kehoe, M. Murphy, M. Hickey, M. A. Ennis, and M. Browne the first meeting to be held on June 25th at 11 o'clock a.m.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Ennis, it was decided that the Proposal Committee, should be a Committee of the full Council.

Courtown Harbour.

The report of Courtown Harbour Committee, (as appearing on the minutes of the last meeting of the Council) was considered.

The following letter was read from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, under

date 10th June and no. 1580/04 Z. B.

"Adverting to your letter of the 28th ultimo, embodying a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Wexford County Council on the 27th ultimo, and enclosing a copy of the report of a Committee appointed to consider the circumstances of Courtown Harbour, I have to state, for the information of your Council, that the Department are prepared - on the assumption, for the present, that the entire recommendations of the Committee, and nothing further, shall be carried out - to contribute one-half the cost of the works of improvement, provided (1) that their contribution does not exceed £288, (2) that the legal difficulties surrounding the case be overcome, and, (3) that the Department's Engineer, on investigation, approves of the scheme."

The Chairman moved: "That our Secretary be instructed to communicate with the County Councils of Dublin, Wicklow, and Waterford, to ascertain from them if they would be prepared to meet representatives of this Council in conference with a view to urge upon the Government, the passing of a Marine Works Act for the South-east coast of Ireland."

Mr. Ennis seconded. Passed.

Mr. Peacocke moved: "That the report of Courtown Harbour Committee be received and adopted, eliminating from it the provision that the Department of Agriculture ~~are not in a position~~ provide two dredgers, as it appears from the statement of our Chairman, the Department are not in a position to comply with this request; also that the last paragraph in the report stating "that any attempt to enlarge or extend Courtown Harbour by the erection of new works, with a

view to enable over-sea cargoes to be discharged alongside the Pier, would under present conditions be injudicious" read from the words "alongside the Pier" to the end "would not commend itself to the Council pending the passage of a Marine Works Act." Mr. Kinsella seconded.

Mr. Murphy moved: "That the consideration of the report be deferred pending the conference of the County Councils referred to in a previous resolution" Mr. Browne seconded.

The result of a poll was as follows:-

For postponing the consideration of the report:- Messrs Walsh, Browne, Kehoe, Kere, Ennis, Mayler, Murphy, and Doyle - 8.

Against:- Messrs Kinsella, Peacocke, Dempsey, Dickey, and the Chairman - 5.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

The following were on the motion of Mr. Walsh seconded by Mr. Kehoe, appointed as delegates to the forthcoming conference - Sir J. H. G. Esmonde Messrs W. A. Ennis, C. A. Peacocke, A. Kinsella, J. Cummins, and John Bolger.

The Secretary was directed to ask the other County Councils concerned to suggest where the conference would meet.

Revision of Valuation

Application for Revision of valuation of holdings from the Rate collectors, etc., were considered and the following orders made.

Moved by the Chairman:- "That the list of tenements for revision of valuation as submitted by the Secretary be approved and forwarded the General valuation Office, in due course.

Collector Blake.

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Local Government

Board, be informed that Collector Francis Blake, had not up to the date of this meeting forwarded any list of tenements for revision of valuation."

Enniscorthy Rural District School Attendance Committee
Under date 26th May 1904, the Commissioners of National Education, wrote that under the powers vested in them by the Act of 1892, they had appointed the following as Members of the Enniscorthy Rural District School Attendance Committee:- Very Rev Canon Sheill, P.P. Very Rev Canon Doyle P.P. Rev Canon Gibson, M.A. Rev W. R. B. Fry M.A. and Rev N. Murnagh, b. c.

The Labourers Bill

The following resolution with reference to the Labourers' Bill was received from the South Dublin District Council:-

"That we, the South Dublin Rural District Council, having taken into consideration the proposals contained in the Labourers (Ireland) Bill, now before Parliament, have come to the conclusion that the said Bill, should be amended in the following respects:-

1.- The clauses transferring powers to the County Councils should be amplified - they should provide that the County Councils may expend sums of money out of the Public Funds, equal to those expended under the Labourer's Act by the Local Government Board, on the appointment of and payment of competent officials.

2.- The procedure under the Labourers Act ought to be materially shortened; this could be effected in many ways and notably by providing that the Arbitrator should hold his Inquiry at the same time as the Inspector's Inquiry into the scheme, his Award to remain provisional, until the Provisional Order become absolute.

3.- There should be a grant in aid of the

operations under the Labourers' Acts analagous to what has been given under the Land Purchase Act, so that the welfare of the agricultural labourers may receive the same amount of consideration at the hands of the Legislature, as that of the other two classes interested in Irish land. viz:- the landlords and the tenants.

4- The expenses connected with providing title to lands proposed to be purchased under the Acts should be reduced by providing that persons who can show that they have been in receipt of the profits of the land for a period not less than six years previously, shall be dealt with as the owners of the lands, and that any other person claiming a superior title shall do so at their own expense.

5- That the rate of interest on loans under the Acts should not be such as to cause a burden on the rate-payers, and instead of being increased as has recently been done it should be reduced to the same rate as that provided for in the purchase of Land Act 1908.

6- There should be a clause in the new Act providing that Rural District Councils may, if they think well, pay the rates assessed on cottages provided under the Labourers' Acts."

marked "Read"

Audits

Reports from the Local Government Board as to the audits of the Accounts of the following bodies were received: Enniscorthy District Asylum, Gorey Guardians, and District Council; Wexford Guardians, and District Council.

marked. "Read"

Roads.

Under date May 16th the following letter was read from W. R. W. Elger, Solicitor to the Council:-

Co. Council v. Nolan
 Same v. Keefe

"In the first of the above cases, I have recovered from the Defendant the sum of £8, amount of Decree obtained against him for not keeping the road between Macmine and Bourmount in repair.

And in the second case, I have recovered the sum of £18, under Decree for not keeping the road between Castlebridge, and the bounds of the barony in repair; - and I have sent a cheque for both sums amounting together to £16, to the County Surveyor to be expended on the roads."

marked. "Approved."

The Irish Language.

The executive committee of the Gaelic League wrote asking the County Council to adopt a resolution requesting the Post Office Authorities to make the Irish language a subject of examination for the entry into the Post Office (Ireland).

On the motion of Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. Hore, the resolution was adopted.

The Development Grant.

The following letter under date 7th June was read from Mr. John O'Brien, Town Clerk, Blonmel:-

"The Finance Committee of the Blonmel Corporation had before them on Friday last the provisions of the Bill introduced by the Chief Secretary in connection with the Judicature and Development Grant, one clause of which proposes to transfer to the Treasury £150,000, standing to the credit of the Petty Sessions Clerks' Fund.

This clause appeared to the Committee to be very objectionable, inasmuch as it transfers a large sum of Irish money to the English Treasury with-

out any adequate compensation.

No doubt, the interest will be applied to the Development Grant (Ireland) but the result will be to reduce the amount heretofore distributed to Counties, Boroughs, and other Municipal Towns, from the surplus Dog Tax by ^{about} one-third, so that the proposed transfer will be really of no benefit to the country, but, on the contrary likely to prove detrimental.

If your Council agrees with this view, perhaps you would communicate with the Parliamentary representative of your Division, and ask him to urge the Chief Secretary to withdraw the clause."

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Peacocke, the following was adopted:-

"That the letter on behalf of Blonmel Corporation be left in the hands of Sir Thomas H. G. Esmonde, to take whatever steps he may consider necessary in the matter."

Food and Drugs Acts.

Sergeant Howard. R. I. C. Wexford, and Acting Sergeant White. R. I. C. Killinick, wrote asking permission to purchase, Mr. J. C. H. Hedderwick's manual dealing with the sale of food and drugs.

These applications were made owing to the following letter received by the Secretary of the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture, etc., from the Department of Agriculture, under date 3rd June 1904 (and No., 14150-04)

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo, embodying a copy of a resolution adopted by the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction at their meeting on the 26th ultimo, in regard to the question of supplying Food Inspectors with a précis of decided cases under the sale of Food and Drugs Acts, and to state that the expenses incidental to the execution of the acts

in this country are, as the Committee are no doubt aware, provided by the Councils of the several Counties and Boroughs, and it would appear to be open to these bodies to include in such expenditure the cost of supplying the Inspectors with a suitable work on the administration of the Statutes.

A Manual, by Mr Charles James Higginson Barrister-at-Law, on the Acts relating to the sale of food and drugs, or a book by Mr. C. H. Hedderwick, M. P. Barrister-at-Law, on the Statutes, should be found useful by the Inspectors.

Copies of the former work can be obtained from Mr. Effingham Wilson, 11 Royal Exchange London, at a cost of 2/6 each; and copies of the latter (which contains more detailed notes on various cases) from Messrs Eyre & Spottiswood East Harding Street, London, E. C. 6, at a cost of 7/6 each."

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Ennis, and passed: "That Sergeant Howard. R. I. C. Wescford, and Acting Sergeant Patrick White Killinick, be given permission to purchase Mr. Hedderwick's work on the administration of the Food & Drugs Acts."

Analyst's Report.

City Laboratory
17 Castle Street

Dublin. 18th May 1904.

Report of Mr Charles Cameron, B. Sc. M. D., Public Analyst for the County of Wexford, on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 31st March 1904

39 articles were received from the Food Inspectors R. I. C. as follows:-

Article	Number
Butter	22
Milk	9
Whiskey	6
Buttermilk	1
Rum	1
Total	<u>39</u>

Of the specimens of milk two were deprived of at least 16 and 16 per cent of their fats respectively and were therefore debased articles.

The remaining articles were of good quality. There were five specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, Upper Merion Street, Dublin, which were taken up in the County of Wexford.

One was adulterated with excess of water of which it contained at least 18 per cent.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union, twelve drugs were analysed. One of them, namely, Liniment of Belladonna, was high in camphor.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union six drugs, and nineteen specimens of tea were analysed. One of the drugs, namely, Compound Tincture of Cardamoms, was low in solids. The teas were analysed to determine which was best for use in the workhouse.

For the Guardians of New Ross Union ten drugs and a specimen of water were analysed. One of the drugs, namely, Liniment of Belladonna, was high in solids and camphor. Another, namely, solution of Ferric Chloride was slightly low in iron. A specimen of Ammoniated Liniment of camphor, received from the same Institution, was low in ammonia. The specimen of water had the following composition
One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matters	23.800
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.004
Saline Ammonia	0.0015
Nitric Acid	Trace
Chlorine	1.789
Sulphuric Acid	4.8236
Equal to Calcium Sulphate	6.0000
A pure water.	

For the Enniscorthy Co-operative Society, Enniscorthy, two fertilizers and two specimens of feeding stuff were analysed.

For Captain L. Bryan, Boremount Manor, Enniscorthy, two fertilizers were analysed.

For Mr. W. Cleary, Glenrany Coolavogue one fertilizer was analysed.

Two specimens of feeding stuff were analysed for Mr. R. Rice, Ballygarra, New Ross.

One specimen of feeding stuff was analysed for Major Harman, Carrigrohane, Adamstown.

For the Shillelagh Union, which is partly situated in the County of Wexford, nine drugs were analysed. One of the namely, solution of lime, was low in gravity and lime.

The Inspectors send most of the samples towards end of the quarter, it would be better to send them regularly throughout the quarter as vendors of adulterated articles are on the look out for the Inspectors, at the end of the quarter.

Total analyses. 111 - Adulterated or defective articles - 9.

B. A. Cameron.

Edmund Stone.

Special Meeting - 15th July 1904.

A special meeting of the County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford on Friday 15th July 1904.

Present :- Sir J. H. G. Esmonde, Bart. M.P. (presiding)
Other members :- Messrs. C. Gore, A. Kinsella, M. Murphy, James Sinnott, M. A. Ennis, J. Donohoe, C. H. Peacocke, John Bolger, M. Browne, M. J. Furlong, Lord Viscount Stopford H. M.C. John Sinnott, and J. Bolger.

The two latter Gentlemen, being the representatives of the Rural District Councils of Gorey and Enniscorthy respectively, and it being the first time they attended they subscribed the usual statutory declaration.

The Secretary, Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council and Mr H. Webster, County Surveyor were in attendance.

Courtown Harbour.

Sir Thomas Esmonde, moved the following resolution:-

"That application be and is hereby made to the Local Government Board for Ireland for a Provisional Order in pursuance of section 20 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 for transferring to the County Council of Wexford, the business arising in the County of the Commissioners of Courtown Harbour, under the Act of the 5th year of George IV cap CXXII, as amended by the Act of the 11th year of George IV cap CXXII as amended by the Act of the 1st year of William IV cap CXXI."

Mr Kinsella seconded.

Mr Browne moved as an amendment:- "That the resolution past at last meeting of the County Council be adhered to, and that we wait till the proposed conference on the Marine Works Bill, has been held,

before finally agreeing to take over Courtown Harbour."

Mr Murphy seconded.

The following resolution from the Courtown Harbour Commissioners was laid before the meeting: "That we consent to the transfer of our powers under the Courtown Harbour Act 1824, and all rights and properties vested in us to the County Council, of the County Wexford and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Local Government Board and to the County Council."

After some discussion Mr Browne consented to withdraw his amendment and the original motion of Sir Thomas H. G. Esmonde, was put and declared carried.

Mr Murphy being the only dissentient.

Mr Ennis moved; Mr Peacocke seconded and it was adopted: "That we delete from the report of Courtown Harbour Committee, paragraph 7 relating to suction dredgers and substitute therefor: "That in the event of the Government neglecting to provide effective appliances for the dredging of the fishery harbours of the County within a reasonable period - that the Co. Council take into consideration the advisability of providing either singly or in conjunction with one or more adjoining Counties one or two small suction dredgers for the purpose of dealing effectively in future with siltage in the fishery harbours of the County."

Edmund Hone

Quarterly Meeting - 2nd August 1904.

The Quarterly Meeting of the County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on August 2nd 1904.

Present:- Mr. E. Hore, vice-chairman, (presiding)
Other members:- Messrs M. Browne, J. A. Doyle, James Donohoe, James Sinnott, John Bolger, M. Murphy, C. H. Peacocke, J. J. Walsh, John Cummins, James Shearney, M. A. Ennis, John J. Kehoe, and M. Hickey.

The Secretary to the Council, the County Surveyor, and Mr. R. W. Elger, Solicitor were also in attendance.

The minutes of Annual Meeting, and of Special Meeting held on July 15th '04 were read and confirmed.

— Courtown Harbour. —

Under date 20th July (Letter No. 42829: 1904 Wexford Co.) the Local Government Board, wrote stating they had made a Provisional Order under section 50. of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, transferring the business of the Commissioners of Courtown Harbour to the County Council.

A copy of the Order had been forwarded to the Irish Office, London, with a view to submission to Parliament for confirmation, and the Council were requested to put themselves in communication with the Board's Parliamentary Agent; Herbert E. Boyle Esq. Local Government Board, Whitehall London. S. W. who had taken charge of the Confirming Bill.

Copy of the Order entitled the "Courtown Harbour Order 1904" was laid before the Meeting.

It provided for the transfer to the County Council of the business arising in the County, of the Commissioners under the Harbour Acts, and the vesting of all property, rights, and liabilities of the Harbour Commissioners in the County

council, except any liability in respect of repayments of instalments of loans guaranteed by the Earl of Courtown.

The costs and expenses of the County Council, and of the Local Government Board incurred in respect of the Order, shall be paid by the County Council, and may be raised equally over the whole County.

The Secretary said, that on receipt of the letter from the Local Government Board he had written to Mr. Boyce offering to furnish him any information in the matter which he considered necessary.

The following resolution from Mr. H. H. Moore, Hon. Sec. of the North Wexford Ratepayers Association was considered with the above:-

Resolved:- "That this Association having heard that it is the intention of the County Council to expend a large sum of money towards the improvement of Courtown Harbour, are of opinion that the result will not be attended with success, and we protest against the Ratepayers being asked to contribute towards such expenditure but consider that it is the business of the Government to carry out such improvements as are considered necessary without calling on the Ratepayers to assist."

Mr. J. Bolger moved the confirmation of the following recommendation of the Finance Committee:-

"We recommend the County Council to inform the Hon. Secretary of the North Wexford Ratepayers Association that the Council contemplate the expenditure of only a small amount on this harbour, and the Department of Agriculture, &c., have expressed their intention of granting half the amount."

The County Council through their Chairman

are endeavouring to have passed a Marine Works Act to include the piers and harbours of the East Coast of Ireland under which repairs such as those proposed at Bowtown Harbour will be carried out by the Government."

Mr. James Sinnott, seconded. Passed.

Audit of Accounts.

The following report of J. L. King Esq Auditor of the Local Government Board, with reference to his audit of the Accounts of the Council, in respect of the half-year ended 30th September 1903 was read:-

No. 65,520/1904

Wexford County

Tullamore,

13th June 1904.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to report that I have audited the Accounts of the County of Wexford, for the half-year ended the 30th September 1903, and I herewith transmit two copies of the abstract duly certified.

When checking the road expenditure, I found that certain errors had crept in owing to the dual quotation in the form of tender, one case was brought specially under my notice by direction of the County Council, in which the contractor tendered to maintain 1816 perches of road for "£21 : 7 : 6" per annum being at the rate of 4⁵/₈^d per perch, per annum. In this case the rate quoted per perch would work out to a total of £24 : 13 : 6, and the Council wished to know if they could legally pay the contractor at that rate. As, however, they adopted the more prudent course of paying, in the meantime, at the lower rate, I was precluded from giving a formal ruling on the legality of such a payment. As regards their liability under such existing

contracts, the County Council, should, I think, be guided by the opinion of their legal adviser, while such errors could be avoided in future by amending the Tender Form, so that only one quotation should appear in the material part of it, the other being shown approximately as a marginal or foot note.

The Clerks of the Rural District Councils, in the County, with the exception of Enniscorthy have responded creditably to a reference in a previous Report as to the necessity of greater care on their part in the preparation of the Road Forms. In the case of Enniscorthy the Forms contained many inaccuracies. I may, however, add that the County Surveyor informed me that subsequent Forms from that District show an improvement.

In the absence, through ill-health, of the Secretary, his duties with respect to audit were efficiently discharged by the Acting Secretary, Mr. Frizelle.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen

Your obedient servant

J. L. King

Local Government Auditor

In connection with the report of the Auditor the following resolution was received from the Enniscorthy Rural District Council:-

"That in future the accepted contracts, specifications, and Bonds, after being perfected, be handed to the Clerk of the Rural District Council, to enable him to fill up Forms 11, 12 & 14, correctly, and at the same time check the calculations made by contractors; and enable him to give the Council an idea as to the solvency of the Sureties; which cannot be done hurriedly in a noisy crowded courthouse, such as Enniscorthy

where the business is so much heavier than in other places."

The documents referred to, to be forwarded to the Secretary of the County Council, with Form 11, when completed after each adjourned Quarterly or Half yearly Meeting."

Mr. J. Bolger proposed the confirmation of the following recommendation of the Finance Committee:-

"That acting on the advice of our Solicitor we consider it would be inadvisable, that the tenders and specifications should be parted with by the Secretary after the bonds in connection therewith had been perfected; but the Clerk of the District Council or his Assistant, can at any time examine these documents in the County Council Office before preparing Form 11."

Mr. Peacocke, seconded: Passed.

Arising out of the paragraph in the Auditor's Report as to road contracts:- Mr. Browne proposed, Mr. Peacocke seconded; and, the following recommendation of the Finance Committee, was adopted:-

"That for the future we recommend the Co. Council, to take into consideration in tenders for road contracts, only the amount per perch; and that any error occurring in the calculation per bulk be rectified."

Reports of Local Government Auditors, as to audits of the accounts of Wexford Union and Rural District Council; Enniscorthy Union, and Rural District Council, Gorey Union, and Rural District Council in respect of the half year ended March 1904 were laid before the Meeting.

The report of the Auditor as to the accounts of Enniscorthy Union called attention to an increase of £200 in outdoor relief as compared with the year 1900, and to the continuance of the undesirable

practice of selling the crops of the farm on credit.

In the report of Enniscorthy District Council the auditor called attention to the excessively large amount of arrears due by the tenants of cottages.

In the report of Gorey District Council the auditor referred to the large balance in the hands of the Rent collectors at the close of the half year, and suggested that the usual monthly lodgment of their collection should be made before the close of the financial half-year.

Marked. "Read"

Mountgarrett Bridge.

The Secretary said that sometime ago, a resolution was adopted by the Council, that they should in conjunction with Kilkenny County Council, appoint a caretaker for Mountgarrett Bridge.

The following letter under date 27th July 04 was read from the Secretary of Kilkenny County Council.

"In reply to your inquiry of yesterday's date the County Surveyor was empowered on 20th April last to employ a caretaker for Mountgarrett bridge at usual salary."

Proposed by Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Ennis: "That we request the Kilkenny County Council, to have a regular appointment of caretaker of Mountgarrett Bridge, made by the two Co. Councils of Kilkenny and Wexford." Passed.

Finance.

Under date July 12th '04. an application was read from the clerk of Wexford Rural District Council, asking for payment of the balance of the demand of the District Council, to enable them to meet the half-yearly instalment of loans when it became due.

Mr. Peacocke proposed, that the following recommendation of the Finance Committee, be adopted: "That we accede to the application of the Wexford R.D. Council for payment of the balance of their demand, and the Committee trust, that having done this, there will be no application for an advance on the Demand for next year."

Mr. Browne seconded. Passed.

Malicious Injury Claim

The following resolution was received from Wexford Rural District Council:-

"That we desire to draw the attention of the County Council, to the malicious injury case of Walter Brien, in Forch for the burning of a house stated by Brien himself to be unfit for human habitation; and beg to inquire whether any evidence of value of this house, was elicited by the Solicitor to the County Council, as members of this Council, state that expert evidence could be obtained showing that the house could be repaired for £10; (whereas the amount claimed, and awarded was £25) and the Council desire to know, who is responsible for obtaining evidence in malicious injury cases."

On the motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Kehoe the recommendation of the Finance Committee, as follows, was adopted:-

"We have been informed by our Solicitor that from the evidence given in this case it would appear that the house was in thorough repair, and had never been condemned by the doctor as insanitary.

Evidence was also elicited both from the Applicant and from a Sergeant of Police, as to value.

The Solicitor of the County Council, is anxious to receive any evidence in respect to malicious injury cases from any individual ratepayer.

The District Council can, if they so desire, employ a valuer to give evidence."

Confirmation of Minutes of Finance & Proposals
Committees

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, "The minutes of the Finance and Proposal Committees were approved."

The Finance Committee's minutes included a resolution granting permission to Sergeant Howard R. J. C. to purchase weights at a cost of about 23/- to replace some others which were worn out.

The minutes of the Proposal Committee included the following resolution with reference to repairs to piers :-

"That in view of the circumstance that the Piers at Carne, Arthurstown, Kilmore, Duncannon, Fechar, Poulduff, and Courtown Harbour, built by loans from the Board of Works; and paid for by the Ratepayers of this County; and which the Treasury has made a considerable profit; that we request the Treasury to have those Harbours immediately dredged by the Board of Works, free from further cost to this County, so as to enable the fishermen to make use of them, and that copies of this resolution be sent to the Chief Secretary for Ireland, and to the Financial Secretary to the Treasury."

Road Contract

Under date 2nd July, the following resolution was read from Newross Urban Council :-

"That the resolution of the Council, passed on the 7th May declining to accept the contract now held by Mr. Philip Kelly, within the Urban District, except one for seven years at 10/- per perch, half to be an Urban, and half a County-at-Large charge, be given; be rescinded; and the offer of the County Council to contribute 10/- per perch to July 1905 be accepted."

Marked. "Read"

Food and Drugs Act.

Sergants Craughwell, Carson, and Collins, R. I. C. (Inspectors under Food & Drugs Acts) applied for permission to purchase Mr. Haddenwick's work on the Food and Drugs Acts.

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Peacocke, the following recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted:-

"That permission be granted to the applicants to purchase the Book in question."

Swine Fever.

Under date 14th July (Circular No. 3226/04 P. B.) the Department of Agriculture, wrote asking what action had been taken by the executive committee entrusted with the management of the business under the Diseases of Animals Acts, as to the adoption of movement regulations under the Swine Fever Order of 1900.

The Secretary said that the Diseases of Animals Acts Committee, had considered the matter but in view of its importance had referred it to the Co. Council.

Mr. Peacocke, proposed the following recommendation of the Finance Committee:- "That as according to the statistics of the Department of Agriculture there appears to have been a gradual decrease in Swine Fever since 1893, we consider it unnecessary at present to adopt any movement regulations with reference to this disease."

The Local Authority have always taken active measures in rigidly carrying out the regulations of the Department.

We understand that the disease is decreasing in this County from the opening of this year.
Mr. Browne seconded. Passed.

County & Assistant Surveyors.

Mr. Donohoe moved (but subsequently withdrew the

following) - "That we ask the Local Government Board, if the County Council have any control over the County Surveyor, and, if we have any; to define it, since the roads in certain districts of the County are in a state of utter disrepair and a disgrace to the County."

Mr. Ennis moved: "That we convey to the County Surveyor, that it is the wish of the County Council that he should not in future cut down the amount of tollage he considers necessary for the efficient upkeep of any road; when the price estimated by him is cut down by the district Council."
Mr. Ahearne seconded. Passed.

Gorey School Attendance Committee

Under date 14th June '04 a letter was read from the Commissioners of National Education requesting to be furnished with particulars as to the persons appointed by the Wexford Co. Council, as members of the School Attendance Committee for Gorey Rural District to act from September 1st 1904.

The members appointed by the County Council on the former Committee were: - Sir J. H. G. Esmonde Lord Viscount Stopford, Messrs J. J. Byrne, Rahen Ballyduff, E. Donohoe, Clonmore, Ballycanew, M. Lyons, Clonamona, Craanford.

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Ennis and passed: - "That the present members of the Committee as representing the local authority be hereby appointed, and that our Secretary be directed to ascertain from the Secretary to the School Attendance Committee the names of the Committee."

Enniscorthy School Attendance Committee

Mr. E. Munnagh, Secretary to the Enniscorthy Rural District School Attendance Committee, reported that at a meeting held on the 9th June '04 it was unanim-

ously decided to dispense with the services of one of the school attendance officers, viz: Mr. John Gallagher, on the ground that he was not fulfilling his duties, and to hand over charge of the whole district to Mr. N. Flood, for one year at a salary of £45 per annum.

The two school attendance officers had a salary of £25, each per annum, for the last three years.

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Browne, the action of the Enniscorthy School Attendance Committee was approved.

Motor Pump - Asylum.

The following Minute made 13th July 1904, from the Committee of the Lunatic Asylum; was laid before the Meeting:-

"A letter having been read from Mr. Harris in which he estimates that a sum of £380 would provide a motor pump and appliances complete to pump water from the slaney and provide the asylum with an adequate supply in case of fire, and Mr. Drapes having stated that such provision is really necessary, that Members of the County Council here present are requested to ascertain at the meeting of the Council on Friday next whether any objection would be entertained by the County Council to the sum of £400, saved on the original estimate for the Electric Installation, being applied to that purpose, and in the event of no such objection being made that tenders be invited for the work."

Mr. Ennis proposed and Mr. Peacocke seconded "That the County Council offer no objection to the proposal of the Asylum Committee, with reference to the purchase of a motor pump." Passed.

Proposals for Payment.

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Hore:- The following resolution was adopted:- "That the

several proposals for payments, sent up from the Proposal Committee, and the Rural District Councils as regards payment in respect of the Quarter ended 30th June 1904 be approved."

— Acquisition of Land for Roads. —

The General Order of the Local Government Board, dealing with the question of the acquisition of land for roads was laid before the Meeting.

— Rate collector Blake. —

In connection with the failure of Rate collector Blake, to furnish his list of tenements in which a revision of valuation was necessary, by the appointed day; Letter No. 36011:1904 Wexford County; under date June 21st 04 from the Local Government Board, requested the Secretary to call on Mr. Blake for an explanation.

Under date June 25th collector Blake, forwarded certificate from Dr. Anglim, Ballyregan, Lagoat, that he had been suffering from bronchitis for two weeks."

The certificate in question was forwarded to the Local Government Board for inspection marked "Read"

— Rate collector J. Sinnott. —

Under date July 29th (letter No 43614/1904 Wexford Co) the Local Government Board wrote returning the bond submitted for Mr. John Sinnott, the recently appointed Rate collector, and stating that they would raise no objection to its acceptance by the Wexford County Council."

The Secretary stated that the collecting Books and Warrants, had been forwarded to Mr Sinnott."

— Repairs to Piers, &c. —

Under date June 16th 1904 (letter No. 4826:04) the Board of Works wrote referring to a communication

from the County Surveyor intimating that he was taking steps to have certain repairs carried out at Duncannon Pier. The Board understood that considerable repairs were effected last year, but it had recently been reported to them that some pinning and pointing should be done to the pier, and they had no doubt that the Council would cause the matter to be dealt with.

Under date June 28th 1904 (letter No. 4800 '04) the Board of Works, wrote that it had been reported to them that the masonry of Carnsore Pier, requires re-pointing in several places. The concrete on the south side of the pier requires repairs and the inside of the pierhead has silted up considerably during the past winter.

The Board would be glad to hear that these matters will have the attention of the Co. Council.

Under date 28th June '04 - Letter No. 6688-04. the Board of Works wrote that it had recently been reported to them that the inside of the quay at Arthurstown is silting up with mud to such an extent that vessels at times have to discharge part of their cargo before getting alongside. This matter was brought under the notice of the Council by the Board's letter of the 9th February last.

The Board would be glad to hear that the necessary action to put the Harbour into a proper state of repair will be taken at an early date.

The County Surveyor said that Duncannon Pier was finished. He would do nothing about the siltage at Arthurstown; and he was taking steps to have Carnsore Pier repaired."

Acknowledgments of Resolutions.

Acknowledgments of resolutions adopted by the Council were received from Secretary's Wicklow, Dublin and Lyrone Co Councils, (width of tyres of loaded wagons drawn by traction engines) Dublin County Council.

appointing the chairman and Mr. Hamlet, as delegates to the proposed conference re Marine Works Act; Wicklow County Council, acknowledging resolution, Marine Works Act; Secretary General Post Office, - Irish in Post Office examinations; From Treasury and the under Secretary, Dublin Castle, - free dredging of harbours, by Board of Works

Main Road Scheme

The following motion of which notice had been previously given was moved by Mr. Hore.

"I hereby give notice that I will move at the next meeting of the County Council, to be held on the 2nd August 1904 - "That at the expiration of the period for the present Main Road declaration in July 1905, no new declaration be entered into, but that all roads in the Main Road Scheme be scheduled as district roads."

To allow of the matter being fully discussed by the District Councils, Mr. Hore, agreed to the postponement of the motion to the next half-yearly meeting of the Council in November."

Technical Instruction

Under date 22nd July the Department of Agriculture &c., forwarded Circular 12- Technical Instruction - (Request for sanction for special subjects) asking that the County Council, should state that they were of opinion that the following subjects of instruction, which are not included in the branches of science and art, with respect to ^{which} grants are at present made by the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, are forms of instruction required by the circumstances of the district and request that they may be sanctioned by the Department - bookery, Laundry work, Dressmaking, (including household sewing) and cutting out; Housewifery, Sick Nursing; Dairy work, Bee keeping; Poultry rearing and Horticulture.

In connection with the above the following resolution was read from the North Wexford Ratepayers Association:-

Resolved:- "That this Association protests against the great expense on the Ratepayers incurred by the employment of so many Lecturers and Instructors on Dairying, Poultry, Bee-keeping, cooking, etc, and considers that the money so expended has not shown and good practical results."

Mr. Browne proposed, Mr. Hore seconded, the adoption of the following recommendation of the Finance Committee:-

"The Finance Committee deny that the Technical Instruction schemes of the county are carried out at ~~a~~ great expense to the ratepayers, Pioneer lectures are given entirely at the expense of the Department of Agriculture, and the amount spent in connection with the Agricultural, and Technical Instruction schemes represent less than half the sum realised by the rate of a penny in the £, the balance being applied for Live Stock schemes,

The Department of Agriculture contribute five-ninths of the expenditure incurred for Live Stock and Agricultural Instruction, and the Council is of opinion, that the Instruction generally has been attended with good results.

The Committee are sorry to observe that the North Wexford Ratepayers' Association, a body which claims to be concerned for the betterment of the people, do not use Irish-made paper in their communications with the County Council."

Tourist Development.

Under date 18th July a circular letter was read from Mr. F. W. Grossey (Irish Tourist Development Association) pointing out that the time was now opportune for bringing to the notice of the Government the necessity of empowering County and Urban Councils to expend money for the purpose of developing

suitable tourists resorts in this country."
marked. "Read."

Tax on Fish

A resolution for adoption was received from a public meeting held in Kinsale protesting against the increased tax levied upon pickled fish imported into the United States from Ireland."

"No order was made on the above resolution as Mr. Donohoe explained that the tax had not been levied on the brine in which the fish were preserved."

Bee Pest.

The following resolution was read from the Fethard Co-Operative Bee Keepers Society.

"The Committee of the Fethard Co-Operative Bee-Keepers Society desires to emphasize the necessity which exists for steps to be taken for the prevention of the Disease among Bees, known as bee pest or Foul Brood, and believes that this can only be done by legislation.

This extremely infectious disease has spread itself over a great part of the County Wexford and is still on the increase, preventing the people from enjoying one of the most profitable of the minor industries.

We respectfully urge the Wexford Co. Council to use their influence with the Department of Agriculture to take measures to stamp out this Disease, and so confer a great benefit on the country by the protection of the industry of Beekeeping.

Referred to the County Committee of Agriculture &c.

Advertising for Co. Committee

The following letter to the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction; was referred by that body, to the County Council:-

10th May 1904.N. J. Frizelli Esq
SecretaryCo. Wexford Agri & Technical Instruction Com.,
Wexford

Dear Sir,

We are instructed by the proprietors of the "People" and "Free Press" to request that you be good enough, at the earliest possible moment, to call the attention of the County Wexford Agricultural and Technical Instruction Committee, to a very important matter in regard to their advertisements for which you have already refused to pay. You will be good enough to see from the minutes of the County Council, as also from the Bond signed by our clients, that our clients were bound to insert the advertisements of the different County Offices, namely - the County Council Office, the Office of the Clerk of the Crown & Peace, and the Office of the County Surveyor, in their newspapers for five years from the 31st March 1901 to the 31st March 1906. Each advertisement was to have two insertions, or more if required. You will see, therefore, their contracts covers all the County Council advertisements; but do not cover the advertisements connected with the Agricultural and Technical Committee. The advertisements issued by this Committee are not County Council advertisements and therefore, must be charged for separately by our clients. This is what has been done in every other County in Ireland, as you will see from the enclosed bundle of replies.

There is no reason why Wexford should be different from the other Counties in this regard, and accordingly our clients must apply to your Committee for payment of the sums due to them on foot of these advertisements. It so happens that you are not only Secretary of the Agricultural

and Technical Instruction Committee, but also assistant secretary of the county council, for which, of course, you obtain a separate salary.

Were this not the fact, the offices of the committee would not be in the county council buildings at all, as is the case in many other counties. That being so, nothing can be made out of the point that your office happen to be in the county council offices. As you are aware, the advertisements which our clients have had to insert in their newspapers from your committee are very numerous and very lengthy indeed.

We shall be glad if you will kindly bring the matter before your committee at the next meeting. If necessary, our clients will attend there.

Yours truly
M. J. O'Connor & Co.

On the motion of Mr. Donohoe, seconded by Mr. James Ahearne, the following recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted:-

"Having regard to the terms of the bond and to the statements made during the course of the discussion at the meeting of the Proposal Committee, previous to the acceptance of tenders the Finance Committee consider that the advertisements of the county committee of Agriculture, are covered by the Specification and Bond entered into with the county council for the execution of the county advertising."

Holidays.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Ennis the assistant secretary was granted a fortnight's holiday, to be taken as required and subject to the approval of the secretary of the council.

"On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Browne the County Surveyor was granted a months holidays in days to be taken now, and the remainder later on in the year."

— Diseases of Animals Act Committee —

Mr. Ennis moved, Mr. Kehoe seconded and it was passed - "That the monthly meetings of the Diseases of Animals Acts Committee be held on a day when a Finance Committee is held."

— New Ross Bridge By-laws —

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted

"That we approve of the suggested By Laws for New Ross Bridge, and request the New Ross Urban Council to adopt them."

— Vote of Condolence —

Proposed by Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Ennis "That we the Wexford County Council, desire to tender our sincerest sympathy to Rev P. A. Corish O. S. F. and the members of the family in the death of Rev J. Corish, P. P. Ballymore, which has occurred under tragic circumstances, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded Rev P. A. Corish. O. S. F."

— Dates of Meetings —

The following were agreed to :-

New Ross R. D.	Saturday	8 th Oct 1904	12 noon
Gorey " "	Tuesday	11 th " "	" "
Enniscorthy " "	Thursday	13 th " "	11. a.m.
Wexford " "	Saturday	15 th " "	10.30 "
Proposal Committee	Friday	14 th " "	2. p.m.
Co. Council Meeting	Tuesday	1 st Nov. "	12 noon

W. E. Ennis

3 Nov. 1904

Special Meeting - 14th October 1904.

A special meeting of the County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 14th October 1904.

Present :- Sir J. H. G. Esmonde, Bart. M.P. Chm (presiding)
Other members :- Messrs C. H. Peacocke, M. A. Ennis, J. J. Kehoe, D. Dempsey, M. Murphy, J. A. Doyle, James Donohoe, J. Bolger, John Cummins, Edmond Hore, M. Browne, M. J. Furlong, and J. F. Walsh.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, and the Solicitor to the Council, were also present.

Change of date of Statutable Meeting.

The Chairman moved :- That the standing order of the County Council, dealing with dates of statutory meetings be suspended, and that it be hereby resolved that the next statutable meeting of the Council, be held on November 3rd at 1.30 p.m. instead of November 1st, the date fixed by Standing Order, owing to the fact that the first of November will be a Catholic holiday of obligation. Mr Hore seconded the resolution which was passed.

Proposed Marine Works Bill for S. E. Coast of Ireland.

Mr Peacocke moved the following which was seconded by Mr Cummins :- That the Council confirm the following resolution which has been adopted at a conference of the representatives of the County Councils of Dublin, Wicklow, Waterford, and Wexford, on the question of the necessity of a Marine Works Bill for the east coast of Ireland :- That this meeting of delegates representing the County Councils of the maritime counties of Wicklow, Dublin, Waterford, and Wexford, views with alarm the condition of the fishing industry on the south-eastern coast, an industry which is gradually disappearing owing to the inadequacy of the

harbour accommodation along that coast, and the complete indifference shown to this important question by successive Governments, and with a view to preventing the decay of the industry and the further emigration of our fishing population:- now reduced by thousands within the past few years- we call on the Government, to pass a Marine Works Act, suitable to the south-eastern coast, and to pass this, with all possible expedition; otherwise it will be too late to prevent the ruin of our fishermen. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Chief Secretary for Ireland, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and the Prime Minister. The motion was put and passed unanimously.

— Payment of Poundage fees. —

Under date 12th inst., a letter was received from Mr. J. F. Sullivan, Rate Collector, asking the Co. Council to allow him his poundage fees, altho' he did not close his collection, until Oct. 3rd as he was late at the Bank through an oversight.

Under date 11th October, collector Barden, wrote requesting the Co. Council, to obtain the permission of the Local Government Board to the payment of his poundage fees. He did not close his collection until the 3rd October, owing to meeting with an accident.

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

"That we request the Local Government Board, to extend the time of closing the rate collections of J. F. Sullivan, and John Barden, until 3rd October so as to allow the payment of poundage fees; to these collectors, in view of the explanations offered in their letters, and having regard to the fact that the collections were closed three days after 30th September."

W. J. Sullivan

3 November 1904

Quarterly Meeting - 3rd November 1904.

The statutable Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on Thursday 3rd November 1904.

Present: Mr. E. Hore, and subsequently Sir J. H. B. Esmonde, Bart. M.P. Chairman (Presided)

Other Members: Messrs M. Browne, J. E. Mayler, E. H. Peacocke, M. A. Ennis, J. B. Hearn, J. Donohoe, D. Dempsey, John Sinnott, M. Murphy, J. A. Doyle, John Cummins, J. Bolger, James Shearne, A. Hunsella, James Sinnott, D. Kavanagh, M. J. Furlong, M. Hickey, John Bolger, J. F. Walsh.

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

Isbergal Lane.

Mr. J. Bolger brought under the consideration of the meeting the following report:-

"In consequence of the County Surveyor, and Mr. P. Murphy, Deputy Surveyor, allowing £30 for work done on Isbergal Lane, Mr. J. Kavanagh D. C. for the Harrow division objected to the contractor Mr. J. Doyle, being paid that amount. As he - Mr. Kavanagh - could prove, that the work done on the lane so far, would not warrant the money £30. to be paid. Mr. J. Kavanagh, called a

meeting of D. C. and Ratepayers, whose names are subscribed, and who inspected the lane on the 25th October. They report as follows:-

"We the undersigned District Councillors and Ratepayers inspected Isbergal Lane, on the 25th October and we say, we are greatly surprised at the Surveyors allowing £30. for the work done on this lane.

After reading the specification which says in our

paragraph - "There are 250 tons of stones to be put out" we find, from what we see and the evidence of people living on the lane, that the contractor drew no stones to it so far, he only picked the sides and threw the stuff into middle of lane.

There are no sewers or Gulleys made. The lane is not the breadth; it might be in several places, the surface is extremely uneven, in a word the lane will be unfit for public traffic if it is not done according to specification.

So we pray the County Council, to pay no money on this lane until the specification is complied with, we may add, this lane if done well, will be a work of great public utility and a short cut for a very large district going to Enniscorthy, Ferns, and other places.

Signed James Long. D. C.
J. Bolger Esq. D. C.
J. Kavanagh D. C.
John Walsh D. C.
Arthur Gough D. C.

James Hall
John Doran
Danl Sweeney
Nicholas Breen
Michl Doran
Patl Doyle

Mr J. Bolger proposed - "That £30 certified by Mr. Webster, for J. Doyle, contractor for Bolgeral lane be not paid."

Mr. Webster in answer to the Chairman said that £14 : 7^s was being deferred.

Mr. Murphy, (Deputy Surveyor) said he thought the £30. was honestly earned. He found there were more stones spread on the lane by farmers repairing it, than were sufficient to put the lane into repair, if broken properly. Mr. Murphy read his report as to the inspections of the lane.

Mr. Kavanagh, D. C. said he never agreed that there were sufficient stones on the lane before the contractor began work, nothing in the specification had been carried out.

Mr. Hearn moved the appointment of a committee of the county council, to inspect the lane, and that payment be deferred in the meantime.
Mr. Donohoe, seconded. Passed.

Mr. Hearn moved - "That Messrs Ennis, Donohoe, M. J. Furlong, C. H. Peacocke, and J. Bolger be the committee." Mr. J. Bolger seconded. Passed.

It was decided the committee visit the lane at noon on 4th November, and that Messrs Webster, and Murphy, County & Assistant Surveyors attend."

Scarawalsh Road

Mr. Donohoe, complained of the manner in which the steam rolling of Scarawalsh road had been carried out. The road had cost about £782, and very little had been done on the road. He asked for information as to the supervision of the contract.

"At the suggestion of Mr. Hearn it was decided that the inspection of this road be left in the hands of the committee appointed to inspect Tobergal Lane, and on a day they consider suitable for the purpose.

It was decided that the payment to the Contractor, should be passed in this case."

Proposals for Payments.

Proposed by the Chairman: - "That the several proposals for payment for the Rural District Councils, of the county, and for the Proposal Committee, for the current quarter be approved, subject to the modifications, and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman.

That the payment of £30. to J. Doyle, in respect of repairs to Tobergal lane be held over, pending the report of the committee appointed to inspect the place.

Statutable Half yearly Meeting - 3rd November 1904.

The Statutable Half yearly Meeting of the County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Court-house, Wexford. on Thursday 3rd November 1904.

Present: Sir. J. H. G. Esmonde, Bart. M.P. Chm. (Presiding)
Other Members: Messrs E. Hore, M. Browne, J. E. Mayler
C. H. Peacocke, M. A. Ennis, J. B. Hearn, J. Donohoe,
D. Dempsey, John Sinnott, M. Murphy, J. A. Doyle
John Cummins, J. Bolger, James Ahearne, Alex.
Kinsella, James Sinnott, D. Kavanagh, M. J. Furlong,
M. Hickey, John Bolger, J. F. Walsh, and J. J. Kehoe.

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

The Minutes of the Meeting of 2nd August, and of Special Meeting of 14th October, were read and confirmed.

Prevention of Cruelty to Children Act.

Under date 27th October, 1904 the Local Government Board (letter no 174. M.) forwarded for the information of the County Council as local authority, a copy of the Prevention of Cruelty to Children Act, 1904.
4 Edw^d 7. Ch. 15.

Accounts of Co. Committee of A. & T. Instruction

Under date 12th August 1904, the Local Government Board, (letter no. 46,342) forwarded the following report of Mr. J. A. Baker, their auditor on his audit of the accounts of the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, in respect of the half year ended 31st March 1904.

"I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of County Wexford Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for the half year ended 31st March 1904. and transmit

herewith, four copies of the abstracts duly certified.

The accounts do not call for any observations, I would however, desire to express my satisfaction with the manner in which they were prepared and submitted for audit by Mr. Frizelle, the Secretary of the Committee.

Audit of Accounts

Under date 1st September 1904 and 6th September 1904 the Local Government Board (letters No. 50,653 and 50,652) forwarded copies of their Auditor's report, as to his audit of the accounts of the New Ross Union and New Ross District Council in respect of the half-year ended 31st March 1904.

Agricultural Lectures

The following resolution from Enniscorthy District Council was laid before the meeting:-
Proposed by Mr. J. Cleary, seconded by Mr. D. Kavanagh and passed:- "That the services of some of the lecturers at present engaged throughout this Rural District, be dispensed with, as it is considered that the money paid to them could be applied to a much better advantage for the benefit of the country."

Mr. Browne moved the following recommendation of the Finance Committee. Mr. Ennis seconded.

"That we recommend the Council to confirm the resolution of the County Council of 2nd August 1904 as follows:- The Finance Committee deny that the Technical Instruction Schemes of the County are carried out at great expense to the Ratepayers. Pioneer lectures are given entirely at the expense of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction and the amount spent in connection with the Agricultural and Technical schemes, represents less than half the sum realized by the rate of a penny in the £, the balance being applied for the live stock and Agricultural Instruction, and the Council is of opinion that the instruction generally has been attended

with good results.

Mr Donohoe moved: "That the following lines be omitted from the resolution of the Finance Committee - "That the Council is of opinion that the instruction generally, had been attended with good results."

Mr Furlong seconded.

Mr Cummins moved: "That the consideration of the matter be adjourned." Mr Shearne seconded.

Mr Ennis moved: "That the words in the resolution "has been generally attended with good results," should read "that the instruction in some districts generally has been attended with good results." Mr Dempsey seconded.

A vote was taken by show of hands when 10 were found in favour of the amendment, stating that the instruction in some districts ^{had} ~~has~~ been attended with good results: and 10 against.

The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the amendment, which he declared carried.

Motor Pump - Enniscorthy Asylum

Under date, 7th Sept. 1904. (Letter No. 45,246: 1904) the Local Government Board wrote relative to the provision of a motor pump in connection with the water supply of the Enniscorthy District Lunatic Asylum, that if the cost of the proposal was not provided for in the loan of £6,500 sanctioned by the Board for the Electric Lighting of the asylum, the Board's approval should in the first instance be obtained to the application of an unexpended balance of that loan towards the cost of this undertaking. A plan and specification in respect of the work should be submitted to the Board.

Copy of this letter was forwarded to Dr Drapes R. M. S. Asylum, and in reply he stated that the requirements of the Local Government Board in the matter would be carried out as soon as the plans were received from the Engineer.

Writing under date, 17th October, 1904, the

Local Government Board (letter No. 56,477) stated that they had informed Mr. Drapes, that no objection would be raised to the proposal to provide the pump out of the unexpended balance of the loan of £6,500.

Advances. Food & Drugs Act.

Under date 8th Sept. 1904. the Local Government Board (letter No. 15,643-Miscellaneous) wrote:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to state that they have been in communication with the Irish Government respecting the payment of expenses of Members of the Royal Irish Constabulary acting as Inspectors under the Food and Drugs, and Weights and Measures Acts.

The Board understand that the Government have made arrangements whereby from the 1st proximo, the above mentioned expenses will be advanced in the first instance by the Constabulary Authorities, who will subsequently forward to the County Council, from time to time claims for recoupment thereof with the necessary vouchers.

The claims should then be submitted by you to the Finance Committee, so that they may recommend them for payment by the Co. Council at the quarterly meeting next following the receipt thereof."

Urban Council Demands.

Under date 24th September 1904. the Local Government Board (letter No. 54814) wrote forwarding copy of letter addressed to the Urban Council of New Ross, extending the time for payment of the demand of the County Council on that body in respect of quarter ended 31st of March 1904 to the 31st October 1904.

Mr. Peacocke proposed the following recommendation of the Finance Committee, which was seconded by Mr. Ennis, and passed:- "That the Urban District Council be requested to pay the Demand of the County Council in due course; and that any failure on their part

in this connection be reported to the Finance Committee.

Audit of Co. Council Accounts.

The Secretary reported to the Council, that Mr. J. L. King, Local Government Auditor had opened the audit of the accounts of the Council in respect of the half-year ended 31st March 1904.

Sanction Irrecoverable Rates

Under date 20th October '04 (letter No. 60,106-04) the Local Government Board, approving of the recommendations of the County Council, with reference to the lists of irrecoverable rates for half year ended 30th September '04

Two items in collector Somers list were returned for particulars of claim.

The Secretary said that Mr. Somers had made the necessary amendments in the list, and it had been again forwarded the Local Government Board for their approval.

Courtown Harbour.

Under date 26th August (letter No. 49,656) the Local Government Board, wrote forwarding copy of their provisional order, transferring the business of the Courtown Harbour Commissioners, to the Wexford County Council, and stating they understood that the order had been confirmed by Parliament without amendment. When copies of the amending act were available they would be forwarded, but meantime arrangements should be made for the management of the Harbour.

Pending the next meeting of the County Council when instructions could be obtained from the Council, the Local Government Board, were of opinion, that the Secretary should notify the Harbour Master that he should continue to act in that capacity."

The accounts of receipts and expenditure of the Harbour, for the last six years 1898 to 1903, and from 1st January 1904, to 15th August 1904, (the date of

the confirmation of the Provisional Order by Parliament) also the outstanding liabilities of the Harbour Commissioners were laid before the Council by the Secretary.

Under date 5th August 1904 (letter No. 2196 F.B.) the Department of Agriculture, etc., wrote; that they would contribute on certain conditions one half of the cost of certain works of improvement at Courtown Harbour; and we are prepared to approve of the scheme for repairs and dredging submitted by the County Surveyor.

Under date 20th October 1904 (letter No. 3043-04. F.B.) the Department of Agriculture, wrote that they were prepared to contribute the sum of £288, towards the cost of the works at Courtown Harbour. One half to be paid when plans and specifications had been received and approved of; and the balance when the work was certified by the County Surveyor, as having been properly executed.

The following report with regard to Courtown Harbour, from the County Surveyor, was read:-

"In accordance with your directions, I went to Courtown Harbour, on the 25th October, and made an inventory of the property which you are taking over from the Harbour Commissioners. I have attached the inventory to this note, I value the articles mentioned therein at about £128: 12: 6. In addition you take over the toll house and a small store house used by the watchman, but there is a large store house, which it would be well for you to acquire or rent. I am not clear as to whether the watchman's house is included in the property which you take over. Later on it would be advisable to purchase a small boat for inspection purposes.

With regard to the repairs to the piers, I don't think it would be wise to start the work, until next spring. It would be possible to do a

good deal of the dredging at once, if a small grab dredger could be borrowed. I have been in communication with the Board of Works, with reference to their small dredger, and I went up to Dublin and interviewed the Secretary, and the Engineer of the Board on the 24th inst. I also went to Kingstown and saw the dredger, and interviewed the Skipper.

I think the Board's dredger No. 2. would be very suitable for Courtown Harbour. She is a grab dredger and draws only 3 feet unladen and 5 feet 10 inches loaded. Her load is about 46 tons. The officials at the Board of Works, informed me that the charge for a loan of this dredger, would be about £28, per week. That amount would include everything, wages, fuel, insurance, and a percentage of her cost, but unfortunately they say that the dredger is required for some dredging at Howth, and that when she is done there, it would be too late in the year to send her to Courtown, and that you could not get her before the 1st April. I have written to the Board of Works pointing out that once the dredger got to Courtown, she would be quite safe, and that she could do a good deal of inside dredging during the winter, and discharge into lighters etc., and I have asked them if you decide on hiring her, could she be sent down soon.

A difficulty has arisen about the completion of the dredging of Kilmore Harbour; I would suggest that the difficulty could be got over by your acquiring the use of the dredger for this Harbour also, if the contractor agrees to pay the cost.

I understand the Board of Works would not hire the dredger to a private individual."

Inventory of Articles taken over by the Co. Council
from Courtown Harbour Commissioners

Coal bags.	211
Discharging boats	4
Carriage for hauling boats with winch.	1
Chain & Blocks	

winches for winching cone } etc with pulleys, etc.	2.
winches for other purposes } (slightly out of order)	1
wheelbarrows (one broken)	3
Hand barrows	3
Cars	5
Planks.	12.
Picks	2.
crowbars	3.
steel jumpers	5
juniper hammers	1
screw jack	1
Bench vice	1
Jampers	2
Ladders	1
tripping boxes	2
Adze	1
Hand saw	1
Chisels	2
Iron drag	1
Ropes for hauling boats	3
Lamps	2
mooring chains	6
mooring rope	1
Grindstone	1
Poles	8
Trestles	2
Bailing Buckets	4
Anchor.	1
<u>Office</u>	
Desks	1
block	1
Press	1
Weigh bridge	1
Books	9.

Mr Ennis proposed: - That Mr Webster, communicate with Messrs Stopford & Turner, and ask them to

furnish him with a map in order to ascertain if the stonebridge at Courtown Harbour is included in the property transferred from the Harbour Commissioners to the County Council, and also some retaining walls; also to ask Lord Courtown, at what rent he would let to the Council, the large store referred to in the report of the County Surveyor.

That the County Surveyor prepare the necessary plans and forward them to the Department of Agriculture.

That we make representations to the Board of Works requesting them to hire the Council their grab dredger, on the terms quoted to the County Surveyor, and allow the use of her immediately as the fishing industry at Courtown requires the cleansing of the mouth of the harbour without delay." Mr Kinsella seconded - Passed.

On the motion of Mr Dempsey seconded by Mr Walsh the following recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted: - "That a committee of the County Council, be appointed to consider the accounts of Receipts and expenditure of Courtown Harbour and of the outstanding liabilities to Messrs Stopford & Turner, in account with the Harbour Commissioners, with the County Council Staff and a representative of Messrs Stopford & Turner."

That Messrs Ennis, Keacocke, and Kinsella, be appointed the committee.

On the motion of Mr Ennis seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted: -

"That the services of the present Harbour Master and Nightwatchman at Courtown Harbour be retained, as a temporary arrangement until the next meeting of the Council, and at their present rate of remuneration. And that they be informed accordingly."

Swine Fever Regulations

Under date 5th August (letter no. 8734) the Depart-

ment of Agriculture, wrote acknowledging the receipt of the resolution of the County Council, as Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts, in reference to the Departmental letters on the subject of Swine Fever regulations.

By Laws New Ross Bridge

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

"That we approve of the alteration in the By Law prohibiting Traction Engines from crossing the New Ross Bridge, under steam, as suggested by the Kilkenny County Council, and are prepared to adopt the alterations proposed by them and take the necessary legal steps to alter the existing By Law in accordance with them provided any expense incurred thereby will not have to be borne by this Council.

Mr. Ennis proposed, Mr. Peacocke seconded and the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Kilkenny County Council be asked if they are prepared to pay half the expense to alter the existing by-law relative to traction engines crossing New Ross Bridge, if Wexford County Council will bear the other moiety."

Gorey School Attendance Committee

Under date September 15th 1904 the Commissioners of National Education wrote that they had appointed as their Representatives of the Gorey Rural District School Attendance Committee, the following:-

Ven. archdeacon Furlong, Gorey, Very Rev Canon O'Neill P.P. Kilanerin, Rev J. Skipton, Kiltinnet, Gorey, Rev H. L. Scott Clonovan, Rev J. Murphy P.P. Braanford.

The Committee being now complete the members should be summoned as soon as possible to carry on the operation of the Act.

The Secretary said on receipt of this communication he had forwarded copy to Mr. D. Murphy, Secretary to

the School Attendance Committee, and directed him to carry out the instructions of the National Education Commissioners.

On the 30th September he had received the following resolution from the Gorey Rural District Council:— "That we request the County Council to take no steps in the matter of the application of the Education Act 1892 to this District until further advised by this Council."

The Secretary said that when he received this resolution he wrote the clerk of the R. D. Council that the Committee being now constituted, should remain in office for three years and pointed out that the following letter had been received from the clerk of the District Council under date 1st August.

"In reply to your letter of the 26th ult, the District Council recommend the old Members of the Gorey R. D. School Attendance Committee to be re-appointed."

Under date 18th October, Mr D. Murphy, clerk School Attendance Committee, Gorey, wrote that Lord Stopford had resigned his position as a member of the Gorey School Attendance Committee.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Ennis, it was decided to accept the resignation of Lord Stopford, and to request the Gorey District Council, to recommend to the County Council the name of his successor."

— The late Rev J. Corish P. P. —

The following letter was read from Rev P. A. Corish The Abbey, Clonmel, under date 6th August '04

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter containing resolution of condolence from the County Council of Wexford on the death of my brother Rev. J. Corish P. P. Ballymore. I will thank you to convey to the Council from the members of my family and myself our deep appreciation of their sympathy with us in the affliction

which it has pleased the almighty to permit to fall upon us.

Zaghmon Pound.

Under date the 22nd October, Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co. Solicitors wrote: "Mr Mark Browne, from whom your Council hold the Courthouse, and Pound in Zaghmon instructs us to inform you that he wants to take up possession of the pound, as it joins his own premises which he wants to enlarge."

He is satisfied to give the Council another yard in Zaghmon suitable for a pound, if your Council will agree to the exchange.

"On the motion of Mr Ennis, seconded by Mr Peacocke the following recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted:-

"That the letter of Messrs O'Connor & Co. Solicitors in reference to Zaghmon Pound, be referred to Mr Elgee, and if he is of opinion it is necessary, that Mr Webster, be requested to make a report on the matter to him."

Marine Works Bill - East coast of Ireland

Under date 17th October 1904. the Clerk Wexford Rural District Council, wrote that his Council had passed a resolution in favour of the proposed Marine Works Bill for the East coast of Ireland.

Superannuation - Prison Warden

Under date 19th October 1904 the following letter No. 13290- was read from Mr J. H. Douglas, Secretary, General Prisons Board, Dublin.

"I am directed to forward, and enclose herewith a copy extract from a letter which has been received from the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury awarding Peter Bender ex-warden Wexford Prison, a superannuation allowance of £43: 14: 2. per annum, of which £3: 11: 11 is payable by the County Council of County Wexford, as successor to the late Prison Authority, in consideration of his

services as Warder in Wexford Prison prior to 1st April 1878, the date on which the General Prison Board took over charge of the Irish Prisons and Bridewells.

I am to point out, for the information of the County Council, that if they are desirous of commuting their portion of this pension, they should intimate their intention to the deputy Paymaster for Ireland, Dublin Castle, who would thereupon forward to you a receivable order to enable the commutation amount to be lodged to the credit of H. M. Supply Account at the Bank of Ireland."

On the motion of Mr Ennis, seconded by Mr Peacocke, the following recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted:-

"That the County Council pay the superannuation allowance of £3: 11: 11. to Peter Bender, late warder Wexford Prison, and refuse to commute this sum."

Poulduff Pier

Under date 19th October 1904 (letter No 1470/04 F.B.) the Department of Agriculture, wrote that they had plans of the proposed works at Poulduff, prepared, and they had been approved of by the County Surveyor.

On the 24th February copy of resolution passed by the Wexford Co. Council, offering a contribution of £1000 to the cost of carrying out the project had been forwarded the Department, but as the contemplated improvement would in fact amount to a re-construction of the pier, the Department were now in a position to tender and enter into a contract for the execution of the work, according to approved plans at the sum of £1000, and were prepared themselves to provide the balance of the total expenditure necessary. Arrangements as to the mode of payment of the local contribution could be made in a subsequent communication.

Mr Ennis proposed, Mr Peacocke, seconded the following recommendation of the Finance Committee

"That the County Council accept the offer of the

Department of Agriculture, to undertake the contract for repairs and improvement of Poulduff Harbour at the sum of £1,000. from the County Council, as already agreed to by resolution of the Council, and that the works be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor. Passed.

Valuation

Under date 15th August the Commissioners of valuation wrote that Mr. N. D. Buckley, would make the annual revision of valuation of the Rural Districts in the County.

Asylum Committee

Under date 24th September, 1901 Drapes. R. M. S. Asylum Enniscorthy, wrote that the summons for meetings sent to Mr. J. D. Doyle of Barnadown Gorey, had been returned unopened through the post endorsed "Gone no address" and the Committee of Management of the Asylum wished to have Mr. Doyle's place on the Committee filled up by the County Council.

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Peacocke the following recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted:-
"That Mr. John Sinnott, Ballybeg, Co. Councillor, be appointed a Member of the Asylum Committee to replace Mr. J. D. Doyle, who has left the County."

Pot Still Whiskey

Under date 1st September '04 a communication was received from Mr. Denis Kilbride M. P. asking the County Council to support a bill which was proposed to be introduced into Parliament and which had for its objects:-

- 1.-Compulsory retention of all spirits in bond for at least three years before they are allowed into consumption
- 2.-Pot still whiskey Irish or Scotch to be sold for

what it is.

3- Patent spirit likewise.

4- When patent spirits are blended with pot still whiskey, the component parts of the blend to be clearly stated on both casks and bottles.

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, it was decided that the County Council support the Bill referred to in Mr. Kilbride's communication."

Education

A resolution was received from the Monaghan Co. Council protesting against the action of the Government in dealing with educational matters in Ireland. The refusal to Ireland of her Equivalent Grant for Primary Education, was, in the opinion of the Monaghan County Council an insult to justice, and a refusal to comply with the National demand.

The Monaghan County Council were strongly opposed to any transfer of the Management of National Schools from the Clergy who were the present managers."

"On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Browne the resolution from Monaghan County Council was adopted."

Taxation of Land Values

A resolution of a Conference of Municipal and other Rating Authorities held in London at the instance of the Corporation of Glasgow in favour of the principle of the taxation of land values for local purposes; was laid before the Meeting. Marked - "Read"

County Committee of Agriculture, Etc.

A letter was received from the Secretary of the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, stating that Mr. J. D. Doyle, a member of the Committee, had left the County and pointing out that the County Committee, had recommended to the County Council, that Mr. John Sinnott, Ballybeg, Ferns, (who succeeded Mr. Doyle as the representative

of the Gorey Rural District Council, on the Co. Council) should be appointed in Mr. Doyle's place.

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Keacocke the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. John Sinnott, County Councillor, be appointed a Member of the County Committee, vice Mr. J. D. Doyle, who had left the country."

Food & Drugs Act - Result of Sampling.

Under date 31st October, the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, reported that 4 samples of butter had been taken in Gorey district by one of their officers, and on analysis were found pure.

Rural District Roads - Opposition to Contracts.

Mr. M. J. O'Connor Solicitor, appeared for Philip Hickey to object to a contract given to Walter Harpur, Bushertown, for 1074 perches (No. 145). Harpur had been accepted at 6^d per perch, while Hickey tendered at 8^d. The District Council had accepted Harpur as a contractor, against the advice of the County Assistant Surveyors.

Mr. Browne moved: "That the contract of Walter Harpur for No. 145. Wexford Rural District, be not sanctioned and the District Council of Wexford, be informed that the contract is rejected because Harpur has been found by Mr. Webster, County Surveyor to be a bad contractor." Mr. Hore seconded.

Mr. Webster in reply to Mr. Hore, said that Harpur was a bad contractor, and had been prosecuted by him.

Mr. Murphy proposed: "That the contract of Walter Harpur, be confirmed." Mr. Kavanagh, seconded.

In reply to Mr. Ennis, Mr. Webster said that he did not think the road could be kept in repair at 6^d per perch.

A vote was taken with the following result:- For rejection of the contract:- Messrs Walsh, Furlong, James Sinnott, Kinsella, John Bolger, Browne, Hore, Ennis, Hearn, Donohoe, Dempsey, John Sinnott, J. A. Doyle, J.

Bolger, James Shearne, W. Hickey - 16.

Against: Messrs Peacocke, Murphy, Cummins, and Kavanagh. - 4.

The Chairman and W. Mayler did not vote.

It was ordered that the road be placed in the hands of the County Surveyor for two months.

Proposals for Payments.

Proposed by W. Hore, seconded by W. Ennis, and passed:

"That the several proposals for payment ^{new works} in respect of the half year ended 30th September 1904, sent up by the Rural District Councils of the County and the Proposal Committee be approved, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

W. Webster objected to No 7. in Enniscorthy District - to put in repair about 200 perches of the road between Mrs Foley's of Kilanure and Mandoran turn, for which Patrick Murphy had been accepted contractor at £16 : 17 : 6. The County Surveyor said that in his opinion this was not a work of public utility and did not connect two thoroughfares.

(During the course of the discussion Sir J. H. G. Esmonde, vacated the chair, which was taken by W. Hore)

W. Elger considered that if the work was not one of public utility it would be illegal for the Council to adopt it, and they would leave themselves open to a surcharge.

The Chairman (W. Hore) said he would take a vote on the matter, and should the proposal be carried the members who voted for the proposal could settle the matter with the Auditor of the Local Government Board.

The following was the voting:-

For: Messrs James Sinnott, Kinsella, J. Bolger, Mayler, Peacocke, Dempsey, John Sinnott, J. Bolger, Murphy, Hickey, Cummins, Shearne - 12

Against: Messrs Browne, Walsh, Ennis, Hearn,

Donohoe, and the chairman (Mr E. Hore) - 6.

The latter declared the motion carried, and said he would decline to sign the paying order for this contract.

Mr Elger asked the following to be inserted in the Minutes:- "Mr Webster, and Mr Elger, advised the Council, that this work was not a matter of public utility."

With reference to No. 35. in Enniscorthy District contract of Patrick Barty, Rahun, for maintenance of 580 perches of road from John E. Whitney's and pound of Blonroche; annual amount £21. 15/- the following letter was read from Edward Blancy, who had tendered for the road:-

"In re No 35- The road from the pound of Blonroche to Mr John Whitney's gate. In justice to all concerned, I wish to draw the attention of the Members of the County Council, to the way in which the tenders were tampered with in the Enniscorthy Workhouse, on Wednesday 26th October. I got a tender filled by a policeman for the above road, I put this tender into the ^{tender} box at 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday 26th Oct. I stopped speaking in the Porter's Hall, to another man, who was tendering for roads, for about 15 minutes, when Patrick Barty of Rahun, came in and went down to where the tender box was. My attention was drawn immediately after, by some one inquiring for the tender box. I went into the room where the box was, when I put in my tender, but it was not there. I then went into ^{another} ~~the~~ room, and found the Porter at the table on which was the tender box, and P. Barty at his back. There was another man in the passage between the two rooms. Beside the porter, on the table, were about 30 tenders or thereabouts. I turned some of them over till I got my own tender, and put it in the tender box again.

I then went into the Boardroom, and gave notice to Mr Connolly, that I would report the matter to the District Council next morning. When I came down again, P. Barty told me the price per perch, I tendered for the road, and said he would have it the next day. Neither myself nor the policeman told anyone of the price I put in.

The District Council granted P. Barty the road by a majority.

I hope the County Council, will see its way to have such underhand proceedings stopped, and that the genuine tenders of good contractors, will get more fair play by having some tenders torn, and the road or roads re-advertised again."

Blancy came before the Council, and corroborated the statements in his letter.

Mr Browne proposed: "That this contract be rejected and the proposal referred back to the District Council on the grounds that the proceedings in connection with the acceptance of the tender were irregular." Mr Dempsey seconded. Passed.

Proposed by Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Donohoe, and passed: "That a copy of the letter of Edward Blancy, be forwarded the Chairman of the District Council, and that it be suggested to him that it would be more in conformity with ordinary practice if the tender box were sealed by the clerk previous to the receipt of tenders, and not opened unless in the presence of the Chairman, and Members of the District Council."

Provisional Proposals.

The following provisional proposals were received from the District Councils:-

New Ross District: 190 perches New Road Ballindoney.

Gorey District: To put in repair 300 perches from Monmore to Jorduff. Amount £300.

To put in repair the Broghan Lane, Amount £250.

Enniscorthy District: 401 perches, Ballyroe Lane Amount £603/3/4

No order was made on the above, except as regards Broghan Lane; the Council were favourably disposed to its adoption.

Informal Tenders.

Gorey District: - The Secretary reported that three of the tenders taken at the meeting of the Gorey Rural District Council, were not signed by the Contractors.

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

"That the following contracts in Gorey be rejected as the tenders were not signed by the Contractors - James Kavanagh, Ballygarrett, Craanford - No 150 - to keep in repair 364 perches from Mr. Poole's contract in Ballyowen and Mr. Fitzsimons in Ballygullen, (No 153) 760 perches from Carnew to Camolin not to exceed 6^d per perch. - Margaret Brown, Clonamona, Craanford - Abraham Swaine (No 156) 155 perches from Milltown Bridge, to the three roads at Corrigue, not to exceed 4/- per perch.

Should the County Surveyor consider it necessary he is to take these roads into his charge, until a new contract has been entered into by the District Council."

Analyst's Report

The following report of the County Analyst for the Quarter ended 30th June was received.

69 articles were received from the Food Inspectors R. J. G. as follows:-

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Milk	33
Butter	23
Whiskey	8
Buttermilk	2
Cheese	2
Rum	1
Total	<u>69</u>

Of the specimens of milk three were deprived of at least 16. 16. and 40 per cent of their fats respectively

and were therefore debased articles.

One of the butters was composed almost entirely of fats foreign to butter.

One of the specimens of whiskey was 27 degrees under proof, and was therefore adulterated with at least 2.67 per cent of added water.

The remaining articles were of good quality. For the Guardians of Gorey Union, twelve drugs twelve specimens of Port Wine and nine of whiskey were analysed. One of the drugs, namely, solution of bismuth, was slightly low in bismuth sulphide. The specimens of wine and whiskey were analysed to determine which were the best for use in the workhouse.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union, 18 drugs 7 specimens of wine, 4 of tea, 2 of butter, and one of milk were analysed. One of the drugs, namely, tincture of Chinchona, was low in gravity, solids and alkaloids. Another, namely, compound tincture of Cardamoms, was low in solids. The milk was slightly under the average quality of pure milk. The specimens of Wine, Butter, and Tea were of good quality.

For Enniscorthy District Lunatic Asylum, six specimens of milk were analysed. Two were of very poor and doubtful quality, but not sufficiently so to warrant certificates of adulteration.

Two specimens of water analysed for New Ross Urban District Council had the following compositions:-

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

	No 1.	No 2.
Total solid matters	9.800	9.800
including		
Albuminoid ammonia	0.010	0.007
Saline ammonia	0.0015	0.001
Nitric acid	Trace	Trace
Chlorine	0.894	0.894
Sulphuric Acid	None	None
Equal to calcium sulphate.	None	None

Both good waters.

For the Secretary Co. Committee of agriculture, Wexford nine Fertilisers were analysed.

For the Enniscorthy Co-operative Society Enniscorthy four Fertilisers were analysed.

For Mr. William Johnston, Clone House, Monamolin. Gorey, four Fertilisers were analysed.

Two specimens of water analysed for J. H. Talbot Esq Ballytrunt, Broadway, had the following compositions. One imperial gallon contained in grains:-

	No. 1.	No. 2.
Total solid matters	23.800	24.500
Including		
Aluminoid Ammonia	0.009	0.015
Saline Ammonia	0.006	0.008
Nitric acid	Trace	Trace
Chlorine	4.274	5.069
Sulphuric Acid	4.3236	1.4412
Equal to calcium Sulphate	6.0000	2.0000

No. 2. was an inferior water. No. 1. was a tolerably good one.

For Shillalah Union which is partly situated in the County Wexford, six drugs were analysed. They were correct.

Total analyses 180.

Adulterated and defective articles 8.

County Surveyor's Report.

The following portion of the County Surveyor's report was referred to the County Council from the Proposal Committee:-

"A great many contractors have failed to get out their specified quantity of road metalling in time for measurement, I have been compelled to defer a very large proportion of the salaries this time. In some cases the stones in the depots are not yet broken and I have had to complain about the carelessness displayed by some contractors in allowing the heaps of stones to project too far out on the side of the road. Several cases have occurred in which the tender of a notoriously bad contractor has been

accepted by the District Councils, against my advice, with disastrous results; it will be necessary to prosecute these contractors and their sureties or break their contracts. I would ask you to give me permission to prosecute the ^{following} contractors, if I find such a course necessary, the fault in these cases being a considerable shortage of road metalling.

Gorey Rural District:- No. 22 Joseph Murphy no. 101. Joseph Murphy, No 116 - Eliza Warren, No. 125. John Breen, Nos. 128 and 128 A. Peter Whitty, No. 139 - Garrett Byrne.

New Ross Rural District:- No 15 & 15 A. Philip Kelly, No 199. Thomas Cloney, No 75 A. Thomas Cahill, No. 183. Martin Evoy.

Wexford Rural District:- No 16 A. John Codd, No. 205 & 206. Matthew Lacey, No 48. Matthew Doyle, No 80 A. Wm. Barty No 82 & 82 A. Patrick Fenlon, No 89 A. James Dowd, No 97 A. David Reilly, No 131 A. Laurence Croobie, No 161 - Patrick Doyle.

Enniscorthy Rural District:- No. 8. Edward Kavanagh No 8 A. & 189. Jeremiah Morrissey, No 107. Patrick Browne No 110. John Murphy, No 138 - Rep Michael Doran, No 186. Patrick Gorman, No 205 James Sinnott, No. 115. James Donohoe, No. 142. Denis Murphy, No. 196 James Murphy No. 197 Reps Denis Brennan, No 225. John Kelly, No. 226 John Maddock.

A good many proposals are coming before the District Councils this time to put lanes into repair. A couple of these lanes will not be through roads, but would be accommodation roads leading to mountain land. I shall draw your attention to any such work that may be passed. I am strongly of opinion that the ratepayers in general would get more value for their money, if better prices were allowed for leading roads; and less money expended on repairs to lanes.

The steam rolling of the Scarawalsh road is practically completed. I hope to have more rolling

carried out during the winter.

Proposed by Mr. Shearne, seconded by Mr. Cummins -
"That the County Surveyor be given permission to prosecute any of the contractors whose names appear in his report, should he consider it necessary to do so." Passed.

Notices of Motion

Mr. Donohoe was to have moved - "That the Council take into consideration the advisability of requesting Mr. P. Leary, Deputy Surveyor, to resign, owing to his advanced age."

Mr. Donohoe asked permission of the Council to postpone this motion till next meeting owing to the lateness of the hour.

Mr. Cummins objected.

Mr. Donohoe said that in order to avoid discussion he would withdraw the notice and serve a fresh notice for next meeting."

Hospital for Consumption

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Peacocke the following notice of motion standing in the name of Sir J. Esmonde was adopted:-

"In view of the necessity for making some effort to check the ravages caused by consumption in this country and the impossibility, owing to expense, of providing County Hospitals for the treatment of patients, we consider that County Councils should be empowered to levy for and contribute to the National Hospital to such extent as the requirements of the country may, in their opinion, justify, and thus secure for the afflicted, adequate care, by obtaining for the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary nominations to the National Hospital."

Main Road Declaration

Mr. E. How, had given notice of motion to move:-
"That at the expiration for the present Main Roads

Declaration in July 1905, no new declaration be entered into, but that all roads in the main roads scheme be scheduled as district roads."

On the same subject the following notice of motion was received from Mr. Browne:-

"That the present main road scheme be continued for the next five years."

And if this resolution is carried to move the following:- "That at each half yearly meeting when the contracts passed by the District Councils brought up for sanction it will be the duty of the County Surveyor to inform the Council of any case of a main road in which his estimate of the amount of tonnage required, has been reduced by the District Council, in order that the reasonableness of the reduction may be duly considered by the Council."

The following letter from the Local Government Board, under date 22nd August 1904 (No. 45, 246/1904) was read. "The Local Government Board, for Ireland have had before them the Minutes of Proceedings of the County Council of Wexford, on the 2nd instant; containing an entry with reference to the declaration as to main roads in the county, and the Board desire me to point out that the main road declaration does not necessarily expire at the end of five years from the date of its coming into operation."

The Local Government Board are advised that having regard to the terms of Section 8. of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, the County Council are not authorised to re-consider a declaration or make a new one until five years after the original declaration came into operation.

If the County Council decide to make a new declaration at any time after that period has elapsed, it is open to them to fix any convenient date for its coming into operation. In the event of their not making a new declaration, the existing declaration will remain in force."

By permission of the Meeting Messrs Hore, and Browne, withdrew the notices of motion standing in their names.

Cautaker Mountgarrett Bridge.

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Ennis; the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we request the County Council of Kilkenny to take steps to have a regular appointment for Mountgarrett Bridge made."

Dates of Meetings

The following were fixed:-

Gorey. Tuesday 10th January 1905 11.30. a.m.

Enniscorthy. Thursday 12th " " 11 a.m.

Wexford. Saturday 14th " " 10.30. a.m.

New Ross. do. 21st " " 12 noon

Proposal Committee. Friday 20th January

Co. Council. Tuesday 7th February.

The Secretary said that in consequence of the fact that the adjourned meetings of the District Councils, being held so late; it was impossible for him to guarantee the accuracy of the figures in Form 11 as some of those forms did not reach the County Council Office until the day before the meeting.

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Ennis, it was decided that the Finance Committee be requested to consider the advisability of having some arrangement made, which would afford the staff of the Co. Council sufficient time to check Form 11 from the District Councils, previous to the Meeting of the County Council."

Works untendered for, at Proposal Committee & District

Council Meetings

Gorey District: No. 126. To maintain 596 perches between the chapel of Ballyfad and the said road to Arklow at 9^d per perch. - No tender was received, and the work was given in charge of the County Surveyor for six months, on the motion of Mr. Peacocke.

seconded by Mr. Ennis.

No 154 - 1009 perches between Grove Bridge and Little Limbrick at 6^d per perch.

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Peacocke, the work was given in charge of the County Surveyor till next meeting of the District Council.

Enniscorthy District:- No 252 - To maintain 295 perches between the crossroads of Cooladine and Kilpierce John Cullen, tendered at 4³/₄^d per perch, annual amount £5 : 16 : 9. Michael Dempsey tendered at 5^d.

Mr. Broune proposed and Mr. Donohoe, seconded the acceptance of Cullen's tender. Passed.

No. 4 - To make 65 perches of a new road at Killincooley James Kinsella, Ballyduboy, tendered at £22 : 15/- the amount allowed.

No 5 - To build the bridge at Killincooley. Bryan Murphy, Ballingore, tendered at £49 the amount allowed.

On the motion of Mr. Kavanagh, seconded by Mr. Ennis, the above tenders were accepted. No other tender was received for either of these works.

No. B. To make a pipe drain at Mary Kehoe's road at Searauash, not to exceed £4. On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Peacocke, the work was given in charge of the County Surveyor.

New Ross District:- No. 194 - To maintain 547 perches from Wexford to New Ross. - Walter Creane, Cloncrane, tendered at 5^d per perch, Annual Amount £11 : 7 : 11.

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Ennis the tender being the only one was accepted.

No 8 - To protect and repair causeway road at Kilmokea Amount £30.

Mr. Peacocke proposed, the Chairman seconded, and it was passed, that the work be given in charge of the County Surveyor.

Wexford District:- No 142 - Patrick Kelly, Redmoor tendered to maintain 777 perches, between Richfield cross and Duncormack, at 4^d per perch. The

annual amount was £12 : 19/- but Kelly had only put £11 : 19/- in his tender.

On the motion of Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. Ennis the tender was referred back to the District Council County-at-Large. No tender was received for work No 112 to put down a pile protection at Courtown Harbour, not to exceed £12.

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Ahern, it was decided that the work should be given in charge of the County Surveyor. (to be a County at Large charge)

Duncannon Pier

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Walsh the following report with reference to Duncannon Pier, was referred to the Piers and Harbours Committee:-

"I beg to inform you that a Meeting was held in Duncannon for the purpose of improving the Pier and Harbour of Duncannon by the erection of a Breakwater.

Mr. Thomas O'Shea, Clonsilla, was in the chair the following were also present:- Captain Botter, John Cummins, M.B.C. J. P. L. Heery, D.B. John Gunnip, Pierce Carey, Thomas Maher, and A. J. Stephens.

I wish the Council would give this matter their most serious consideration. I suppose you are aware that for a distance of ten miles round Duncannon, the people are at the mercy of one unprotected Pier, and should the worst happen they are without the means of any communication to any market. Just now the fishing season begins, I am sure that the County Council are aware that a fleet of Boats come from Scotland, Arklow, and the Isle of Man, every year, and they complain greatly of Harbour accommodation. Should any bad weather set in they are entirely at the mercy of the sea; they have no protection whatever, and

unless something is done, one of the greatest industries in the south of Ireland, will fall through.

You know a lot of money has been expended on repairs of piers in Duncannon during the last few years, and as the Committee suggested at this meeting unless a Breakwater is built at once, to protect the piers from further damages the County will be at more expense, as at any moment the piers, without protection, are likely to be damaged again. The fishermen at present cannot keep their boats working, owing to the unprotected state of the Harbour. Within the past few years the fishermen have suffered severely; their boats were greatly damaged, which was a very serious loss to them. When their harvest arrives, their boats are not in working order; and thereby lose their means of livelihood; if a breakwater was erected the fishermen could keep a larger class of boats in safety; and as it is a larger class of boats are required as millions of fish are around the coast every year, and as we have not those class of boats we can only watch the Scotchmen, who come over every year and reap our harvest; whereas if we had the proper harbour accommodation for boats we could do so ourselves. Hoping you will lay this matter before the County Council, and that they will give same their most serious consideration.

Special Meeting - 29th November 1904.

A special meeting of the County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 29th November 1904.

Present:- Mr. E. Hore, Vice Chairman, presided
also present:- Messrs M. J. Furlong, J. F. Walsh, C. H. Peacocke, M. A. Ennis, J. J. Kehoe, D. Dempsey, A. Kinsella, M. Murphy, J. A. Doyle, J. Bolger, J. Cummins, and J. E. Mayler.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, and Mr. R. W. Elger, Solicitor were in attendance.

Report of Committee appointed to inspect Tolergal Lane.

We the undersigned members of above Committee visited Tolergal Lane, on this date, where we met Revd. J. Long, C. C. Mr. Thomas Kavanagh, D. C. Mr. Doyle, Contractor, and Mr. J. P. Murphy, Deputy Surveyor.

We made a thorough inspection of the lane walking through it twice from end to end, and examined the work done by the contractor, comparing same with the conditions stated in the specification, a copy of which we had before us.

In no single detail do we consider that any reasonable effort to comply with the specification, had been made by the contractor, and we estimate the total value of the work done by him not to exceed £10. (Ten pounds)

The Specification provides that 250 tons of best stones should be procured in the neighbourhood and placed on the road, but the contractor does not allege that he procured even a single ton of stones, outside what he found in the lane itself, and this quantity which we estimate at 25 to 30 tons does not in any sense provide a fulfilment of his contract.

None of the gulleys specified, have been constructed and in many places the centre of the lane is lower than the watertables at the sides.

One portion of the laneway is at such a level that the existing watertables unless sunk to a depth of 18" to 24" cannot carry away the water, which in rainy weather converts this section of the road into a pond.

We regard this ^{as a} defect in the specification.

Dated this 4th day of November 1904.

(Signed) W. A. Ennis
John Bolger
J. Donohoe
M. J. Furlong.

Mr. Webster said he went over the lane, the day the Committee inspected it, and noticed a great deal of work done, a very considerable amount of stones on the road; and the bushes cut off in many places, which to his certain knowledge had been projecting very far out on the lane.

An enormous amount of material had been taken from the sides, so as to form watertables, though they were not finished, but were in the course of completion. A very considerable amount of good hard material had been put on the lane. There was a place where there was a dip downwards towards a hollow, which required more material undoubtedly. The whole surface required broken stones to be spread, so as to get the specified formation. But he was perfectly satisfied on his inspection the day the Committee were there, and from an inspection he made since, that the amount certified for £30 was not excessive for the work done.

The lane was so good that a traction engine might go over it with safety. A motor car could be driven over it, and he had driven his motor cycle over it. At the time the Committee saw the lane he calculated there was at least one third of a ton of stones put out to every

perch, which would work out at about 100 tons. The contractor had supplied him with a statement which showed he had put out 114 tons, but he (Mr Webster) thought 100 tons would be a fair allowance for the amount of work done. He had made a very careful measurement of the amount of stones yesterday, and the drawing of stones had not been completed. The contractor was employed drawing stones with a number of carts. He (Bounty Surveyor) counted six different heaps of stones, and according to his calculation the gross total of 122 tons, was there in addition to the 100 tons he had calculated for on the day of his visit.

The contractor had also made the watertables and he (Mr Webster) pointed out one part of a watertable, which required to be a little further sunk, so as to draw the water from the hollow which he had noticed on a previous day, and that will get over this difficulty of draining that hollow. There were several gateways leading into fields, that he had not yet put gulleys to, to carry off the water. This the contractor was going to do, and going to do it properly, not going to put down brick gulleys but pipe drain. It was rather premature to try and sit on the officials of the council.

Chairman:- That is not a proper observation, I think you should withdraw that.

Mr Webster said he withdrew this observation. It was stated on the spur of the moment. It would be an injustice to the contractor if he were not paid the amount which was certified for. If the council wished they could get an independent engineer - Mr Ryan, who was down before on previous business - or the Local Government Board, whichever they liked, and if this Engineer suggested that the specification is not

carried out when he gave a final certificate; he (Mr. Webster) would pay the difference to make the road what it ought to be, if the engineer said that the work done under the specification was not sufficient. He could not see that the fact that the stones were found in the locality had anything to do with the contract. The stones had been drawn off the fields by farmers and put on the side of the lane. Only for the stones were thus found on the lane, the work instead of costing 3/- would have cost at least 5/- a perch. This matter had been put before the councillors who were responsible for opening the lane, and they had been informed that were it not for the fact that these stones could be got on the side of the road, the consideration of the lane should come on twice. The time to find fault with the manner in which the work was done, was when the final certificate was presented.

Chairman:- That is a matter for the Council. Is it your opinion the work done is value for the money certified for?

Mr. Webster:- I do. I hardly think the Committee saw the enormous amount of material in the various fields along the lane.

Mr. Murphy, Deputy Surveyor, said he was asked by the District Councillors, to say the least this lane could be done for, and his statement was that the stones being on the lane, it could be done for much less than if the stones had not been there.

Mr. Bolger:- I deny that. I was there twice and you never said a word about it.

Mr. Murphy said that he visited the lane on the 19th September, and made a close examination of the lane. He calculated for 2/- a perch, to cover all which came to £30. The lane would cost 5/- to 6/- per perch only the stones were in it. There were 100 loads of stones there when the Committee visited.

Mr. J. Bolger: There were only 12 loads.

Mr. Murphy: A great many of the stones were covered up.

J. Doyle, contractor (who was represented by Mr. M. J. O'Connor, solicitor) said he began work on the lane on the 6th of May. He had employed Andrew Murphy Kilmuckridge, breaking stones for five weeks at 10/- a week, and support. He estimated this amount at 15/- per week. - Total £3: 15/-. John Martin, he employed for 16 weeks at 6/- per week and support. He calculated this man cost 12/- per week - Total £9: 12/-. This man was engaged picking, levelling, etc., William Hamilton, Glondaw, was employed for 4 weeks at 5/- per week and support. He calculated this man cost 12/- a week or £2: 8/-

There was his own time for 9 weeks, and his horse for three weeks, and he estimated the cost at £12; then there was 7/- for upkeep of tools, or a total of £28: 2: 6.

He took into consideration the amount of stones on the lane when he entered into the contract.

Mr. Ennis said as a member of the committee he had no hesitation in saying that when the committee went there, the amount of work did not exceed £10.

Mr. J. Bolger ~~denied the~~ denied the statements of Mr. Webster, in regard to the work on the lane. The contractor took the stones from the sides of the lane and threw them in the middle.

Mr. Ennis then examined the figures of the County Surveyor, and said that according to these figures, there were still £20. worth of work to be done, and only £14 of the contract left to do it. In his opinion it was the stones that had fallen out of the fences that had been used for the metalling of the road.

The Council then resolved itself into committee:

Mr. Peacocke moved: - "That we request the Local Government Board, to hold a public sworn inquiry into the facts connected with the issuing of a certificate by the County Surveyor, on the recommendation of Mr. Murphy, Deputy Surveyor, to the contractor, for repair of Tobergal Lane, for a sum of £30 on foot of his contract, and which sum it was alleged had not been earned."

The Chairman moved - "That Mr. Webster, County Surveyor and Mr. Murphy, Deputy Surveyor, be censured, by this Meeting, as the County Surveyor, on the Deputy Surveyor's report, certified for an amount of money which we believe was not earned by the contractor (J. Doyle) of Tobergal Lane, at the date of the certificate." Mr. J. A. Doyle seconded.

For the amendment of the Chairman there voted: Messrs Walsh, J. A. Doyle, Dempsey, Ennis, and the Chairman - 5.

Against: - Messrs Cummins, Kehoe, Murphy, J. Bolger, Mayler, Kinsella, Furlong, and Peacocke - 8.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost and put the substantive proposition, which he declared passed.

On the motion of Mr. Bolger, seconded by Mr. Dempsey, the following resolution was adopted: - "That pending the result of the Local Government Board Inquiry, the Paying Order for £30, certified for by the County Surveyor be withheld." Passed.

Lights - New Ross Bridge.

Under date November 7th 1904, Mr. George Lough, Manager Grand Canal Company wrote: - "As neither the New Ross Commissioners, nor the County Councils appear willing to have the lights put on the bridge, will you please say if your Council would have any objection to this Company putting a luminous painted disc, in the centre of the arch on both sides of the bridge, so that

it may be a guide to our steamer master in dark weather."

Mr. Kehoe proposed - "That we offer no objection to the Grand Canal Company exhibiting luminous painted discs in the centre of New Ross Bridge".
Mr. Furlong seconded. Passed.

Telephone Poles.

Under date 3rd November, a letter was received from the District Manager, National Telephone Co. asking for the consent of the County Council, to the erection of a line of telephone poles alongside the road close to Enniscorthy, for the purpose of enabling the company to connect Messrs S. & A. G. Davis's premises Hollymount and St John's Mills, to the telephone exchange in Enniscorthy.

"The permission required by the Telephone Co. was granted on the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Cummins."

Courtown Harbour.

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Ennis, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we approve of the action of the Department of Agriculture, in sending down a beam dredger, to clear the mouth of the Harbour, to enable the fishermen to carry out their avocation, and that we agree to the cost of the hire, etc., of this dredger coming out of the joint fund contributed by the Department, and this Council for the improvements of the harbour."

Marine Works Bill.

The following resolutions were received from a Public Meeting held under the auspices of Wicklow Harbour Board and Urban District Council of Wicklow:-

Proposed by Mr. Frank McPhail J. P. Chairman Wicklow Urban District Council, seconded by Mr. Christopher

Murray M. D. C. Resolved:- "That this meeting convened under the auspices of the Harbour Board, and Urban Council of Wicklow, and representative of the maritime commercial, and industrial population of this portion of the east coast, hereby call upon the Government to promote a Bill in the next session of Parliament making applicable to the south eastern coast of Ireland the Marine Works Act, now operating so successfully, on the western coast. We view with alarm, the steady decay, and, in places, almost annihilation, of our fishing industry owing to insufficient harbour accommodation and inadequate transit facilities.

It is our conviction that were such an act passed it would, in a great measure, serve to check the emigration of our fishing population, and assist in the revival and strengthening of the industries now crippled for lack of Government support, as accorded with such remarkable results by the Governments of other countries on the continent.

We respectfully ask the leaders of the two Irish Parties to treat the introduction of the Bill as a non-contentious measure.

That copies of this resolution be sent to all the Cabinet Ministers, the Irish Members, and the several Local authorities within the joint counties."

Proposed by Mr. N. H. Haskins, Vice Chairman, Wicklow Urban Council, seconded by Mr. Patrick Short, Vice Chairman, Rathdrum Guardians. Resolved:- "That in view of the serious state of our harbours, we call upon the land owners, public companies, county councils, and local authorities, in the four counties concerned, to organise public meetings, pass strong resolutions supporting our Members of Parliament in their pressure upon the Government to have the Marine Works Act passed into law early in the coming session; and that copies of said resolutions be forwarded to the Members of the Government and

the public bodies referred to."

Proposed by Mr. Joseph McCarroll M. D. C. seconded by Mr. William Desaike M. C. Resolved:- "That in the interest of the fishing population of Arklow, this public meeting calls on the Government to take immediate steps to preserve the lives and property of the fishermen of Arklow, by at once so improving the harbour as to afford the fishing fleet ingress and egress during the coming winter."

Under date 22nd November a letter was read from Mr. F. W. MacPhail, Secretary Wicklow Harbour Board asking the county council, on the part of the joint committee of the Wicklow Harbour Board, and the Wicklow Urban Council, to name delegates to attend a meeting in Dublin on a date to be fixed in support of a Marine Works Bill, for South East Ireland.

Several Boards had already named delegates and as there was no time to be lost the Wexford Co. Council was requested to deal with the matter as soon as convenient.

The Council were also requested to pass a resolution requesting the co-operation of the Parliamentary Representatives of the county, and their attendance at the conference."

On the motion of Mr. Dempsey, seconded by the chairman, the Resolutions from Wicklow, were postponed, and the following appointed as delegates to the forthcoming conference:- Sir Thomas Esmonde (chairman) Messrs Ennis, Peacocke, and Cummins.

Notice of Motion

The following notice of motion had been given by councillor Donohoe:-

"That the Council take into consideration the advisability of requesting Mr. P. Leary, Deputy Surveyor

to resign, owing to his advanced age."
 Mr. Donohoe was unavoidably absent.

Mr. Peacocke moved the following, which was seconded by Mr. Dempsey and passed unanimously:- "That we have full confidence in the ability of Mr. Leary, to carry out his duties as assistant Co. Surveyor."

A Divided Road.

Mr. Webster (Co. Surveyor) mentioned that Contract No. 24 in New Ross District for 1119 perches had been divided owing to its length, the division being- No 24-467 perches, and No 24A- 652 perches. In connection with the latter a mistake had crept into the figures before the contract had been accepted by the District Council, though he had not been able to trace exactly where it had occurred. Owing to this error the number of perches in 24A. had been made 562 instead of 652. and the contract had been accepted as if the length of this portion of the road had been 562. The contract was taken at 1/8 per perch which came to £48 : 16 : 8. instead of £54 : 6 : 8.

Mr. Peacocke proposed, Mr. Ennis seconded, and it was passed - "That the Local Government Board be requested to inform the County Council, if they can pay the contractor, on the number of perches which he has maintained, and if it is in the power of the County Council, to have the contract amended so that the correct number of perches included in it can be provided for."

Special Meeting - 7th January 1905

A special meeting of the County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 7th January 1905.

Present:- Sir J. H. G. Esmonde, Bart. M.P. (Chairman) presiding.

Other members:- Messrs E. Hore, J. F. Walsh, J. Bolger, C. H. Peacocke, J. J. Kehoe, J. Donohoe, M. Murphy, M. A. Ennis, D. Dempsey, J. E. Mayler, and J. Bolger.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, and Mr R. W. Elger, Solicitor to the Council, were in attendance.

Overhead Bridges- Railways.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman:- "That the Seal of the County Council, be affixed to the agreement between the County Council, and the D. W. & W. Railway Co. with reference to the maintenance of overhead bridges and approaches thereto."

Costs.

Proposed by Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Ennis:- "That the costs of Mr R. W. Elger, Solicitor to the Council incurred since the 31st March 1904 be referred to the proper Officer for taxation and that a Requisition to tax same be sealed and that Mr J. J. Healy, Solicitor, No. 12 Westmoreland St. Dublin be appointed to represent the Council on the taxation."

Passed.

Isbergat Lane

The following letters from the Local Government Board, were read.

No. 69, 904: 1904. under date 9th December 1904.

"The Local Government Board for Ireland, have had before them the entry in the minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council, on

the 29th ultimo, relative to the report of the committee appointed to inquire into the question of the contract for the repair of Tobergal lane, and the Board direct me to request that you will be so good as to furnish them with a certified copy of the contract and specification in this case, together with a copy of the original proposal.

A detailed report from the County Surveyor regarding the circumstances under which the payment of £30 to the contractor was certified by that officer should also be forwarded.

The Board desire that a copy of any written reports on the subject by Mr. Murphy, Assistant County Surveyor, may also be furnished for their inspection."

Letter No. 72,379/1904. under date 20th December 1904:-

"With reference to previous correspondence relative to the resolution passed by the Wexford County Council on the 29th ultimo, requesting the Board to hold a sworn inquiry into the facts connected with the issue of a certificate by the County Surveyor, on the report of Mr. Murphy Assistant Surveyor, for payment of a sum of £30 on foot of a contract for the repair of Tobergal lane, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to state that, in view of the expense which would be entailed on the county, by the holding of such an inquiry, the Board are of opinion that the county council would do well before finally deciding that an inquiry is desirable to wait until the work is finished, and the Co. Surveyor is in a position to deal with the final certificate in connection with the contract.

The contractor according to the terms of his contract is bound to complete the work by the 31st proximo."

The following is the detailed statement of the

County Surveyor, referred to in letter of the Local Government Board, in their letter No. 69,904:1904, under date 9th December 1904.

Tubbergal Lane

During to a very heavy pressure of business in connection with Harbour works and in repairs to roads injured by the Railway Co. in constructing the Rosslare to Fishguard Railway, I was unable to inspect this lane during the quarter ending September 30th '04. When about to certify for the various works carried out during that quarter, I requested my Assistants to come in to my office and report verbally on each contract.

W. Murphy attended on the 3rd October, and when I came to the Tubbergal Lane contract, he informed me that the contractor had done a great deal of work; that he had got the lane into shape, and spread a large quantity of stones; and had cut the bushes and cleaned up the sides; and that he ought to be paid the amount for which I certified. The following is a copy of W. Murphy's report on the lane.

3rd Inspection - 19th September. Finished very roughly wants fine gravel.

13 - 10. Ordered contractor to sheet with fine gravel. Def certificate"

The written reports of the assistants are always submitted to me about three weeks after the verbal reports made for certificates.

I inspected the lane on the 4th November, and found a great deal of work had been done in shaping it and preparing it for the final coating of stones. I estimated 100 tons of stones had been spread on the road, the most of this material had been put on the first 200 perches of the lane, where it was most required. An enormous quantity of material, sods, and clay, had been drawn away into the adjoining fields.

The stones used in the repairs were field stones that had been thrown on the side of the lane from time to time, and in my opinion these stones were more suitable than the quarry stones in the vicinity. In estimating the cost of repairing this lane the facility for getting suitable field stones were taken into consideration.

On the 28th November, I inspected the lane again and found the contractor was drawing in field stones. He had already banked six heaps on the side of the lane. I measured these carefully and found they amounted to 122 tons. The Contractor was working away deepening the drains, etc.,.

I visited the lane again on the 10th inst., and found the contractor working well. He had put down a number of pipe drains across gate-ways, and was completing the drain from a low lying part of the road. He had drawn in more stones, and a man was working at the breaking of the stones, which I had measured, and had made considerable progress with the work. No stones had been spread on the surface since my first inspection and yet the lane was in very good order, for a lane put into repair for the first time, for years.

I considered that the £14. which I deferred was ample to complete the work.

Henry Webster
County Surveyor
Wexford

12th December '04

The report of the Committee regarding their visit and inspection of the lane on the 4th November 1904 and which is already on the Minutes was also read.

[W. Ennis proposed: That this Council views with regret the refusal of the Local Government Board to investigate the serious matters referred to in the

Council's resolution of the 3rd November 1904, and as in the opinion of the Council the condition in which Tobergal Lane may be on the 31st inst, can have no possible bearing upon the point at issue, we hereby withdraw our request for a sworn inquiry.

That inasmuch as the County Surveyor, and Mr. J. P. Murphy, Deputy Surveyor, have forfeited the confidence of this Council in connection with their dealings with road contractors by their action with regard to Tobergal Lane, in which case it was sought to induce the Council to make an interim payment of £30 on foot of the contract of John Doyle for £44.7.6, when, in the opinion of a Committee appointed by the Council, £10 had not been earned by this contractor on this contract; and as furthermore the County Surveyor has advanced the startling contention that a contractor is entitled to appropriate stones found upon a road and use them as portion of the quantity of stones specified in his contract, the County Council do appoint a permanent Roads Committee consisting of 8 Members whose duty it shall be to exercise a general supervision over the Roads of the County, to receive and investigate complaints, and to make such suggestions with regard to the provision of properly constructed stone depots, or such other matters as may seem to the Committee likely to afford the Council more efficient control over the Surveyors and Road Contractors".

Mr. Kehoe seconded the resolution.

Mr. Hore, Mr. Donohoe, and Mr. J. Bolger, having spoken. Mr. Webster said that some gentlemen during the discussion stated that the County Council had no control over their officers, and that the officers would laugh at a vote of censure. Personally he would say that so far from laughing at such a thing, he would be very much troubled, and he would feel very much hurt by the passage

of a resolution, which stated he had forfeited the confidence of the County Council. He would look on that as worse than anything the Local Government Board might do in the way of censure or dismissing him. If a man were to carry out his work under the imputation that he was a dishonest man, and to feel that the Council had not the slightest confidence in him, that he was untrustworthy, it was a most invidious position for a man to be in, and for his part he would sooner dig for gold in Australia or anything like that than be working at a good salary under the idea that he was a dishonest, and not trusted by the Council. Honestly he could say he had been doing his duty, altho' the Council might not think it.

Dealing with the lane at Tobergal, Mr Webster said if the man had only one horse his neighbours should have helped him judging by the amount of work which had been done in the drawing away of material from the lane. It was not fair, as Mr Ennis did to compare a maintenance contract like the road of Ferrycarraig, with the construction of a new lane. Regarding the length of the lane the District Councillors who brought it in, had first estimated for 240 perches.

He (Mr Webster) told the Councillors they were underestimating the length, and they then brought in the length at 300 perches.

As it was a contract for a bulk sum it was not necessary to measure the lane to the exact perch, but this of course would be done when the road would come into contract and the exact length in perches ascertained. He did not mean to cast any reflections on the Committee as to the difference of opinion between himself and the Committee as to the amount of tons ~~to the perch~~. ~~From the amount of stones he found of stones spread on the lane.~~ He had made his estimate as well as he could. He took so many tons of stones or propor-

tion of tons to the perch. From the amount of stones he found on the road he calculated the amount he had stated one-third of a ton to every perch. He also arrived at it by finding out how long the men were breaking the stones and spreading them and the two estimates tallied.

He considered he was perfectly right in stating that 100 tons of stones had been put on the lane at the time of the visit of the committee.

The stones used by the contractor were good field stones, but when they were there and used by the contractor, why should he (Mr Webster) object and perhaps have the contractor bring on other field stones, which would not be any better. He considered it was quite legitimate for the contractor to use these stones if suitable. He could not see his way to withdraw from what he had said in his report, though he wished he could. At the same time he believed this was a harsh proceeding, to pass a resolution of this kind, and for his part he would feel it very much and would be very sorry for it.

Mr Webster in reply to the chairman, said that if the contractor had on the last occasion stated it would take £23 to finish the lane, then his (Mr Webster's) whole case fell to the ground. But at the same time the certificate was given by him, Mr Murphy had satisfied him that £14 would finish the contract; only for this he would not of course issue the certificate.

Mr J. Bolger who was a member of the committee of Tobergal Lane, and had been over the lane before the committee inspected it, estimated then the cost of the amount of stones spread to be £7. 18. 0. And at the committee he had the same opinion. Some members of the committee had estimated the amount at £7. 10. 0 but Mr Ennis suggested that to be well within the mark £10 had been inserted in the report, and this was

agreed to.

If £30 had been spent on the lane at the time the committee had inspected it £100 had been spent on it since. It was a good lane now, and well finished and the people of the district might thank the row at the county council for it.

Mr Donohoe said that at the time the committee were there the contractor said he was quite prepared to forfeit the £30 to get out of the contract, and he would scarcely have taken that view if there had been £30 worth of work done.

The Chairman said that Tobergal Lane was a bad case, and in his view, had not been properly attended to. There was a chance of some of the money of the ratepayers being lost in the transaction but for the controversy which had arisen.

Speaking generally the roads of the county were not well attended to, and it was necessary to take active steps to improve matters. It might be necessary for the ratepayers to pay more for the upkeep of roads, but at the same time the council should devise some plan to see that some improvement was effected. Certain roads had improved, but on the whole the roads of the county, left much to be desired.

The resolution was then put and passed.

After some discussion it was decided to change the number of the representatives of the county council on the Roads Committee to twelve, and the following was added to the resolution.

"And that each district council be requested to co-operate with this committee by appointing two members to serve upon it."

Mr J. Bolger gave notice that he would move at the next meeting that the list of quantities of stones issued by the county surveyor be prepared by the 15th October, any resolution to the contrary being at the same time rescinded."

Courtown Harbour.

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. J. J. Kehoe, a resolution was adopted that the Harbour Master at Courtown be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding £10. in purchasing timber for repairs of boats, work to be carried out by the night watchman, and Mr. Webster to see that the proper material is procured, and the work efficiently carried out.

Vote of Condolence

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Donohoe, the following resolution was adopted:-
"That this Council convey to their colleague Mr. C. H. Peacocke, the expression of their sincere condolence in the bereavement he has sustained in the death of his sister."

Edward Gore

Quarterly Meeting - 7th February 1905.

The Statutable Quarterly Meeting of the County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford on February 7th 1905.

Present :- Mr. E. Hore, Vice Chairman presiding.
Other Members :- Lord Stopford, Messrs M. Browne, C. A. Peacocke, J. J. Kehoe, J. Donohoe, D. Dempsey, M. Murphy, James Sinnott, M. Hickey, M. J. Furlong, John Cummins, James Ahearne, J. F. Walsh, and T. Bolger.

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

The Minutes of previous Quarterly Meeting, and of special meetings held in November, and January were read and confirmed.

Estimate of Rate.

The Estimate of Rate for the General and Separate Charges for financial year ended 31st March 1906 was laid before the meeting, with the following resolutions of the Finance Committee of 27th January:-

"We recommend the County Council to adopt the following Rates for General charges for the Rural Districts of the County :-

	<u>Land</u>	<u>Other Hereditaments</u>
Enniscorthy	2/-	3/9
Gorey	2/-	3/5
New Ross	2/4	4/2
Wexford	1/11	3/6.

"That we recommend for adoption to the Co. Council the Estimate of Rate for separate charges as presented, by our Secretary."

She was also ^{read} a letter No. 25554-1905. (Wexford County) from the Local Government Board, under date

18th January 1905 assenting to the annual estimate being considered by the County Council at the present meeting."

Also the following letter from the Local Government Board:-

No. 2,606: 1905

Wexford County

21st January 1905

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 12th instant on the subject of the preparation of the estimate for the coming financial year in the County of Wexford, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that, while the County books for the current half-year must be written up in the existing form, it will be necessary that the balances, which will appear at the close of the half year in favour of, or against each Rural District, should be apportioned between County, Union, and District charges, in proportion to the amount of Rates received for those purposes since the coming into operation of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898.

The County Estimate should be prepared on this basis, as the accounts for the next half-year will commence with the balances so adjusted.

I am to add that you should, however, in preparing the estimate pay particular attention to the note at foot of Form 45 of the Public Bodies Order 1904, which refers to the figures to appear in columns 14 and 17 of that Form."

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Kehoe the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the following recommendation of the Finance Committee of the 27th January be adopted:—
That the Rates for General charges for the financial year 1905-6 for the four Rural Districts be as

follows:-

	<u>Land</u>	<u>Other Hereditaments</u>
Enniscorthy	2/-	3/9
Gorey	2/1	3/5
New Ross	2/4	4/2
Wexford	1/11	3/6.

and that the following amounts be demanded from the Urban Councils of the County:- For County Charges.

Enniscorthy Urban	£ 491
New Ross "	504
Wexford "	1066
	<u>£ 2061</u>

and for Union Charges:-

Enniscorthy Urban	£ 484
New Ross "	729
Wexford "	998
	<u>£ 2211</u>

and that acting on the recommendation of the Finance Committee the County Council, agree to the Estimate for separate charges for the financial year 1905-6 as presented and published by the Secretary."

Report of Co. Council Auditor

The following report of W. J. L. King, Local Government Auditor was read:-

"I have the honour to report, that I have audited the accounts of the Wexford County Council, for the half-year ended 31st March 1904, and I enclose the abstracts duly certified.

Notwithstanding the improvement mentioned in my last report in the preparation of the Road Forms, at the District Council Offices, these forms cannot yet be said to be perfect.

The chargiability, dates of expiry, and other important particulars were omitted in some cases, and in one of the New Ross forms, 12-14, the entire entries respecting eleven successive contracts were left out and

had to be inserted in the County Office.

On the other hand the excellent order in which I found the Tenders, Bonds, and Specifications greatly facilitated the checking of the new contracts.

The practice of entering proposals for payment in the Co. Surveyor's hands in form 12-14. resulted in an overpayment of £17. The amount was, however, refunded and lodged within the half-year, and the practice has been discontinued.

Finding the certificates at the foot of Forms 12-14. slightly modified I have requested the County Surveyor to adhere to the prescribed form in future.

The clerks of the School attendance committees might be requested to furnish their accounts in a more business like way. In the case of New Ross Committee, I was unable to verify the receipts and expenditure from the vouchers submitted in support of them and further information obtained by letter from the clerk did not wholly clear up the matter.

The collection of Rate for the half year was closed in a satisfactory manner.

During the half-year as the result of proceedings under the Railway Clauses Consolidation Act 1845, a sum of £845, was recovered in respect of damage to roads consequent on the construction of the Railway from Waterford to Rosslare.

This sum was handed by the County Solicitor, in pursuance of a resolution of the County Council, and in accordance with the provisions of section 58 of the above mentioned Act, to the County Surveyor, and by him lodged to a special Bank account.

I have examined and certified an abstract submitted by him showing that, at the end of the half-year under audit, sums amounting to £230: 14: 2, had been expended on the damaged roads, and, that a credit balance of £614: 5: 10 remained in hands." - Marked "Read"

The State of a Road.

Dr. E. A. Gibbon, J. P. Sludagh, Wexford wrote under date 9th January:-

"On behalf of myself and other Ratepayers, who use the road from Sludagh to Mr. Woody's cross, at Rathaspeck. I beg to bring to the notice of the County Council, the state it is in. I firmly believe, bad as the roads in the County in general are, this has been one of the very worst for the past four winters, and I must say, I don't think we have been fairly treated with respect to it. Some months ago the Railway Contractors had to pay a considerable sum of money for the repair of roads injured by their heavy traffic, and a certain sum was allowed for this road, certified by the County Surveyor as sufficient to put it into good repair again. I would much like to know if this money has been expended on it; results show little if any improvement; if it has been done, in which case I think Mr. Webster must have made a big mistake in not getting a sufficient sum from the Contractors to do so; and if it has not been expended, the sooner it is done the better, and by competent workmen.

The present Contractors appear not to care to work on it. I use the road frequently and there seems to me to be very little doing on it, to judge by the small number of men one sees working, and those seem not to know how to mend it properly. A short time ago I was driving home, and saw a man working. He was dumping down stones into the hollows full of mud, and not making any attempt to scrape it off. I believe it is useless to do so, more especially in this case as the stones are soft and already mixed with earth. I asked him if that was the proper way to mend roads; and he told me he was instructed to do so; and had always done it.

The waterables are also neglected, and the

centre of the road become so hollow, that it is hopeless to expect good results: unless so stringent means are taken to make the contractors do their work in a more efficient way than it has been done up to the present. I hope your Council will see their way to help us in this matter. It is hard to be paying rates, and to have to use the roads in the state this one is in; not only being unpleasant to drive on, but dangerous to any wheeled traffic. I know of one motor car having a spring broken on this road lately, and the owner is afraid to drive on it since."

Mr. Browne said that hundreds of loads of stones had been put out on the road since the date of the letter of Mr. Gibbon.

Mr. Kehoe, said he had, 12 months ago called attention to the grass plot, at the cross, as being dangerous, and the County Surveyor said he would have the matter remedied, but nothing had been done since.

Mr. Webster said the road contractor had put out his fully quantity of stones. Between 400 and 500 cubic yards of stones had been put out on it. He took the road out of the present contractor's hands, and gave it to one of the Sweeties.

He was over it on Saturday and the portion between Muirintown and Rathaspeck was improved but the portion between Muirintown and Sludagh was bad. He expected that when the money he had in hands had been all expended, the road would be in a good condition. 550 tons of stones had been put out, and only 150 tons of this was covered by the contract."

Mr. Ahearn drew attention to the state of the roads in the locality of St. Leonards, Tintern, Tallowtown. They were in an impassible state. The Clergymen and the largest ratepayers were complaining of

state of the roads."

On the motion of Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the letter of Mr. Gibbon be referred to the Co. Surveyor, and that Mr. Gibbon be informed that since the date of his letter, large quantities of stones had been spread on the road, and that Mr. Webster has still in his hands some money which he can use for the repair of the roads"

Mr. Webster with reference to the roads referred to by Mr. Ahern, said they had been cut up by the Railway traffic. He had done the very best he could to expend the money recovered from the Railway Co. judiciously, and succeeded in a good many roads. During the coming summer he expected the roads referred to by Mr. Ahern would be put in fair order."

Corrig Burial Ground

Under date 11th January '05 a sealed Order was received from the Local Government Board, closing Corrig Burial Ground to future interments from the 1st March 1905. A list of persons entitled to burial in this graveyard was furnished as portion of the Order.

Piers.

Under date 30th December 1904 the Board of Works wrote (letter No. 18672) stating that it had been reported to them that at Fithard Harbour (north side) some masonry was breaking away, and a mooring post had disappeared."

The Board would be glad to hear that the necessary repairs would be carried out as early as the state of the weather will permit.

"Referred to County Surveyor"

Under date 20th January '05 the Department of Agriculture

etc. wrote that they had forwarded an order for £107: 5/- to the Treasurer of the County Council, being half the amount expended on the improvement of Slade Pier.

Roads Committee

Mr. Kehoe, Clerk of Wexford Rural District Council, wrote under date 5th January, that his Council approved of the suggestion of the Co. Council to establish a permanent Roads Committee, but deferred appointing two representatives to a larger meeting.

Mr. Brighton, Clerk Gorey R. D. Council wrote that his Council had declined to take action on the resolution of the County Council, asking that two representatives of the District Council should be appointed on the permanent Roads Committee."

The following communication was also read :-

Ballingarry Gorey.

30. 1. '05

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Road Contractors of the Gorey Rural District, to forward to you the following resolutions adopted at their meeting in Gorey on Saturday 24th Inst.,

Resolved :- 1. That we the Road Contractors within the Gorey Rural District, do hereby protest against the action of the County Council, in forming a Committee to inspect the roads apart from the County Surveyor, and his Assistant.

2.- That we consider such a course would be most unjust and unfair to us as we would be placed in the awkward position of having to please twelve Councillors many of whom we fear know very little of road maintenance.

3.- That we remind the Co. Council of the fact that, while such a Committee might be useful enough to find fault, still no matter how well

a contractor kept a road; in their (the committee's) opinion, such a committee would be powerless to pay for the work done without the sanction of the Surveyor.

4.- That judging by past experience we greatly fear that some of the County Councillors would not be the men to give an impartial opinion on such matters.

Patrick O'Neill

Secty to Contractors' Meeting
Marked "Read"

The following was also read:-

Carnolin, Co. Wexford

2. 2. '05

"At a meeting of the Carnolin Agricultural Association, held in Carnolin; - February 1st 1905. the following resolution (Mr. Murphy P. P. occupying the chair) was proposed by Mr. James O'Neill, seconded by Mr. W. Howell and passed unanimously:-

"That some of the roads between Carnolin and Craanford are in a wretched state.

That we call upon our Co. Councillors, District Councillors, and Surveyors, to see that on the expiration of the present contract, they be put into a proper condition."

"On the motion of Mr. Kehoe seconded by the Chairman, the letter was referred to the Co. Surveyor."

The clerk of the Rural District Council, Enniscorthy wrote that his Council had decided to postpone the appointment of the Representatives on the Roads Committee, until after the Elections in June.

"On the motion of Mr. Donohoe, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:- "In view of the letters from the District Councils, and owing to the approach of the Elections, we decide to postpone the

appointment of a permanent Roads Committee."

Woodville Road

Mr. Webster in reply to Mr. Murphy said Mr. Lett Woodville, had cut two feet off the road at Woodville and cut down a paling there etc.,

Mr. Elger said that notice had been served on Mr. Lett, to put the road back in the condition in which it was before she interfered with it.

Dates of Meetings

On the motion of Mr. Dempsey seconded by Mr. Cummins the following dates of meetings were agreed to :-

Half yearly meetings for the half year ended 30th March 1905 :-

New Ross R. D. Saturday 8th April 12 Noon

Gorey " " Tuesday 11th April 11.30 am.

Enniscorthy " " Thursday 13th April 11 am.

Wexford " " Saturday 15th April 10.30 am.

Proposal Committee Meeting - Friday - 14th April 2. o'clock.

County Council Meeting - Friday 5th May at 11 o'clock am.

District Asylum

Under date 8th December 1904, to Local Government Board wrote (No 68,603) that they had recommended to Board of Works to issue £2,000 the third instalment of the loan for £6,500 sanctioned for the lighting of the District Asylum with electricity.

Auditor to Council accounts

Under date 18th January 1905. to Local Government Board (letter No 11. M. - 1905) that until further notice the accounts of the Council would be audited by Mr. C. D. Barry. B. L. Local Government Auditor.

Irrecoverable Rates.

Under date 26th January 1905. (letter No 5,007/1905.) the Local Government Board, wrote approving of payment of Irrecoverable Rates list of collector John Sinnott, for the half-year ended 30th Sept 1904.

Changes in Road Contracts.

In connection with a resolution passed by the Council on 29th November 1904, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No. 69,904-1904) with reference to the contract of James Doran, Gobbinstown, for the maintenance of 650 perches of road. The Local Government Board considered that if the contractor undertook to maintain 562 perches at 1/8 per perch, whereas he had in fact maintained 652 perches to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor, they considered there was equitable grounds for making the additional payment.

The Board did not see any objection to the amendment of the contract, with the consent of the contractor."

In connection with Road No. 64 (Ennisconthy Rural District) the County Council had called the attention of the Local Government Board, to the fact that the contractor, John Murphy, had stated in his tender that the annual payment was £21: 7: 6, whereas it should have been £24: 13: 6.

The opinion of Mr. Elger, Solicitor to the Council which had been taken, was in favour of the contractor being paid at the proper amount.

Two letters were received from the Local Government Board on the subject. The first under date 14th December (No 71,251/1904) asked for particulars of the contract; the second, under date 4th January 1905. (No. 73,121-1904) stated, that in the circumstances, the Local Government Board considered the contractor might be paid the correct amount; viz: £24: 13: 6.

The Local Government Board stated in this letter "that in future it would be well that only the annual amount of the contract were inserted and not the rate per perch."

Local Government Elections 1905.

Under date 12th January 1905, Circular letter No. 220-W.O. (Miscellaneous) from the Local Government Board, dealing with the appointment of Returning Officer, and Day of Election for forthcoming Local Government Elections, Polling Districts, Hours of Polling, Preliminary arrangements, Selection of Deputies, Qualification of candidates, Maps, Etc., was read.

The Finance Committee made the following recommendation :-

"That we recommend Mr. N. J. Frizelle, Assistant Secretary to the County Council, for appointment as Returning Officer for County Council and District Council Elections at a fee of £50, which is not to cover any travelling or out of pocket expenses - locomotion expenses 2nd class rail return; car hire, when necessary; items of car hire for 5/- and over to be produced; 2^d per mile per bicycle."

Lord Stopford proposed :- "That we recommend the County Council and District Council Elections be held on Monday, ^{May} 29th and the annual Meeting of the County Council be held on June 10th. That the polling in Rural Districts take place between the hours of 10 a.m. and 8 p.m."

"On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Lord Stopford, the recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted."

Courtown Harbour.

The following report of Courtown Harbour Committee was read :-

"At the Half-yearly Meeting of the Council, on the 3rd November 1904. Messrs C. A. Peacocke, M. A. Ennis, and A. Kinsella, were appointed a committee to examine the statement of liabilities furnished by Messrs Stopford & Turner, in account with the Courtown Harbour Commissioners, and the trading account of the Commissioners.

Messrs M. A. Ennis, and A. Kinsella, attended at Courtown on 5th January 1905; Mr. Frizell, Assistant Secretary to Council, and Mr. P. Donohoe, of the Co. Council Offices, were also present.

Hon. G. F. W. Stopford attended

The accounts of liabilities due Messrs Stopford & Turner from November 1896 to May 1904, were examined and checked with vouchers. A sum of £188: 6: 8, was found to be due Messrs Stopford and Turner.

The Harbour Master's accounts were examined from the date of last audit - 3rd December 1903 - to 31st December 1904; and showed a credit balance at that date of £44: 11: 1.

Since the termination of the year and prior to the visit of the committee, the Harbour Master had received a sum of £1: 10: 0. The Harbour Master produced cash for £46: 1: 1, which cleared up his account.

In the opinion of the committee a new set of books will be required for the Harbour Master, and some changes made in the system.

The Harbour Master has no bond.

He pointed out to the committee, that repairs to boats which are now the property of the Council, were urgently needed, one requiring a new keel. He estimated the cost not to exceed £10.

The Harbour Master also stated that he requires 24 oar poles, and at least 200 more coal bags, but these matters can be dealt with at February Meeting of the Council.

The Harbour Master's house and large store adjoining

are not included in the property transferred to the Council. The store can scarcely be dispensed with. Hon Geo. Stopford said, Lord Courtown would let both to the Council at a yearly rent of £8.

Hon George Stopford, said the Lord Courtown would be willing to exchange the Harbour office and attached garden for a small piece of land above the road bridge, a sufficient space being reserved at the latter on behalf of the Council to allow of the bridge being repaired when required.

The small piece of square which belongs to Lord Courtown will be let at 1/- a year conditional on the Council agreeing not to erect any buildings thereon.

The Committee recommend the suggestions of Hon George Stopford, to the favourable consideration of the Council.

(Signed) M. A. Ennis
A. Kinsella
N. J. Trizelle

The following recommendations had been made on this Report, by the Proposal Committee:-

"That the report of Courtown Harbour Committee, be received, and that we recommend the County Council to effect the change of premises as suggested in the report, and rent Harbour Master's house, and store from Lord Courtown at £8. per year."

"That the question of boundaries of Courtown Harbour be arranged by the County Surveyor, and Hon G. F. W. Stopford, on behalf of Lord Courtown, that the County Surveyor report to the Council the result of the arrangement and prepare for future reference a proper map showing the boundaries when these have been agreed to."

"That Lord Stopford be asked to suggest at next Co. Council Meeting, the names of a local Committee of Management for Courtown Harbour."

"That the County Council be recommended at the February Meeting to pay over a sum of £20 to the Harbour Master, to enable him to meet current liabilities."

it is, that he be requested to furnish his accounts fortnightly to the Finance Committee, who will when they approve of his accounts, reinstate his balance; that all moneys received by the Harbour Master be lodged to the credit of the County Council on the last Saturday of each month, and that on receipt of the £20 proposed to be granted, the Harbour Master lodges to the credit of the Council the amount of £44: 11: 1, balance in hands to the end of December 1904, and, as a separate item any amounts which he may have received since, by the last Saturday of January."

Under date 30th January 1905, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 4945-1905 Wexford County) that they were not aware of any further steps which the County Council should take before paying the liabilities of Messrs Stopford & Turner, but the Council should be prepared to satisfy the auditor that the items included in the sum of £188: 6: 8. are properly chargeable as lawful liabilities of the Harbour Commissioners.

Under date the 30th January 1905, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 5,027) that proper forms of accounts should be supplied to the Harbour Master, as well as printed Receipt Books with blocks and counterparts numbered consecutively.

The Board saw no objection to the resolution of the Proposal Committee as regards the financing of the Harbour trading account.

Under date 11th November (letter No. 16514-04) the Board of Works wrote expressing regret that their dredger would not be available until the end of March 1905, as it had to undergo some necessary repairs, and was required for dredging at Hawth Harbour.

Mr. Peacocke proposed: - "that the Board of Works be referred to their letter of the 11th November 1904 (No 16564/04) and that they be requested to send their No. 2 Dredger.

to dredge Courtown Harbour and Kilmore Pier as soon as possible.

Mr. Kehoe seconded. Passed.

By Laws.

On the motion of Lord Stopford, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted.

"That the question of By-laws for Courtown Harbour, and the power of the County Council to enforce dues be referred to Mr R. W. Elger."

Courtown Harbour Committee

Co. Councillor for Gorey Division - Mr. A. Kinsella

Two District Councillors for Ardamine Division - Mr. Richards, Ardamine, Gorey, and Mr. James Kavanagh Carrigrohilla.

Two District Councillors for Courtown Division - Lord Stopford, Marlfield Gorey, and Mr. E. Fanning Ballymoney Lth Gorey.

Chairman Gorey Town Commissioners - Mr. James Whittiers St. Michaels Place, Gorey.

Rev. J. O'Rourke, C. C. Riverchapel Gorey

Rev. J. W. Ashton, Ardamine Rectory Gorey

Major A. W. N. Richards, Ardamine, Gorey

Mr. N. W. Shuldham, Dunavarra Gorey

Three to form a quorum

The Harbour Master to act as Secretary

Rules.

1. The Committee shall meet once a month and at such times as it shall be summoned by the Secretary on the requisition of not less than two members.
2. The Committee to have power to authorise expenditure subject to the approval of the Finance Committee, by the Harbour Master of an amount not exceeding £10 in any month for the purpose of supplying and keeping in repair all materials required for loading or discharging vessels or boats, also all necessary ropes, warps, buoys etc., used for harbour purposes.

3- The Committee shall report to the County Council their opinion on any structural repairs necessary to any of the walls, piers, quays, and sluice gates, etc., and shall be prepared to undertake any duties referred to them by the County Council.

4- The Committee shall consist of not more than 12 Members and shall be appointed by the Co. Council, and shall hold office for three years.

5- All appointments of Officers connected with Courtown Harbour shall be made by the County Council.

Mr. Kehoe proposed the adoption of the report, Mr. Dempsey seconded, Passed.

Lord Stappford proposed, Mr. Dempsey seconded and it was passed:-

"That the appointments of P. Stapleton, as Harbour Master and J. Byrne, as Night Watchman, be confirmed by the Co. Council at the same rate of wages, and to perform the same duties as formerly, as from August 15th 1904, and that the Harbour Master be required to enter into personal security, self and two sureties to the amount of £50."

Mr. Donohoe proposed and Mr. Dempsey, seconded the adoption of the recommendations of the Proposal Committee as above. Passed.

Mr. Kehoe proposed, Mr. Dempsey seconded the following which was adopted:- "That the map of Courtown Harbour, as submitted by the County Surveyor be signed by the County Surveyor, on behalf of the County Council; and by Lord Courtown, and then kept in the offices of the County Surveyor. That the question of leases for exchange of premises between Lord Courtown be referred to Mr. Elger." Passed.

Under date 2nd February 1905, Mrs. Hurd, Ivy House, Courtown Harbour, wrote that she had been informed by the Harbour Master at Courtown that 7 yards of her garden had been handed over to the County Council.

she had held this for the past 28 years from the Earl of Courtown, free of rent on condition, to be handed over to him if required for building ground. She wished to get the permission of the County Council to till it as usual.

Under date 2nd February the following letter was read from Michael Bolger, Courtown:-

"I got word from the Honble Mr. Stopford, to give up the key of the fish-house and to pull down the one I built alongside of it. You may remember the two small fish houses, I had at the back of the Harbour Master's; I hope you will be able to leave them with me. I was speaking to Mr. Kinsella in Gorey to-day. He told me to write to you. I would be much obliged if you would leave them with me."

Proposed by Lord Stopford, seconded by Mr. Kehoe the following was adopted:- "That the request in Mr. Kerd's letter be agreed to, she to hold on the same terms, as she held the premises from Lord Courtown."

On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Donohoe, the letter of Mr. Bolger, with reference to the fish-house was referred to the newly appointed Courtown Harbour Committee."

Kilmore Pier.

In connection with the injury caused to Kilmore new breakwater by the storm of the 16th January, which had been discussed at the meeting of the Proposal Committee of the 20th January, the County Surveyor writing under date 24th January 1905 estimated that it would cost £120 to repair the breaches, and he desired that application should be made for the amount at the meeting of the Council on the 7th February.

Mr. Webster in reply to the Chairman, said the work, he proposed should be done in bag work would.

in his opinion - stand. It would have a better chance of standing than the bag work put at the back of the main pier.

Mr. Donohoe moved - "That the attention of the Local Government Board be called to the new break-water build at Kilmore, which has partially fallen twice within nine months and now requires large expenditure again, and, under the circumstances the County Council request that an expert engineer be sent down to inspect the work before further expense is incurred."

Mr. J. Bolger seconded.

Mr. Browne moved:- "That Mr. Webster's application be acceded to, as it is absolutely necessary to repair these breaches." Mr. Walsh seconded.

The following was the voting:- For Mr. Browne's amendment: Messrs Walsh, Browne, Peacocke, Kehoe, and the Chairman.- 5.

Against:- Messrs Furlong, Donohoe, Dempsey, Murphy, Sinnott, Cummins, J. Bolger, Hickey, Ahern.- 9.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost, (Mr. Hore had now to leave, and on the motion of Mr. Dempsey, seconded by Mr. Donohoe, the Chair was taken by Mr. Peacocke.)

Mr. Browne as a further amendment moved:- "That the question be postponed till next meeting of the County Council." Mr. Walsh, seconded.

For the amendment - Messrs Browne, Walsh, Kehoe, Murphy, and the Chairman - 5.

Against:- Messrs Furlong, Donohoe, Dempsey, Sinnott, Cummins, J. Bolger, Hickey, and Ahern.- 8.

Lord Stopford declined to vote.

The Chairman then put Mr. Donohoe's motion which he declared passed.

Mr. J. Bolger moved:- "That as many Members of the Council as possible meet the Local Government Board Engineer, at Kilmore, on the day of his inspection; and that the County Surveyor be requested to attend. That the Secretary inform

the councillors of the date of the visit of the Engineer of the Local Government Board."

Mr. Donohoe seconded the motion. Passed.

Tobergal Lane

The following letter (No. 1553 : 1905 Wexford County) under date 14th January 1905, from the Local Government Board, was laid before the meeting:-

"The Local Government Board, for Ireland, have had before them the entry contained in the Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 7th instant; "that this Council view with regret the refusal of the Local Government Board to investigate the serious matter referred to in the Council's resolution of the 8th November." and the Board desire to refer the Council to the terms of their letter of the 20th ultimo, from which they will observe that the Board did not refuse to hold this inquiry, but suggested the desirability of a postponement, until the time appointed for the completion of the contract at the close of the present month."

Mr. Peacocke proposed, that the letter of the Local Government Board be marked "Read." No one seconded and the matter dropped.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Dempsey, it was decided that John Doyle, Contractor for Tobergal Lane be paid £80 for contract at Tobergal Lane, and which was held over from last Meeting.

Gorey Rural District - S. A. Committee

Mr. Brighton, Clerk Gorey Rural District Council wrote under date, 31st January 1905, that his Council recommended that Mr. J. E. Poole D. C. Ballyowen Gorey be appointed a Member of the Rural District School Attendance Committee, vice Lord Stopford resigned.

On the motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr.

Walsh - Mr. J. G. Poole was appointed, vice Lord Stopford."

Duncannon Pier.

The Secretary said that at the November meeting of the Council a statement was read from a meeting which was held at Duncannon pointing out the necessity which existed for the construction of a breakwater there.

The matter had been referred to the Piers and Harbours Committee - Messrs Ennis, Kinsella, Peacocke, Browne, and Lord Stopford, but no date for the meeting of the Committee to consider the matter had been agreed to.

It was decided that the inspection of the Pier be held on the 22nd February at one o'clock, and that the following attend - Sir J. H. G. Esmonde, Messrs French M.P., G. H. Peacocke, M. A. Ennis, J. F. Walsh, A. Kinsella, J. Bolger, M. Browne, and Lord Stopford. Mr Webster County Surveyor also to attend."

Service of Summonses.

Under date the 4th January 1900, Mr. J. J. Rochford Secretary New Ross School Attendance Committee, wrote furnishing the following extract from the report of Mr. Lawrence Casey, School Attendance Officer, in reference to the amounts charged for service of summonses, and which was referred to the County Council, with a request for advice thereon.

"I wish to bring under your notice information which I have received to the effect that in some Petty Sessions Courts, the amounts charged for the service of the summons is extra, and therefore illegal.

I am not quite sure, is such the fact but I make the statement on very good authority, and I consider it my duty to do so, as these prosecutions are very expensive. I may also add that the late C. P. S. in New Ross always charged me 1/- for an attendance order, I understand 6^d is the legal fee.

If you authorise me to pay only what I consider legal,

I will do so in the future, and if I cannot get the work done, for that, I will notify you."

On the motion of the Chairman, it was decided that Mr. Casey be informed that the fees are fixed by Act of Parliament. The list is hung up in the courthouses and the fee paid the summon-server is fixed by the Magistrates."

Security of Rate Collectors.

Under date the 26th January 1905. the following letter was read from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co Solicitors

"We are acting for the following five rate-collectors - John Barden, Borse, Fethard, Francis Blake, Coddinstown and Andrew Lennon, Edenvale, John Mullett, Bree, and John Sinnott, Ballyland, Davidstown. All of these are bound in a bond of £900, except Mullett whose bond is £600. Heretofore they have been paying at the rate of 6/- in the £100 to Guarantee Societies for this bond, that is £2:14/- for the £900 and £1:16/- for the £600. Now the Guarantee Societies have increased their rates of charges from 6/- in the £100 to 15/- in the £100, so that the £900 would be chargeable with £6:15/- and the £600 with £4:10/- Our clients feel that this is a heavy burden upon them, and would be glad if the Council could see its way not to press for its continuance.

Each of the Gentlemen above mentioned is satisfied to give excellent private security in lieu of the bond, and they would be glad if the Council would accept this.

If on the other hand, the Council will still insist on the bond being taken out, they would ask that the Council defray the expenses of the bond or increase their poundage by 2^d in the £ so as to defray the extra expense.

Will you kindly lay this before your Council at the next Meeting, and if necessary, we shall attend when the matter is being considered."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr.

Rehob, the consideration of this matter was postponed."

Width of tyres of Wagons.

The Secretary of King's Co. Council wrote under date 5th December 1904, that the resolution of the Wexford Co. Council expressing the opinion that the section of 24 and 25 Vic cap 70. as regards the width of tyres of road wagons drawn by traction engines should be extended to Ireland, had been adopted by his Council.

Non-attendance of Mr. R. King, Co. Councillor.

The Secretary reported the Mr. Robert King, Co. Councillor had not attended a Meeting of the Council since 3rd November 1903, and he was therefore over twelve months absent. This was the first ordinary Meeting at which the matter could be reported.

Mr. Elgu said he received the following from Dr. Murphy:—"I certify that R. King Esq Askeavillar Kiltaly, has been ill for past ten months and unable to attend any Meeting of Co. Council. In my opinion he will be unable to attend in future."

D. P. Murphy M. C.
Kiltarn.

"On the motion of Mr. Rehob, seconded by Mr. Murphy the following resolution was adopted:—"That we consider the certificate of Dr. Murphy a satisfactory explanation for the non-attendance of Mr. King Co. Councillor, and decline in the circumstances to declare the office vacant."

Motor Service

The following correspondence was read:-

Midland Railway
Accountants Office, Derby.
January 30th 1905.

Dear Mr. Ennis,

Your letter of the 27th only received this morning and there is therefore not sufficient time

to communicate with Mr. Pirrie in order to let you have an intimation of the position of the Enagh-Pirrie scheme up to date.

You are aware that the question of the condition of the roads has for some time been standing in the way of the inauguration of this scheme, and I am afraid that there is but little prospect of this impediment being removed in the near future.

As a condition precedent to the establishment of an experimental good motor service in any district we recommended that the county councils should be asked to give a certificate by the hands of their surveyors to the effect that the roads, in their then condition, were capable of standing the strain of motor carried traffic. The following co. councils have to my knowledge been asked to give this certificate and each of them has declined: Londonderry; - Antrim. - Galway.

I am sure you will admit that it is unreasonable to expect the promoters of this scheme to undertake the establishment of services in any district except with the assurance that the roads are in a condition - or will be put in a condition - to permit a service to be carried on without interruption and, until the county councils become alive to the advantages which this scheme is intended to confer upon the agricultural districts of Ireland, and of the risks which the promoters would run - apart altogether from the question of the condition of the roads - I am afraid the matter is not likely to advance.

I am sending your letter on to Mr. Pirrie and will communicate with you again, when I receive his reply.

yours faithfully
W. Bailey

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ardnagh, Wexford  
February 2<sup>nd</sup> 1905.



Dear Mr. Bailey,

I am much obliged for your letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> ult., which if you have no objection I should like to read at the quarterly meeting of our County Council on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Inst. The position you adopt in this matter is perfectly fair and logical, but at the same time, I would call your attention to the fact that Wexford County does not appear so far to have been favoured with the opportunity accorded to the Counties of Londonderry, Antrim and Galway, to accept or reject conditions as to a certificate, and though I have no wish to forecast, what the decision of the Wexford County Council might be in the event of such an opportunity being afforded.

I am aware that the residents in the district which we traversed on the occasion of your visit here are keenly anxious that a goods motor service should be established and their views would no doubt receive careful and sympathetic consideration from both the District and County Councils.

Yours faithfully  
M. A. Ennis

Midland Railway,  
Accountants' Office, Derby.  
February 2<sup>nd</sup> 1905.

Dear Mr. Ennis,

I have now heard from Mr. Pirrie, who confirms the contents of my previous letter, viz.: that nothing is likely to be done unless the Councils become alive to their responsibilities in regard to the roads.

Yours faithfully  
W. Bailey

Midland Railway  
Accountants' Office, Derby.  
February 4<sup>th</sup> 1905.

Dear Mr. Ennis,



### Irish Transport Facilities

I have not the slightest objection to the suggestion you make in your letter just received: that you should read my letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> ulto., at the next meeting of the Wexford County Council. I entirely agree with you in the opinion that the residents in the district, in your county, through which we travelled under such agreeable auspices, are keenly anxious for the establishment of a well equipped, regular and efficient motor goods service. This anxiety was displayed in all the districts we inspected during our investigations in the year 1903, and I am extremely sorry that this did not have sufficient influence with the County Councils, etc., as to induce them to give the very reasonable undertaking with regard to the roads, that was required of them.

It is possible that your Council might take a different view of their responsibilities in this matter, but you will readily understand that unless the project receives the countenance of the County Councils generally throughout Ireland the scheme could not be brought into operation.

An isolated service would not justify the inauguration and organization of such a project as the promoters had in view.

Yours faithfully  
W. Bailey

### Public Bodies Order.

A resolution for adoption was received from the Rathdown No. 1 Rural District Council, protesting against the Public Bodies Order 1904, and requesting the Local Government Board to have it withdrawn.

Resolution from Wicklow County Council:— Resolved—  
"That this Co. Council would call on the Councils of all the Counties in Ireland, to form a deputation, consisting of their Chairman, or Vice Chairman



and Secretary, to attend before the Local Government Board, with a view to having the Public Bodies Order considerably modified, or entirely withdrawn.  
The resolutions above given were marked - "Read."

### Gaelic League

a series of resolutions was received from the Gaelic League, Dublin, with reference to the teaching of Irish in the National Schools.

"On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Browne the resolutions were adopted".

### Analyst's Report.

The following report of Sir Charles Cameron, County Analyst, for the quarter ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 1904 was laid before the Meeting:-

City Laboratory

17 Castle Street

Dublin. 5<sup>th</sup> Novr 1904.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C. B. M. D., Public Analyst for the County of Wexford on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 1904.

45 articles were received from the Food Inspectors R.I.C. as follows...

| <u>Article</u> | <u>Number</u> |
|----------------|---------------|
| Butter         | 16.           |
| Milk           | 18            |
| Whiskey        | 15            |
| Rum            | 1             |
| Total          | <u>45.</u>    |

Of the specimens of milk one was deprived of at least 50 per cent of its fats and was therefore a debased article.

One of the butters contained an excess of water, namely 19.6 per cent.

The remaining articles were of good quality.

For the Guardians of Gory Union twelve drugs, one



specimen of wine, and one of whiskey were analysed.

One of the drugs, namely, Solution of Ferric chloride, contained an excess of iron.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union, sixteen drugs, four specimens of tea, two of milk, and three waters were analysed. One of the drugs, compound mixture of senna, was low in alcohol and high in crystallized magnesium sulphate. The teas were of good quality. One of the milks was under the average quality of pure milk. The specimens of water had the following compositions.

One imperial gallon contained in grains:-

|                            | <u>No 1.</u> | <u>No. 2</u> | <u>No 3.</u> |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Total solid matters        | 7.700        | 21.000       | 15.400       |
| Including:                 |              |              |              |
| albuminoid ammonia.        | 0.006        | 0.006        | 0.005        |
| Saline ammonia             | 0.0035       | 0.016        | 0.006        |
| Nitric acid                | Trace        | 2.330        | Trace        |
| Chlorine                   | 0.994        | 2.882        | 1.093        |
| Sulphuric acid             | 1.4412       | 4.3236       | 2.8824       |
| Equal to calcium sulphate. | 2.0000       | 6.0000       | 4.0000       |

No 2 was an <sup>very</sup> inferior water.

For the Guardians of New Ross Union six drugs were analysed. They were correct.

Four specimens of water analysed for New Ross Urban District Council had the following compositions.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

|                           | <u>No. 1.</u> | <u>No. 2.</u> | <u>No. 3.</u> | <u>No 4.</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Total solid matters,      | 29.400        | 17.500        | 19.600        | 88.600       |
| Including                 |               |               |               |              |
| albuminoid ammonia        | 0.0050        | 0.007         | 0.0060        | 0.0030       |
| Saline ammonia            | 0.0015        | 0.005         | 0.0025        | 0.0015       |
| Nitric acid               | 5.600         | 4.220         | 4.780         | 5.600        |
| Chlorine                  | 3.180         | 3.379         | 5.367         | 3.976        |
| Sulphuric acid            | 5.7648        | 5.7648        | 5.7648        | 5.7648       |
| Equal to calcium sulphate | 8.0000        | 8.0000        | 8.0000        | 8.0000       |

all are fairly good waters.



A specimen of water analysed for A. D. Delys Esq Rosslare Harbour, had the following composition:-  
One imperial gallon contained in grains:-

|                            |         |
|----------------------------|---------|
| Total solid matters,       | 257.600 |
| Including                  |         |
| Albuminoid ammonia         | 0.008   |
| Saline ammonia             | 0.002   |
| Nitric acid                | Trace   |
| Chlorine                   | 101.388 |
| Sulphuric acid             | 36.030  |
| Equal to Calcium sulphate. | 50.000  |
| A fairly good water.       |         |

There were four specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, Upper Merion Street Dublin, which were taken up in the county of Wexford. They were pure.

For the Enniscorthy Co-operative Society, Enniscorthy one specimen of feeding stuff was analysed.

For Shillelagh Union, which is partly situated in the county of Wexford, six drugs were analysed. They were correct. Total analysis = 106.  
Charles. A. Cameron.

#### — Clerks in Department of Agriculture —

From Kings Co. Council, a resolution was received for adoption calling the attention of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction to grievances which exist especially as regards the Catholic Clerks in the Veterinary Branch.

Mr. Bolger proposed, Mr. Hickey seconded that the resolution be adopted. Passed.

#### — Conveyance of Prisoners. —

The following resolution was received for adoption from Enniscorthy Rural District Council:-

Resolved:- That this Council is of opinion that steps should be taken by the Government for sending prisoners from



the Enniscorthy Rural District, to Waterford, instead of to Dublin owing to the extravagant expense of sending them from this part of the county, to Kilmainham, whilst Waterford is much nearer and accessible by rail."

Mr. Bolger proposed, Mr. Cummins seconded :-  
 "That the resolution of the Enniscorthy District Council be sent to the General Prisons Board for their observations."  
 Passed.

### University Education

A resolution was received from Mayo Co. Council, calling upon the Public Boards throughout the country to "join in a strong united protest against the unstatesmanlike policy of the present Government in ignoring the repeated demands of the Catholic Bishops of Ireland, supported as they have been by the unanimous voice of the laity in the matter of University Education for Catholics."

The following was read on the same subject from the New Ross District School Attendance Committee  
 Resolved :- 1. That the time has come for the people of this country to express their sense of disappointment at the scandalous delay on the part of the British Government in dealing with the question of University Education in Ireland.

2.- That, as the requirements of the Catholics of Ireland have been specifically outlined by the authoritative declarations of the Hierarchy, no valid or reasonable excuse remains for the unwillingness of the Government to deal fully and adequately with the question.

3.- That we earnestly request the Public Boards throughout the country to join in a strong united protest against the unstatesmanlike policy of the present Government in ignoring the repeated demands of the Catholic Bishops of Ireland, supported as they have been with the unanimous voice of the laity.



4.- That we call upon the leaders of the Government to give legislative effect to their individual expressions of sympathy with the present position of the Catholic youths of Ireland, having regard especially to the findings of their own Royal Commission which was appointed by them to inquire into and report upon the subject."

The resolutions received from New Ross School Attendance Committee were adopted on the motion of Mr. Browne seconded by Mr. Keacocke.

#### Proposals for Payment.

Proposed by Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and passed:- "That the several proposals for payment in respect of the quarter ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 1904, sent up by the Rural District Councils, and the Proposal Committee, be approved, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

#### Re-levy Irrecoverable Rates.

On the motion of Mr. Dempsey.  
Seconded by Mr. Murphy. the following resolution was adopted:- "That the amount paid the Rate collectors, as refunds for irrecoverable rates in respect of the half year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 1904, be re-levied as a county-at-large charge."

#### Irish Co. Councils General Council

The following series of resolutions adopted at the annual meeting of the Irish Co. Councils General Council on 12<sup>th</sup> January 1905, were laid before the meeting:-

##### National Self-government

"That the Irish people ought to be a free people with a natural right to govern themselves. That no Parliament is competent to make laws for Ireland except an Irish Parliament sitting in Ireland."



and that the claim of any other body of men to make laws for or to govern Ireland, is illegal and unconstitutional, and a grievance intolerable to the people of this country."

#### Irish Manufactured goods

"That for the sake of the very existence of the Irish nation which is rapidly disappearing owing to continued emigration, the Irish public generally and all public bodies that are elected by Irishmen should contract for and use only manufactured goods, when they can be obtained at a reasonable price; and tillage must be encouraged by the agricultural committee of county councils, as far as they have power, as it was encouraged, through the means of bounties by the Irish Parliament a century and a half ago.

That Irish manufacturers are hereby called on to take immediate steps to make known to the public Boards and the Irish public generally, the goods manufactured in Ireland; otherwise the manufacturers cannot expect that support which is necessary for their several interests, and the general interests of the country."

#### National Exhibition

"That we express the opinion that the proposed International Exhibition would be most detrimental to our wish that Irish manufactured goods should be alone used in Ireland, and we request any patriotic Irishmen who have advocated such an Exhibition to withdraw their support from it, and, on the other hand, to support the holding of a National Exhibition, in order that the public may see, what can be produced in Ireland, and may be induced to demand of the shopkeepers that in future some manufactures be pushed in their shops, instead of foreign goods, as is done at present."

#### Catholic University Question.

"That this council is of opinion that in the matter of higher education for the Catholic youth



of this country, they should be suitably equipped in, and have all the advantages of their Protestant countrymen, so as to enable them to take their proper place in the development of the industrial resources of Ireland."

Amendment to Local Government (N) acts.

"That this Council is of opinion that the Local Government Act 1898, and the Local Government Boards Orders the re-under, require amendment to meet the following points -

(a) - Under the act the Rates must be made not later than the first March, and as the Commissioner of valuation is only bound to supply the revised list on same date, it follows that the Rate must be struck on the old valuation, which makes a substantial difference to the ratepayers in a county like Dublin, where there is a large annual increase in the valuation.

(b) - The interval between the statutory meetings of the District Councils and the meeting of the County Council at which the District proposals are approved or rejected is too short to allow of their being dealt with by the Co. Council, the result is, therefore that the rate is struck on a supposititious estimate of the amount required, instead of on the actual figures.

(c) With regard to the remission of Rates on vacant houses, the only proof required of premises being unoccupied is the declaration of the collector, under the Poor Law, the person claiming remission was obliged to make a declaration, and this Council thinks that such a corroboration of the collector's statement would be <sup>very</sup> desirable."

(d) That the law should be amended as regards dual representation on District Councils where desirable.

(e) That power should be given to every Co. Council to initiate Drainage schemes.

(f) That in cases of illegal payments made by Councils the only members liable to surcharge should be those



voting in favour of such illegal resolution.

(g) That we consider section 6 of the Local Government Act of 1902, which places the entire amount for increases of salaries on the local rates, to be most unjust, and we emphatically urge the repeal of this section.

(h) That as Local Councils, asylum committees, etc., have no voice whatever in the appointment of auditors, arbitrators, etc., we consider the fact of these bodies being compelled to pay excessive expenses to be most unjustifiable, and we call on the local bodies throughout the country to resist payment of those gentlemen till they secure a voice in their appointment."

(i) That we consider the action of the Local Government Board in announcing the fact that many of the Orders in Council in existence, as well as the present system of accounts, are to be done away with without consultation with the bodies immediately concerned, to be in keeping with the anti-Irish spirit of the Local Government Board, and we claim, as representing the Councils of Ireland, that they should have been consulted in connection with any such sweeping changes.

(f) That we protest against charges being made on county councils (as in the case of South Tipperary county council) for the expenses incurred in gazetting the appointments of Deputy Lieutenants - appointments in which the representatives of the people have neither voice nor concern - and demand that such charges be withdrawn in the future.

#### Importation of Swine into England.

"That in view of the importance and volume of the Irish pig trade in England, we are of opinion that the Councils in Ireland, should be very active in protesting against any unfair regulation being made by the Agricultural Department in England injuriously affecting the importation of pigs into that country.

We approve of the action of the



Galway County Council in inaugurating the proposal of holding conferences of those interested in the pig trade in consequence of which the Mayor of Limerick convened such a conference, and it was held in Limerick on the 17<sup>th</sup> December. We desire to approve heartily of the resolutions adopted at the conference, as we know they voice the opinion of those best calculated to speak on the subject. We hope those resolutions will receive the attention of the Irish Party, in order that the unnecessary and obnoxious regulations of the Board of Agriculture in England relative to the importation of Irish Swine into Great Britain, may be withdrawn without delay.

#### Re-afforestation of Ireland.

"That in the opinion of this Meeting it is desirable that immediate steps should be taken to ensure the hearty cooperation of all Irish County Councils in acquiring waste lands and spaces suitable for re-afforestation. That the Government be requested to allocate a sum sufficient to start a Forestry Department, elected by popular suffrage, which could be taken from the amount due to Ireland through over taxation according to the Union Contract."

#### The Duties of County & Deputy Surveyors

"That the Local Government Board be requested to define the duties of the County and Deputy Surveyors in such Counties where satisfactory arrangements have not been come to between the Council and the Surveyors, especially on the following points (a) Are the Surveyors whole time officers (b) If not, how much of their time belongs to the public (c) How often the County Surveyor is supposed to inspect the roads etc. (d) What means have the Councils, to check the work and time of the Surveyors (e) What remedy have County Councils against Surveyors, if the roads, watercourses, and footpaths are in bad order?"

and that the Local Government Board be further requested to prescribe a report book for



County and Deputy Surveyors, to show in detail the roads, etc., inspected by them and other works arranged for, with the various dates of their inspections. That the County Councils be afforded an opportunity of inspecting the reports made by the Deputy Surveyors to the County Surveyor in respect of the various contracts for roads etc., said reports to be presented at the statutable meetings of the County Councils and more often if required."

#### Regulation for lighting of bicycles

"That it is desirable to make regulations for the lighting of bicycles after dark."

#### Out-Door Relief

"That the poor law be so amended that men and women having reached the age of 60 years, and having led respectable lives, should be permitted to live outside the Workhouse and should receive in money the equivalent amount they would cost the Ratepayers inside the Union. This would prevent the unnatural course of separating old married couples as soon as they enter the gate of the Union."

#### Insurance Companies and Claims for Malicious Injuries.

"That the law relating to Compensation for Malicious Injuries be altered so as to prevent Insurance Companies that have accepted premiums on risks from recovering from the Ratepayers under claims for malicious injuries."

#### Irish Produce in English Markets.

"That, in our opinion, it is absolutely necessary to have a genuine Representative for Irish produce in the markets of Great Britain, with duties analogous to those of the Danish Commissioner, for the protection of Irish interests, and the extension of sale of Irish products."

"On the Motion of Mr. J. Bolger, seconded by Mr. Cummins it was decided that the above resolutions be received, and postponed until the next Meeting of the County



Council. The reference to these resolutions be inserted early on the agenda paper of the next meeting."

### School of Irish Learning.

Under date January 16<sup>th</sup> 1905, a letter was read from Mr R. J. Best, Hon Secretary, School of Irish Learning dealing with the programme of the school etc., Mr Best wrote - "It has occurred to the Governors, that your Council may be able to help this project by granting pecuniary aid (which might take the form of a scholarship) to some promising student in the County, which would enable him to come up to Dublin, and take advantage of the training offered by these classes."

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Cummins, the following resolution was adopted:-  
"That we sympathise with the project of a school for Irish Learning and refer the question as to whether we are in a position to contribute to this school to our solicitor - Mr R. W. Bolger."

### Evicted Tenants

The following resolution received from the Enniscorthy Branch of the United Irish League, and adopted by the Enniscorthy Rural District Council at the meeting of the 5<sup>th</sup> January was laid before the meeting:-

"That we urge on the Nationalists of the County the pressing need of bearing in mind at this juncture the critical condition of the Evicted Tenants, and the urgent necessity of affording them all moral and material support in their struggle for justice, and that in particular, we appeal to Tenants on Estates where negotiations for sale are now proceeding to stand loyally by the wounded soldiers, and thus win the approval of all good Irishmen."

"The above resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Bolger, seconded by Mr Dempsey."



Foreign Store-battle

a resolution was received from Queens County, Co. Council, protesting against any action being taken by the Government to allow of free entrance of foreign store-battle to the ports of Great Britain & Ireland.

"On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Bolger the resolution was adopted."

Proposed Marine Works Bill.

The Secretary said it was necessary to appoint two representatives on the permanent committee to conduct the movement in favour of a Marine Works act, for the south-east coast of Ireland.

Messrs. Ennis, Peacocke, and Cummins, had been appointed on behalf of the council to attend the first meeting in Wicklow.

Under date 30<sup>th</sup> January 1906, Mr. J. W. MacPhail Wicklow, Secretary of the Executive Committee wrote forwarding copy of proposed bill for the approval and consideration of the Council. Mr. MacPhail stated that in the opinion of the Committee the Wexford County Council should pass a strong resolution in support of the movement, calling on the Government to introduce and pass in the next session of Parliament a Marine Works act, for the south-east coast of Ireland, copies to be forwarded to Mr. Balfour, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Chief Secretary for Ireland.

Under date 6<sup>th</sup> December 1904 Mr. Peter French M.P. wrote:- "I have, over and over again, brought the requirements of the Harbours in my constituency under the notice of the House of Commons, and the Chief Secretary for Ireland, and it will give me great pleasure indeed to help in every way I can to induce the Government to bring in a Marine Works Bill for the south-east coast of Ireland."

I shall if possible attend the meeting which is to be held in the City Hall, Dublin, on Tuesday the



15<sup>th</sup> December for the furtherance of this object.

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

"That we are strongly of opinion, it is absolutely necessary for the Government to pass a Marine Works Act for the South East coast of Ireland. to endeavour to retain in the country the population that at present finds no means of prosecuting their industry, we consider this matter is an Imperial question and not one for the Ratepayers."

### Coulduff Pier.

Under date 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1905, the following letter (No 3333/04 F.B.) was read from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction:-

"Adverting to previous correspondence, I have to request that you will be good enough to state whether the arrangements regarding the county contribution to the cost of repairing and improving Coulduff Harbour have yet been completely settled with the Local Government Board, etc.,

The Department are ready to take the necessary steps for carrying out the work, and are awaiting a notification from the Wexford County Council that the financial aspect of the matter is now in order."

### The absence of Mr. Ennis.

On the motion of Mr. Donohoe, seconded by Mr. Dempsey, the following resolution was adopted:- "That we express our regret at the cause of the absence of Mr. Ennis, from our meeting, and offer him our sympathy in the serious illness of his Mother."

### Notice of Motion

Annual Return Stones

Mr. Chaddus Bolger moved, the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That the annual return prepared by the County Surveyor giving the name of each Road Contractor the number of his contract in the existing schedule, the



quantity of stones specified to be spread, and the quantity actually put on each road, be issued by the 20<sup>th</sup> October of each year, and circulated amongst the County and Rural District Councillors of the County, as provided by the resolution adopted by the County Council. on 5<sup>th</sup> August 1902"  
Mr. Donohoe seconded.

Mr. Webster said it would be impossible to have the return made out by the 20<sup>th</sup> October owing to his other duties. He thought it would meet their views to have the return ready by the November meeting of the Council.

Mr. Ahern proposed that the return should be made out by the 1<sup>st</sup> November.

The resolution of Mr. J. Bolger was then put and passed.

Mr. Webster said that he would not be able to have the report ready by the 20<sup>th</sup>. He would endeavour to have the report in manuscript by the 20<sup>th</sup> October, but would not guarantee it.

#### Sale of Food & Drugs. Act.

Letter No 1924-05 under date 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1905. from the Department of Agriculture, &c., in which they state that one of their officers obtained samples of butter in the County Wexford - 2 at Ferns, and 3 at Newtownbarry - and on analyses they were found to be pure.

#### Confirmation of Minutes of Committees

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Hickey, the Minutes of the Finance Committee and Proposal Committee, since last statutable meeting of the Council were confirmed."

Edmund Horn.



Special Meeting - 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1905.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse Wexford on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1905.

Present: Mr. C. Horo Vice-Chairman Presided

There were also present Messrs D Dempsey M. Browne C. H. Peacocke  
M. A. Ennis M. Murphy and John F. Walsh

Mr. Elger Solicitor to the Council Mr. H. Webster County Surveyor  
and Mr. N. J. Foyell Acting Secretary were in attendance.

Address of the County Secretary.

Capt Pigott Secretary wrote applying for a further month's leave of absence and forwarding a certificate from Dr. Dowse that he would be unable to perform his duties for that period. Mr. Ennis proposed Mr. Peacocke seconded: That Capt Pigott be granted a month's leave and that Mr. Foyell Assistant Secretary be appointed to discharge the duties of Secretary for a further month at £2 per week. Passed

Transfers to Public Bodies

Mr. Peacocke proposed: That the amount of transfers to public bodies amounting to £14434.18.11 be passed, Mr. Walsh seconded. Passed

Mr. Browne proposed: That payments out of the General Account amounting to £214.5. be paid as per Treasurer's advice note. Mr. Walsh seconded. Passed

Dredging of Courtown and Kilmore Harbours.

Under date, 16<sup>th</sup> February 1905 the following letter No. 162 was read from the Board of Works:-

With reference to your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> instant relative to the proposed hiring of their No. 2 dredger to the Wexford County Council, I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works to state that they have work for this dredger at Howth Harbour that will keep her employed till the first of May next. They think that that date will be a convenient one to commence.



work for the Wexford County Council, at Boustown Harbour and Kilmore as the days will be long and the weather more likely to be fine. The terms of hiring which have already been communicated to the County Surveyor are £5 per week plus the working cost of about £12 per week; the boat to be insured by the hirers for the sum of £2,800 with companies approved by the Commissioners and the Policies to be lodged in this Office."

Under date 1<sup>st</sup> April the following letter N<sup>o</sup> 4160 was read from the Board of Works.

In reply to your letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> ultimo, relative to the proposed hire of N<sup>o</sup> 2 dredger to the County Council of Wexford. I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works to inform you that the dredger when hired is usually insured with "Lloyds" which is regarded by the Board as satisfactory. The amount of the premium varies according to the time of the year and the distance which the dredger will have to travel to and from the harbour at which she is at work. Lloyds Agent in Dublin is Mr. George Bell 27 Sir Roger's Quay. In the case of one of their dredgers the Board have accepted the policy of the Maritime Insurance Company of Liverpool. It would be desirable for the County Council to effect a policy for the months of May and June with an option for renewal for one or two months beyond that date in the event of its being found that the Board can spare the dredger for the longer period. I am to add that the Board think it right to mention for the information of the County Council that the boiler of the dredger is down for renewal next year. They hope that she will be able to do the work which the County Council require.

Under date 20<sup>th</sup> February the following letter (No 320 I B) was read from the Department of Agriculture etc. with reference to the work which they had carried out at Boustown.

Adverting to previous correspondence I have to state for the information of the Wexford County Council that out of the joint fund of £576 composed of equal contributions by the Council and this Department the sum of £318.10 has



already been expended. The amount is composed of-

Mr. Scott's contract £200.

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| Departments Engineers | 21. | 15 |
| Removal of Stones     | 96  | 15 |
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Regarding the second item the Department, after consultation with their Engineers, came to the conclusion that owing to the presence of large boulders and the totally unexpected outlay involved in their removal it was a fair claim to pass.

The third item was incurred for the absolutely essential removal of huge stones of the existence of which although apparently well known locally, no hint had been given to the Department who believed they had only to deal with sand and gravel.

The Department will feel obliged if the County Council will be good enough to see that half the total sum paid is refunded to them, for which purpose a Receivable Order for £159.5 is annexed.

The following letter under date 1<sup>st</sup> April (No 1093) (F B) was read from the Department-

Adverting to your letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> ultimo I have to state for the information of the Wexford County Council that the new dredger will not be available before next year: and it is open to question whether a dredger could do any work at Courstown. The Department's Engineers will in a short time endeavour to meet the Committee who have charge of the improvements at Courstown.

The following letter was read from the contractor of the works at Kilmore (Mr. J. J. Walsh) to the County Surveyor:-

In reply to yours of the 29<sup>th</sup> I have no plant of my own to complete the Kilmore dredging. I therefore will accept the Board of Works No. 2 Grab Dredger let the cost be what it may. I do not think June 1<sup>st</sup> will be too late or even the 1<sup>st</sup> July as the dredger ought to be able to take enough sand out of the Harbour in two or three months.

The only difficulty I see is the insurance; - Owners? County Council? or myself? Of course I understand I must pay the Premium; I would suggest the Co Council to take out one Policy to cover all viz:-

Passage Kingstown to Courstown



Dredging in Courtown Harbour.  
 Passage Courtown Harbour to Kilmore  
 Dredging Kilmore Harbour.  
 Passage Kilmore to Kingstown.

For say May 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup> with an option of an extension to the 31<sup>st</sup> October at an extra rate.

I could then refund the Co Council my share of the Premium. If the County Council wish I will put this risk on the London Market and get the Insurance carried out so as to cover their work in Courtown."

On the motion of Mr. Dempsey seconded by Mr. Walsh - the following resolution was adopted. That the Board of Works dredger No 2 be employed for the months of May and June or for such lesser period as may be required on the terms of the letter of the Board of Works of the 16<sup>th</sup> February (No 1632-05) for dredging Courtown Harbour.

Mr. Browne proposed - That the No 2 dredger of the Board of Works be employed for dredging Kilmore Harbour, for the months of July and August or from the conclusion of the dredging at Courtown Harbour. And with the option of keeping the dredger for a further period if required. Terms to be the same as in the hiring for Courtown Harbour Mr. Ennis seconded. passed

Proposed by Mr. Walsh seconded by Mr. Peacocke:- That the Board of Works No 2 dredger be insured with Lloyds for the sum of £2800 for the months of May and June including the passage at sea and in port viz:- from Kingstown or Dublin to Courtown Harbour and from Courtown Harbour to Kilmore and return from Kilmore to Kingstown or Dublin with the option of a further insurance up to the 30<sup>th</sup> September. That the Acting Secretary pay the premium of insurance if necessary and that he be refunded said sum at the Meeting of the Council in May. Passed.

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke seconded by Mr. Dempsey the following resolution was adopted:- That the Council approve of the letter written by Mr. Walsh contractor to the County Surveyor in reference to the dredging of Kilmore Harbour.



### Auditors Reports

Copies of Reports of their Auditors in connection with the Accounts of the following Local Bodies for the half-year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September '04 were received from the Local Government Board: Enniscorthy R D Council and Union, District Asylum Gorey R D Council and Union, Wexford R D Council and Union, and County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction. Marked "Read"

### Separate Charges

Sealed orders were received from the Local Government Board determining that the Rural District of Enniscorthy should be the area of charge for pump at Kileasey Upper and the same Rural District the area of charge under section 8 of the Post Office Act 1891 in respect of the establishment of a telegraph office at Ballymurnin. Marked "Read"

### Conveyance of Prisoners

The following letters were read from Mr. G H Douglas Secretary General Prisons Board Dublin Castle in reference to a resolution received by the County Council from the R D Council Enniscorthy

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> instant and to state, that although it may be mentioned that the matter is still under the consideration of the Prisons Board, it is assumed the resolution of the Enniscorthy Rural District Council referred to therein was based on the assumption that expenses in connection with the conveyance of prisoners to prisons are borne by the local rates. I am therefore to inform you that under the Prisons (Ireland) Amendment Act 1884 all such expenses from the period when the order for committal to prison is made are defrayed out of moneys provided by Parliament."

"With reference to your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> instant, I am directed to inform you (1) that male prisoners committed on remand from Enniscorthy P. S. District are sent to Kilmainham Prison and female prisoners to Mountjoy Prison. (2) that the local rates have not to bear the expenses in connection with remands. (3) that a person is classed as a prisoner in this connection from the time of the first order of his committal to prison on remand or otherwise" The Acting Secretary said that a copy of this letter has been forwarded to the clerk of the Enniscorthy Rural



District CouncilPost Office Telegraphs.

Mr. Pomeroy Superintending Engineer Post Office Dublin wrote for the consent of the County Council to placing a telegraphic line over the public road between Killanne and Rathnure and a similar line between Castle bridge and Ballymurnin

The Acting Secretary explained that an interim consent had been given by the Chairman of the Council (Sir Thomas Esmonde) on the application of Mr. Pomeroy subject to the approval of the Council

On the motion of Mr. Dempsey seconded by Mr. Walsh the following resolution was passed. "That we consent to the erection of telegraph poles for line from Castle bridge to Ballymurnin and from Killanne to Rathnure"

Public Bodies Order 1904

Resolutions in disapproval of Public Bodies Order 1904 issued by the Local Government Board, were received from the following public bodies: North Tipperary Co Council Kerry Co Council Galway Co Council Dublin Co Council and Mayo Co Council  
Marked "Read"

Malicious Injury claims

The following resolution was received from the Enniscorthy Rural District Council

Resolved: That as the claims for Malicious Injury involve purely local considerations, both in respect of the source of information for defence and the area of charge both of which are always confined to the District, we, the Enniscorthy Rural District Council request the County Council to leave the defences of these claims in this district, exclusively to the Enniscorthy Rural District Council

Proposed by Mr. Browne seconded by Mr. Walsh, the following resolution was adopted: That as the County Council are the defendants in all these cases they are convinced they should be represented by their own Solicitor. If District Councils - urban or Rural - desire to engage a Solicitor to appear in any claim for compensation for Criminal Injury they have power to do so under the Local Government (Ireland) Act



### Revision of Valuation

On the motion of Mr. Browne seconded by Mr. Murphy the following resolution was adopted: "That the Secretary be requested to send, after receipt of revised valuation lists from the Commissioners of Valuation post cards to ratepayers whose valuations have been increased, as we consider the present regulation does not ensure that persons affected by a change in valuation receive the information in time to appeal against the decision of the Commissioners of Valuation."

### National Exhibition

The following resolution was received from the Queens Co Council in reference to the holding of a National Exhibition

"That this Council approve of the holding of a National Exhibition and hereby appoint the following Members to act as a Committee for the purpose of inquiring and reporting to the next meeting what Industries in the County may be best aided improved and developed by this Council, and submitted for approval to the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland Viz: The Chairman, Vice Chairman Messrs. A. McMahon (Colt) M. Fitzpatrick J. Ramsbottom D. Quigley J. Timmons P. O'Hanaghan and J. Lyons"

Mr. Browne proposed Mr. Murphy seconded and it was passed: "That this Council favours the holding of a National Exhibition in Dublin."

### River Barrow Drainage

Under date 15<sup>th</sup> Feb. 05 Mr. J. T. Heffernan Secretary Kildare County Council forwarded copy of minutes of a meeting of the joint Committee representing the Counties of Carlow, Kings and Queens County formed for the purpose of considering the question of the Barrow Drainage. The meeting passed resolutions pointing out the urgent necessity existing for the drainage of the basin of the River Barrow, the transfer of the business of the existing drainage boards to the County Council and the amending of the Local Government (I) Act, so as to invest the County Councils, with the powers conferred on Drainage Boards, by the 26 & 27 Vic Cap 88 and act amending same or incorporated therewith. It was decided to postpone the matter to the meeting of the Council in May.



### Marine Works Bill

Under date 26<sup>th</sup> February 1905 Mr. J. Stephens, Seaview House Duncannon forwarded the following resolution

That this Meeting representing the Fishing Industry of Duncannon to Wexford, strongly protest against the inaction of past and present Governments in assisting the fishing of the South East Coast of Ireland the result of which is that this most important industry is in a complete state of decay. thereby the Fishermen are deprived of a means of livelihood and have to seek employment elsewhere, and request the Government to pass a Marine Works Act suited to the district.

This Meeting put forward most earnestly this particular case of Duncannon owing to the want of a breakwater for the protection of fishing craft and the removal of siltage which has already accumulated to such an extent as to prevent fishing craft from entering or leaving the Harbour. If a breakwater was erected and Harbour dredged it would be a most suitable Harbour of refuge as well as being an efficient Naval base.

Proposed by Mr. Ennis seconded by Mr. Peacocke. "That Mr. Stephens be informed the Wexford County Council are taking every effective means to ensure the passage of a Marine Works Act suitable for the S.E. Coast of Ireland"

### Striking of the Poor Rate

The following letter No. 9.435/1905 Wexford County under date 17<sup>th</sup> February 1905. was read from the Local Government Board

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> instant relative to the striking of the Poor rate in the County of Wexford for the service of the financial year ending the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1906 and with reference thereto I am to point out that under Sec 51 (b) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 the rate must be made immediately prior to or at the beginning of each financial year. The Public Bodies Order 1904 provides that the rate must be made within a month after the 1<sup>st</sup> April but in the special circumstances stated in your letter, the Local Government Board assent in the present instance to an extension of the period to the 5<sup>th</sup> of



May next, within which the poor rate may be struck.

This Board would, however, suggest to the Council that, in arranging their Meetings in future years, care should be taken that some meeting of the Council should take place between the adoption of the Estimate and the 30<sup>th</sup> April at which the rate can be made.

### Sheep Scab.

Under date the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1905 the Department of Agriculture etc (Circular letter N<sup>o</sup> 1670.05 Veterinary Branch) called attention to the Sheep Scab. (Ireland) Order of 1905 Order N<sup>o</sup> 55 and the Sheep Scab (Local Regulations) (Ireland) Order of 1905- Order No 56 and expressing the hope that a Special Meeting of the Local Authority for consideration of the recommendations in the Circular will be summoned as early as practicable.

Proposed by Mr. Walsh seconded by Mr. Peacocke. "That the Circular letter of the Department referring to Sheep scab Orders N<sup>o</sup> 55 and 56 and Orders in question be considered at the Statutory Meeting of the Council on 5<sup>th</sup> May and that the Secretary ask the Department to supply 30 copies of the letter and Orders for distribution to members of the County Council and for reference.

### Rate collection

The Acting Secretary explained that all the collectors had lodged on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> March the amount of their Warrants with the exception of Mr. Sullivan Enniscorthy District who had still to lodge £1. 19. 0 and Mr. Barden, New Ross £162. 9. 1

Proposed by Mr. Walsh seconded by Mr. Peacocke. That collector Barden and Sullivan be directed to close their collections at once. And that if on receipt of this direction from the Acting Secretary they lodge the full amounts of their Warrants the Local Government Board be requested to extend the period for closing their collection to the 10<sup>th</sup> April with a view to giving the Council power to pay poundage fees to these collectors. "Passed."

### Wexford Co Council

Report of County Analyst for the Quarter ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 1904



City Laboratory  
17 Castle Street  
Dublin 20<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1905

Report of Sir Charles Cameron B. B. M. D. Public Analyst  
for the County Wexford on articles submitted to him for analysis  
during the quarter ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 1904.

45 articles were received from the Food Inspectors R. I. B.  
as follows =

| Article    | Number |
|------------|--------|
| Butter     | 16     |
| Whiskey    | 14     |
| Milk       | 10     |
| Buttermilk | 5      |
| Total      | 45     |

Certificate sent to Sergeant Groves Ennisecorthy for specimen  
of butter containing an excess of water namely 18 per cent

For the Guardians of New Ross Union ten drugs were analysed  
they were correct

Five specimens of water analysed for New Ross Urban District  
Council had the following compositions.

|                     | One Imperial Gallon contained in grains |                   |                   |                   |                   |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                     | N <sup>o</sup> 1.                       | N <sup>o</sup> 2. | N <sup>o</sup> 3. | N <sup>o</sup> 4. | N <sup>o</sup> 5. |
| Total solid matters |                                         |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| including           | 14.000                                  | 17.500            | 38.500            | 96.600            | 54.500            |
| Albuminoid Ammonia  | 0.005                                   | 0.006             | 0.017             | 0.012             | 0.012             |
| Saline Ammonia      | 0.007                                   | 0.003             | 0.005             | 0.007             | 0.007             |
| Nitric Acid         | 1.370                                   | 0.500             | 4.200             | 17.500            | 8.100             |
| Chlorine            | 1.491                                   | 1.590             | 5.168             | 17.890            | 4.970             |
| Sulphuric Acid      | 4.3236                                  | 4.3236            | 8.6472            | 18.7356           | 10.0884           |
| Equal to Calcium    |                                         |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| Sulphate            | 6.0000                                  | 6.0000            | 12.0000           | 26.0000           | 14.0000           |

N<sup>o</sup> 3 was an inferior water N<sup>os</sup> 4 and 5 the same N<sup>o</sup> 2 was a  
good one. N<sup>o</sup> 1 a fairly good water.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union fifteen drugs were analysed  
they were correct



For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union twelve drugs four specimens of tea, and one of milk were analysed one of the drugs namely compound tincture of Senna were slightly low in solids. The teas were of good quality. The specimen of milk was of very poor and doubtful quality, but not sufficiently so to warrant certificate of adulteration.

A specimen of water analysed for Enniscorthy Urban District Council had the following composition

One Imperial gallon contained in grains

|                           |        |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Total solid matters       | 17.500 |
| including                 |        |
| Albuminoid Ammonia        | 0.008  |
| Saline Ammonia            | 0.002  |
| Nitric Acid               | 2.330  |
| Chlorine                  | 3.379  |
| Sulphuric Acid            | 1.4412 |
| Equal to Calcium Sulphate | 2.0000 |

A. good water.

For the Enniscorthy Co-operative Society one fertiliser, one specimen of feeding stuff and one of linseed oil were analysed.

One specimen of feeding stuff was analysed for Mr Rice Ballygarvan New Ross.

A specimen of water analysed for the Secretary County Committee of Agriculture had the following composition

One Imperial gallon contained in grains

|                           |        |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Total solid matters       | 29.400 |
| including                 |        |
| Albuminoid Ammonia        | 0.024  |
| Saline Ammonia            | 0.007  |
| Nitric Acid               | Trace  |
| Chlorine                  | 2.385  |
| Sulphuric Acid            | 5.7648 |
| Equal to Calcium Sulphate | 8.0000 |

A. bad water.



A specimen of water was analysed for the Town Clerk of Wexford had the following composition

One Imperial gallon contained in grains

|                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Total solid matters       | 11.9000 |
| including                 |         |
| Aluminoid Ammonia         | 0.010   |
| Saline Ammonia            | 0.003   |
| Nitric Acid               | Trace   |
| Chlorine                  | 1.590   |
| Sulphuric Acid            | 2.8824  |
| Equal to Calcium Sulphate | 4.0000  |

A fairly good water.

For Shillelagh Union which is partly situated in the County of Wexford. Twelve drugs were analysed, one of them namely Tincture of Squills was high in solids

More detailed reports on the waters above referred to were made to those who sent them, but the main points in their composition are given in the present report

Total Analyses 111

C. A. Cameron

Edmund Gore



Special Meeting - 14<sup>th</sup> April 1905.

Present :- In the Chair - Mr. Edmond Horne Chairman  
Other Members, Messrs M. A. Ennis, M. Browne, C. H.  
Peacocke, M. Murphy, John Bolger, D. Dempsey, M. J.  
Furlong, A. Kinsella, and J. F. Walsh.

Wexford Harbours.

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Walsh, the following resolution was adopted :-

That we respectfully request the Chief Secretary for Ireland to make arrangements, at an early date, for a personal inspection of the Piers and Harbours of the Wexford Coast viz:- Courtown, Poulduff, Blackwater, Wexford, Kilmore, Carne, Duncannon, Slade, Arkhurstown, Fethard, Ballyhack, and Hookpoint to investigate for himself the condition of the fishing industry.

This Council are convinced of the absolute necessity which exists for State help if the fishing industry at present decaying through lack of efficient Harbour accommodation, is to be preserved from total extinction.

Of the large sums voted by past Governments for the construction and repair of Piers on the South East Coast of Ireland only £7000 odd, have been spent in Wexford County, which has the largest seaboard of any County on this portion of the Coast.

This Council have been obliged at almost every meeting, to vote sums of money for repair of Piers, but owing to want of funds, we are unable to carry out works which would meet the circumstances. It is imperative that steps should be taken without delay which would enable the fishermen of our Coast to prosecute their industry with some measure of success.

We respectfully invite the Chief Secretary for Ireland to see for himself the present state of the



fishing industry. and, how much can be done for a large and deserving class by judicious expenditure from Government funds to improve the Piers and Harbours of this County.

That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Chief Secretary for Ireland, and the Parliamentary representatives of the County.

National Schools - Rule 127 (b)

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Brown, the following resolution was unanimously adopted

"That we protest against Rule 127 (b) and call upon the Commissioners of National Education to withdraw this Rule, as its enforcement would prove most detrimental to primary education in Ireland, and would prove a gross injustice to the Male Teachers.

and that a copy of this Resolution be sent to our Members of Parliament, to Mr John E. Redmond, M. P. and to the Chief Secretary for Ireland."

Edward Hone.



Quarterly Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> May 1905.

The Statutable Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 5<sup>th</sup> May 1905.

Present :- Mr. Edmond Hore (Vice-Chairman) presiding  
also present :- Messrs C. H. Peacocke, Michael Browne,  
John Bolger, M. A. Ennis, James Donohoe, John J.  
Kehoe, Alexander Kinsella, Michael Murphy,  
John Sinnott, John Cummins, Daniel Dempsey,  
James Sinnott, J. F. Walsh, and M. J. Furlong.

Mr. R. W. Elgee Solicitor to the Council, Mr.  
Henry Webster, County Surveyor, and Mr. H. J.  
Frizelle Acting Secretary, were in attendance.

Proposals for Payment.

Proposed by Mr. Ennis.

Seconded by Mr. J. J. Kehoe, and adopted.

"That the several proposals for payment sent up by the district councils of the County, and by the Proposal Committee, for the quarter ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1905, be approved, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

Edmond Hore.



Half-yearly meeting - 5<sup>th</sup> May 1905.

The Statutable half-yearly meeting of the Co. Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 5<sup>th</sup> May 1905.

Present:- Mr. Edmond Hore (Vice Chairman) presiding.  
also present:- Messrs C. H. Peacocke, Michael Browne, John Bolger, M. A. Ennis, James Donohoe, John J. Kehoe, Alexander Kinsella, Michael Murphy, John Sinnott, John Cummins, Daniel Dempsey, James Sinnott, J. F. Walsh, & M. J. Furlong.

Mr. R. W. Elgu, Solicitor to the Council, Mr. Henry Webster, County Surveyor, and Mr. N. J. Frizelle, acting Secretary were in attendance.

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of last Quarterly meeting, half-yearly meeting, and of special meetings on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> April were read and confirmed.

Illness of Secretary

Capt Pigott wrote applying for a further month's leave of absence. He forwarded the following certificate from Dr. Douse.

"Capt Pigott though rather better is still quite unfit to attend to business. I would strongly recommend that he be granted another month's sick leave, as a shorter time would be of little use."

"On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Browne, the following resolution was adopted:

"That Capt Pigott be granted a further month's leave of absence, from this day, and that Mr. Frizelle, act as Secretary, during this period at a salary of £2 per week."



Rate for Financial Year 1905-6.

Under date 17<sup>th</sup> February 1905, the Local Government Board wrote (letter no. 9,435 - Wexford County) as follows, in connection with the striking of the Rate:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> instant, relative to the striking of the poor rate in the County of Wexford, for the financial year ending the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1906, and, with reference thereto, I am to point out that under section 51 (6) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, the rate must be made immediately prior to, or at the beginning of each financial year. The Public Bodies Order 1904, provides that the Rate must be made within a month after 1<sup>st</sup> April, but in the special circumstances stated in your letter, the Local Government Board assent in the present instance to an extension of the period to the 5<sup>th</sup> of May next within which the poor rate may be struck.

The Board would, however, suggest to the Council that, in arranging their meetings in future years, care should be taken that some meeting of the Council should take place between the date of the adoption of the Estimate and the 30<sup>th</sup> April at which the rate can be made."

On the motion of Mr. Kehoe.

Seconded by Mr. Ennis, the following resolution was adopted:- "That we hereby strike the Rates for General and Separate Charges, as agreed to at the meeting of the Council on the 7<sup>th</sup> February 1905, and 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. That the allowance for said rates as entered at the foot of each rate book and signed by the Chairman of the meeting and two members of the Council present



at this meeting, be adopted, attested by the seal of the Council, and countersigned by the acting Secretary. That the Warrants of the Rate Collectors to collect the said Rates be sealed and signed in the same manner as the Rate Books.

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Ennis

"That the demands on the Urban Districts of Enniscorthy, New Ross, and Wexford, be duly sealed and signed, the amounts demanded for above Urban Councils (after allowance for credit items in Forms 51) being

|             | <u>County</u>  | <u>Union</u> | <u>Separate</u> |
|-------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Enniscorthy | £ 363 : 13 : 4 | 358 : 9 : 8  | 70 : 10 : 0     |
| New Ross    | 504 : 5 : 7    | 729 : 7 : 10 | 26 : 10 : 1     |
| Wexford     | 739 : 7 : 9    | 693 : 4 : 4  |                 |

The amounts estimated for the above Urban Districts in Forms 45 were :-

|             | <u>County</u> | <u>Union</u> | <u>Separate</u> |
|-------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Enniscorthy | £ 491         | £ 484        | £ 70 : 10 : 0   |
| New Ross    | 504           | 729          | 26 : 10 : 1     |
| Wexford     | 1066          | 998          |                 |

"Adopted"

### Asylum Loan.

Under date 29<sup>th</sup> March 1905 (letter No. 18.636 Wexford County) the Local Government Board wrote that they had recommended the Board of Works to issue £500, the balance of the loan of £6,500 sanctioned for the purpose of lighting the Enniscorthy District Lunatic Asylum by Electricity.

### Reports of Local Government Auditors

Reports of auditor of the Local Government Board as to the audit of accounts of New Ross Union and District Council, for the half-year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 1904 was laid before the meeting.



— Sale of Food & Drugs —

under date 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> April (letters No 8150 and 9107) the Department of Agriculture etc., wrote:-

"A sample of butter obtained at Ferns, and four samples of butter procured by their officer at New Ross were examined by the Public Analyst and found to be pure.

— Poulduff Pier. —

Under date the 16<sup>th</sup> February 1905 (letter No. 509 F. B) the Department of Agriculture, wrote that the Department would apply for the first instalment of the county contribution to the cost of repairing and improving Poulduff Harbour two months after <sup>the</sup> date on which the work shall have been commenced. The amount would be one-half the cost of the works then executed as certified by the county surveyor. The balance of the county contribution would be applied for at intervals of two months on similar terms.

Under date 13<sup>th</sup> March 1905 (letter No. 11436) the Local Government Board wrote that so far as they were concerned, they would raise no objection to the proposal that the balance of the county contribution should, at the meeting of the Wexford County Council to be held in May be transferred to the subsidiary account.

— New Works and Renewals of Contracts —

"Tenders for Roads were accepted by the council and orders made thereon as per particulars entered on Form 20 in each case and initialled by the chairman."

Proposed by Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. J. Minott:-  
"That the several proposals for ordinary new works and renewals of contracts sent up by the Rural District Councils of the county, and by the Proposal



committed, be approved subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the chairman."

"In the County Surveyor's report there appeared the following reference:- "In NewRoss Rural District the construction of a new road to Bantry Commons comes up for final approval the road will not be a through road; it terminates on the commons."

Mr. Colfer (Solicitor) appeared on behalf of the NewRoss District Council, and held that the County Council had power to make this road.

He contended that the reference in the report of the Local Government Board for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1904 referred only to existing laneways and had nothing to say to the making of a new road. The question of surcharge with regard to the making of a new road had not arisen and cannot come under the Auditor's jurisdiction.

If the Co. Council were surcharged the Rural District Council would be prepared to indemnify the Co. Council. He felt perfectly confident that this was a matter that could not come under the jurisdiction of the Auditor for surcharge.

Mr. Bryan O'Hill D. C. explained that people of four or five townlands used the place for sending their cattle on to the commons, and for drawing stones for repair of roads etc.,. There was plenty of granite also drawn there and people brought turf through the place. It meant the saving of five Irish miles going to Borris and three miles to Graigue."

Mr. Peacocke proposed that the work be passed as a new road. Mr. Kehoe seconded.

Mr. Elgee said no matter whether brought



under section 50 or section 55, the whole question was whether it was a work of "public utility" or otherwise, and the Auditor could deal with it, and would have a perfect right to look into it.

Mr. Webster (Co. Surveyor) said he should honestly say he was not convinced himself this was a work of public utility. It would be a work of very great advantage to the persons making use of the road. "Passed."

In reference to work No. 7 G. - Gorey - "That the Broghan Lane, in the townlands of Barrackeroghan, Broghan middle, and Glenogul, be put in repair and a bridge erected over the river Bann, where it crosses the lane, not to exceed £250, the expenditure to be a rural district charge.

The following order from the Estate Commissioners, was laid before the meeting:-

"The Estate Commissioners have had the matter under their consideration, and have ordered that a grant of £100 be made on the understanding that the work be properly executed by the District Council, and that it be approved by a competent person appointed by the Estate Commissioners.

#### Proposals for Payments.

Proposed by Mr. M. A. Ennis; seconded by Mr. J. J. Kehoe, and passed:-

"That the several proposals for payments sent up by the District Councils, of the County and the proposals committee for the half-year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1905, be approved, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

#### State of a Road.

The following letter under date 29<sup>th</sup> April 1905



from Mr. E. A. Gibbon, Sleedagh, was read :-

"I hope you will pardon my writing and asking you to kindly bring this letter "relative to the state of the road from Sleedagh to Mr. Moody's cross at Rathaspeck" before the next meeting of the County Council.

I don't think a satisfactory answer was given to that part of my letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> January last, asking about the expenditure of the money obtained from the Railway Contractors for the repair of this road; as far as I could gather from Mr. Webster's answer he acknowledged that some of this money was still in his hands. From the results, I should think, but a very small portion of the money was ever expended on this work it was intended for, and certainly none since your last meeting.

Since then there has literally no work been done on this road. I pass over it constantly and have never seen any one working on it; and have been informed that the contractors and their men, have only been on it once or twice during that time. The water tables are full of winter scrapings of the road. No stones have been put out, and there has not been a pound of stones in any of the depots.

I would also beg to bring specially to the notice of the Council, the state of that part of the road at Brookfield bridge; it is always bad the water lies in it continually, and it is full of ruts, it is plainly to be seen that the road has been allowed to sink below its original level, and some of the openings in the wall intended for the water to pass through are above the road and useless, so that the water must percolate through the substance of the road between the two walls making it always soft and shingly.



I submit that it is due to the ratepayers using this road to have their grievances looked into and amended.

I came here from Dublin on Thursday last by the late train and had great difficulty to prevent being rolled off the car. I am sure any member of your Council, who have unfortunately for themselves, to use this road, can back me up in what I say."

"Mr Webster said he was taking the road out of the hands of the contractor, and was going to work through the sureties, any balance in his hands of the funds received from the Railway company would be spent on this road."

#### Kilmore Pier.

With reference to the proposal from the Proposal Committee to spend £180, for repairing the breaches at Kilmore Breakwater, "Mr. Donohoe moved that the ends of the present breaches at the breakwater, be healed up, to prevent them ravelling, and that the breaches themselves be left open pending the passage of a Marine Works Act, cost to carry out the work not to exceed £30. Work to be given in charge of the County Surveyor.

Mr Murphy seconded.

Mr M. Browne, read a petition from the people of Kilmore and vicinity, requesting the County Council to proceed with the work as it was <sup>an</sup> absolutely necessity.

A vote was taken with the following result:-  
In favour of the Proposal Committee's recommendation:- Messrs J. F. Walsh, G. H. Peacocke, M. A. Ennis, J. J. Kehoe, D. Dempsey, John Sinnott, M. Browne, E. Hore, J. Cummins. - 9.

Against:- Messrs John Bolger, M. J. Furlong, J. Donohoe, Mr. Murphy, James Sinnott, and A. Kinsella - 6



The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

— Gorey Road Contractors —

The following resolutions were received from Mr. P. O'Neill of Ballingarry :-

Resolved :- 'That we the Road Contractors living within the Gorey Rural District, submit that the practice followed by the County Surveyor, of allowing no credit for any quantity of broken stones on the roads after the first of September in each year, is unfair to us, as we find it much easier to get stones broken in the autumn, than any part of the year.

That we ask, and consider it only reasonable to be allowed credit for any part of the specified amount, placed on the roads in an unbroken state at or before the time of measurement.

That we respectfully request your Council to extend the time for completing the supply until the first of October, as, if we are tied down by a hard and fast rule, to have the full supply just out by the first of September in all cases it will have the effect of reducing road making to a gamble.

That we condemn the practice followed by some non-experienced people, of tendering for roads at an impossible price, and then, when they fail to perform their contracts, bring discredit upon hard working honest men.

That we call on the District Councils, to use every means in their power, to put a stop to the baneful system of allowing road grabbers to take advantage of the low tender order, to capture well kept roads, in the hope of living for five years, on other men's labours.

That we know of such cases as is mentioned above where men of some influence in order to



avenge imaginary wrongs, or to satisfy petty spite, or spleen, tendered at one-fourth of the amount allowed for roads, in order that they might in some way crush their poorer neighbour, and then allow the road to deteriorate to such an extent, that it required years of hard work to get it into repair again, only to be grabbed in turn by some other adventurer.

And we beg leave to remind your Council of the fact, that we know of men, who took roads for the purpose mentioned above, and when the County Surveyor, was bringing an action against them, and their sweeties, those clever men, appeal to their friends in the Councils to break their contract, and thereby succeeded in evading the law.

That we request the County Council to allow the Surveyor some discretionary power in the matter of material; for we know from experience that proper attention to drainage, and extra surface work, serve some (mountain) roads better than heavy tonnage.

Recommending the above to your best consideration."

Mr Cummins proposed and Mr John Sinnott seconded, that the resolutions be referred to the County Surveyor." Passed.

#### Food and Drugs Inspectors.

Mr O'Neill. F. Kelly, D. J. R. J. C. wrote under date 28<sup>th</sup> April; that owing to the transfer of Sgt Howard R. J. C. to Newtownbarry from Wexford, and Sgt Farrell from Newtownbarry to Wexford, fresh appointments as Inspectors under Food and Drugs Acts were required."

Proposed by Mr John J. Kehoe

Seconded by Mr M. A. Ennis

"That Sgt Howard R. J. C. be appointed Inspector under the Food & Drugs Acts for Newtownbarry Petty Sessions



district, and Sergt Farrell, be appointed Inspector under the Food and Drugs for Wexford Petty Sessions district." Passed.

Dates of Quarterly Meetings.

|                        |            |                           |               |
|------------------------|------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| Wexford Rural District | - Saturday | 8 <sup>th</sup> July 1905 | at 10.30 O.C. |
| Gorey                  | " "        | Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>  | " " 11.30 "   |
| Enniscorthy            | " "        | Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> | " " " "       |
| New Ross               | " "        | Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> | " " 12 noon   |
| Proposal Committee     | Friday     | 14 <sup>th</sup>          | " "           |
| Co. Council Meeting    | Tuesday    | 1 <sup>st</sup> August    |               |

Sheep Scab.

Under date 31<sup>st</sup> March 1905, the Department of Agriculture (Veterinary Branch) wrote (letter No. 1670-05) calling attention to the two orders issued by them for the prevention and treatment of Sheep Scab - Sheep Scab (Ireland) Order of 1905 (Order No 55) and Sheep Scab (Local Regulations) (Ireland) Order 1905 (Order No 56) which came into operation on the 18<sup>th</sup> April 1905.

The former Order 55 contemplates that detention restrictions imposed in respect of flocks in which disease has appeared, shall remain in force until the sheep have been thoroughly dipped in an efficient sheep-dip in the presence and to the satisfaction of an Inspector from the local authority, and are free from Sheep Scab, and that the premises have been cleansed and disinfected. Also for the isolation of any sheep (other than those diseased) that from proximity to place of outbreak or association with any animal in the diseased flock, or from any other cause, may be suspected to have been exposed to infection - for a period of 56 days.

The Department trusted that the County Council would direct the attention of their Inspectors to a memorandum which they had issued to secure uniformity and thorough action in the application



of the provisions of the order. As it was possible that the Inspectors might require assistance in placing under isolation the various flocks that might be regarded as exposed to infection, the order allowed for the appointment of additional officers.

Order No. 56 provides for the compulsory dipping of sheep, and for regulating the movement of sheep into and out of the county and providing sheep dipping tanks.

The Department pointed out that "very stringent measures had been recently adopted for combating sheep scab in Great Britain, and unless it becomes apparent that due effort towards the same end can be relied on, to be taken also in this country, there is grave reason to fear that the question of restrictions on sheep exports from Great Britain hitherto one of the most important branches of the Irish live-stock trade - will be seriously raised."

Under date 29<sup>th</sup> April 1905 (letter No. 1758/05) the Department of Agriculture, forwarded a memorandum setting out the Sheep Dips under the sheep scab (Ireland) Order of 1905, approved of by them, and stating that they would keep the local authority, and their Inspectors supplied with particulars respecting any preparations, additional to those furnished in the present list."

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Ennis, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That this Council considers it desirable to wait until Order 55 has been for some time in force, before considering the adoption of Order 56."

#### Arterial Drainage

The Secretary of Kildare Co. Council forwarded for



consideration of the Wexford County Council copy of minutes of meeting of joint Committee representing the counties of Kildare, Carlow Kings and Queen's County in reference to the question of the Barrow drainage.

The minutes of the joint Committee pointed out the urgent necessity that existed for the drainage of the basin of the river Barrow directed the attention of the Government to the necessity of proper systems of arterial drainage, and suggested methods for their formation, including the amendment of the Local Government Act."

"Resolutions in the same terms, omitting the reference to the drainage of the Barrow basin were received from the Lavan Co. Council."

"As against this view a resolution was received from the County Council of Tipperary (S.R.) disapproving of the resolution in favour of setting up drainage boards, for the mere purpose of transferring their powers to County Councils."

"On the motion of Mr. Bolger, seconded by Mr. Furlong the following resolution was adopted:-

"That this Council considers that the question of arterial drainage cannot be entered upon until the Land Question has been settled."

#### General Council- County Councils.

The following series of resolutions adopted at the annual meeting of the Irish County Councils General Council, and which was postponed from last meeting of the Council came up for consideration:-

#### National Self-Government

That the Irish people ought to be a free people with a natural right to govern themselves. That



no Parliament is competent to make laws for Ireland except an Irish parliament sitting in Ireland. and that the claim of any other body of men to make laws for or to govern Ireland is illegal and unconstitutional, and a grievance intolerable to the people of this country."

### Support of Irish manufacture

That for the sake of the very existence of the Irish Nation which is rapidly disappearing owing to continued emigration, the Irish public generally and all public bodies that are elected by Irishmen should contract for and use only Irish manufactured goods, when they can be obtained at a reasonable price; and tillage must be encouraged by the agricultural committees of county councils as far as they have power, as it was encouraged through the means of bounties by the Irish Parliament a century and a half ago. That Irish manufacturers are hereby called upon to take immediate steps to make known to the public boards, and the Irish public generally, the goods manufactured in Ireland; otherwise the manufacturers cannot expect that support which is necessary for their several interests and the general interests of the country.

### National Exhibition

That we express the opinion that the proposed International Exhibition would be most detrimental to our wish that Irish manufactured goods should be alone used in Ireland; and we request any patriotic Irishmen who have advocated such an exhibition to withdraw their support from it, and, on the other hand, to support the holding of a National Exhibition in order that the public may see what can be produced in Ireland, and may be induced to demand of the shopkeepers that in future home manufactures



be pushed in their shops instead of foreign goods, as is done at present.

Catholic University question.

That this Council is of opinion that in the matter of higher education for the Catholic youth of this country, they should be suitably equipped in and have all the advantages of those of their Protestant fellow-countrymen, so as to enable them to take their proper place in the development of the Industrial resources of Ireland.

Suggested Amendments to Irish Local Government Acts. etc.,

That this Council is of opinion that the Local Government Act 1898, and the Local Government Board Orders thereunder, require amendment to meet the following points:-

(a) Under the Acts the Rates must be made not later than the first of March, and, as the Commissioner of Valuation is only bound to supply the revised list on the same date, it follows that the Rate must be struck on the old valuation which makes a substantial difference to the rate-payers in a County like Dublin, where there is a large annual increase in the valuation.

(b) The interval between the statutory meetings of the District Councils, and the meeting of the County Council, at which the District proposals are approved or rejected, is too short to allow of their being dealt with by the County Council; the result is therefore that the rate is struck on a suppositious estimate of the amount required, instead of on the actual figures.

(c) With regard to the remission of Rates on vacant houses the only proof required of premises



being unoccupied is the declaration of the collector.

Under the Poor Law a person claiming remission was obliged to make a declaration and this Council thinks that such a corroboration of the collectors' statement would be desirable.

(d) That the law should be amended as regards dual representation on District Councils where desirable.

(e) That power should be given to every County Council to initiate drainage schemes.

(f) That in cases of illegal payments made by Councils the only members liable to surcharge should be those voting in favour of such illegal resolution.

(g) That we consider section 6 of the Local Government Amendment Act 1902, which places the entire amount for increases of salaries on the local rates to be most unjust, and we emphatically urge the repeal of this section.

(h) That as local councils asylum committees etc., have no voice whatever in the appointment of auditors, arbitrators, etc., we consider the fact of those bodies being compelled to pay excessive expenses to be most unjustifiable, and we call on the local bodies throughout the country to resist payment of those gentlemen till they secure a voice in their appointment.

(i) That we consider the action of the Local Government Board in announcing the fact that many of the Orders in Council in existence, as well as the present system of accounts, are to be done away with, without consultation with the bodies immediately concerned, to be in keeping with the anti-Irish spirit of the Local Government Board, and we claim as representatives of the Councils of Ireland that they should have been consulted in connection with any such sweeping changes.

(f) That we protest against charges being made



on County Councils (as in the case of the South Tipperary County Council) for the expenses incurred in gazetting the appointments of deputy lieutenants appointments in which the representatives of the people have neither voice nor concern and demand that such charges be withdrawn in the future.

#### Importation of Swine into England.

That in view of the importance and volume of the Irish pig trade with England, we are of opinion that County Councils in Ireland should be very active in protesting against any unfair regulations being made by the Agricultural Department in England, injuriously affecting the importation of pigs into that country. We approve of the action of the Galway Co. Council in inaugurating the proposal of holding conferences of those interested in the pig trade in consequence of which the Mayor of Limerick convened such a conference and it was held in Limerick on the 17<sup>th</sup> December.

We desire to approve heartily of the resolutions adopted at the conference, as we know they voice the opinion of those best calculated to speak on the subject. We hope those resolutions will receive the attention of the Irish party in order that the unnecessary and obnoxious regulations of the Board of Agriculture in England relative to the importation of Irish swine into Great Britain may be withdrawn without delay.

#### Re-afforestation of Ireland.

That in the opinion of this meeting it is desirable that immediate steps should be taken to ensure the hearty co-operation of all Irish Co. Councils in acquiring waste land, spaces suitable for re-afforestation. That the Government be requested to allocate a sum sufficient to start a forestry



department, elected by popular suffrage which could be taken from the amount due to Ireland through over-tascation according to the union contract

### Regulations for lighting of bicycles

That it is desirable to make regulations for the lighting of bicycles after dark.

### The duties of county & deputy surveyors.

That the Local Government Board be requested to define the duties of the county and deputy surveyors in such counties where satisfactory arrangements have not been come to, between the county council and the surveyors, especially on the following points:-

- (a) are the surveyors whole time officers
- (b) If not, how much of their time belongs to the public.
- (c) How often the county surveyor is supposed to inspect roads, etc.,
- (d) How often the deputy surveyors are supposed to inspect roads, etc.,
- (e) What time have the county councils to check the work and time of surveyors.
- (f) What remedy have co. councils against surveyors if the Roads, waterables, and footpaths, are in bad order.

and that the Local Government Board be further requested to prescribe a report book for county and deputy surveyors to show in detail the roads etc, inspected by them, and other works arranged for, with the various dates of their inspection. That the county councils be afforded an opportunity of inspecting the reports made by the deputy surveyors to the county surveyor in respect of the various contracts for roads etc., said reports to be presented at a statutable meeting of the county council, and more often if required.



Out-door relief

That the Poor Law be so amended that men and women having reached the age of 60 years and having led respectable lives should be permitted to live outside the workhouse, and they should receive in money the equivalent amount they would cost the rate-payers inside the union.

This would prevent the unnatural course of separating old married couples as soon as they enter the gate of the union.

Insurance companies & claims for  
malicious injuries

That the law relating to compensation for malicious injuries should be altered, so as to prevent insurance companies that have accepted premium on risks from recovering from the rate-payers under claims for malicious injuries.

Representatives for Irish produce in other markets.

That in our opinion it is absolutely necessary to have a genuine representative for Irish produce in the markets of Great Britain, with duties analogous to those of the Danish Commissioner for the protection of Irish interests and the extension of sale of Irish products.

The following are the replies of the Local Government Board, to the above resolutions, in so far as they dealt with matters connected with the Local Government Acts, and their administration.

(a) Valuation Lists

"The Commissioner of valuation now supplies these lists to Rural District Councils, on the 1<sup>st</sup> February in each year, and as a matter of fact the rates are assessed on the new valuations, although the estimate may, in some cases, be based on the valuations of the preceding year.

It would, no doubt, be advantageous that



these lists should be ready at an earlier date, but the arrangements to be made to carry such an earlier date, but the arrangements to be made to carry such an earlier issue are matters for the consideration of the Commissioner of Valuation rather than for the Local Government Board.

(b) Rates

"The meaning of this resolution is not clear as rates are properly struck on the basis of estimates, and cannot be struck on actual figures."

(c) Vacant

"The Board concur in the recommendation of the Council. This matter does not apparently require legislation, but is one within the discretion of rating authorities, who may refuse to remit rates in respect of any vacant premises unless the vacancy is proved to their satisfaction."

(d) Dual Representation on District Councils

(e) Drainage Works.

"These recommendations (d and e) will be submitted to Government in the event of further Local Government legislation."

(f) Surcharges.

"It appears to the Board that it might be possible for local authorities to give effect to the proposal of the Council, by passing a formal resolution authorising the making of each payment, and having the names of all the members voting in favour thereof recorded."

(g) Section 6 Local Government Act 1902.

"The Local Government Board cannot hold out any hope that this provision of the law will be repealed."

(h) Appointment of Auditors, Etc.

"The Board desire to point out that, in pursuance of the policy approved by Parliament of having audits of Local Government expenditure carried out by officials independent of the authorities whose accounts they audit, the Local Government auditors are constituted



permanent civil servants, whose qualifications are certified by the Civil Service Commissioners, and whose salaries and pensions are charged on public funds, although portion of the salaries are subsequently recouped by local authorities to the Exchequer.

(ii) Accounts Orders.

The General Council are under a complete misapprehension in this matter.

The old system of accounts is not abolished by the new Public Bodies Order, which merely consolidates the old orders, with such amendments as experience has shown to be necessary for the purpose of facilitating the transaction of the business of the Councils. Three months before the order was made, a draft was forwarded to the Secretary of each Co. Council and County Borough Councils in Ireland, and the suggestions received were carefully considered and as far as possible adopted.

(i) Appointment of Deputy Lieutenants

This appears to be a statutory charge, and the amount involved is very trifling.

" The Duties of County and Deputy Surveyors.

The Board desire to point out to the Council that under the provisions of Section 115 of the Local Government Act, existing officers, transferred to County Councils from the former Grand Jurors hold office on the same terms and conditions as before their transfer, and, while the Co. Councils cannot impose on them any conditions as to giving their whole time to the service, it is open to them to make agreements in this respect in so far as they have not already done so.

With regard to new appointments, County Councils can make such conditions as regards the giving of the whole time to the service as they think right when deciding on the terms of appointment.

With regard to all officers, whether existing



officers or otherwise, County Councils are entitled to require from them that their duties shall be adequately and satisfactorily discharged, and any County or Assistant Surveyor persistently neglecting to discharge his duties efficiently would render himself liable (with the concurrence of the Local Government Board) to dismissal.

The Board desire to state that no definite replies can be given to queries c. d. and e.

Surveyors should inspect their roads as frequently as circumstances admit. In some Counties the Board are aware that the districts assigned to these officers by the County Council make it impossible to carry out as frequent inspections as might be desirable.

The County and Assistant Surveyors, as officers of County Councils, are bound to carry out their lawful orders, and it is open to the Councils to make any reasonable regulations as regards the conduct of the work by these officers, and the diaries they should keep showing their inspections, etc., "

#### Poor Relief.

This resolution has been forwarded to the Poor Law Reform Commission for their information.

"On the motion of Mr. Donohoe, seconded by Mr. Peacocke, it was decided that the matter be postponed for consideration by the new Council."

#### Foreign Fats in Butter

The following resolution was received for adoption from the Cork Co. Committee of Agriculture etc.

"That we earnestly ask to Co. Councils and County Committees of Agriculture and Technical Instruction in Ireland, to urge on the Department the absolute necessity of taking immediate action to suppress the gross fraud on the staple industry of Ireland



which enables foreign fats to be successfully blended with butter to the extent of 30 per cent according to evidence of Somerset House Analyst in a recent case held in Cork, and that pending the introduction of a Bill for such purpose the Department be asked to exercise the closest supervision in watching the introduction and disposal of margarine under whatever name it is imported."

"On the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke, the above resolution was adopted."

### Labourers cottage Grant

From Waterford County Council, the following resolution was received for adoption:-

"That this Council of the County Waterford desires to place on record its approval of the suggestions in Mr. William O'Brien's speech at Macroom recently advocating the formation of a conference to formulate a scheme by which Parliament would be induced to allocate a Grant for labourers cottages in this country."

"On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Kehoe the above resolution was adopted."

### Traction Engine Traffic - New Ross Bridge.

The following report was read from Kilkenny County Council, in reference to traction engine traffic over New Ross Bridge:-

"I beg to state that the Committee appointed to meet the Representatives of the Wexford County Council, and Engineer, have met on New Ross Bridge and have come to the unanimous conclusion to advise the passage of steam traction engines with drawn elevator, or empty wagon under steam, no loads of any kind; engine not to travel at a greater speed than one mile per hour, or at a rate of four minutes across the bridge."



(signed) James. G. Dooley  
Reps. of Kilkenny Co. Council

"The Secretary stated that on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 1905 the following resolution was adopted by the Wexford County Council, and forwarded to the Secretary of Kilkenny County Council, but no reply had been received:-

"That the Kilkenny County Council be asked if they are prepared to pay half the expense of altering the existing by-law relative to traction engines crossing New Ross Bridge; if Wexford County Council will bear the other moiety."

"On the motion of Mr. Donohoe, seconded by Mr. Ennis the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the attention of the County Council of Kilkenny, be again called to the resolution of the Wexford County Council, adopted on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 1905."

#### Payments to Road Contractors

The following resolution was received from the Meath County Council:-

"That this Council call on the Government to amend the Local Government Act, at next coming Session of Parliament in such a way as will give power to the County Councils of Ireland, to make payments monthly for the maintenance of roads and other Public Works; which can be done by a Committee appointed by the County Council to do so, so as to enable the labourers to compete for said contracts, as the present system of quarterly payments debaro labourers from tendering for said contracts, as no payment can be made during the first six months of a contract.

The reason we ask the Government to amend the Local Government Act, is to give employment to the labourers of this country." "Marked:- Read"



Road Contractors' Security

The following letter under date 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1905 was read from Mr. W. J. Walsh, Rosslare:-

"Having been nominated as D. C. for Rosslare district, I desire to obtain leave from County Council, to withdraw from being security for two road contractors; viz:- Mrs Byrne, Hill-of-Sea, Mr. John Barrett, Walshislough;

Mr. Stephen Hore, Hill of Sea, has consented to become security for both parties in my place.

I have already informed Mr. N. Kehoe, Clerk of Union, and Rural District Council.

Hoping you will kindly bring the matter before your Council, and inform me if there is any further steps to be taken in the matter."

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. W. J. Walsh, be released from his security for Mrs Byrne, and Mr. Barrett, as Road Contractors; and that Mr. Hore, Hill-of-Sea be accepted as surety vice Mr. Walsh."

Missing Paying Order.

The following letter, under date 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1905, was read from Mr. H. J. O'Byons, Cashier of the National Bank, Wexford:-

"I should feel much obliged by your granting me a duplicate Cheque- for one lost by me on the 5<sup>th</sup> September last, payable to Mr. P. Donohoe; I can't charge the subsidiary a/c with same till I have a cheque to pass thro' a/c; should the cheque ever turn up I will be responsible for same."

"On the motion of Mr. Furlong, seconded by Mr. Ennis; it was decided that duplicate Pay Order for £4 amount of the missing order referred to in the letter of Mr. O'Byons be issued."



Report of County Surveyor.

The following report of the County Surveyor, for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1905, was read:-  
W<sup>re</sup> Chairman, and Gentlemen,

In my reports to the Rural District Councils I have pointed out the necessity for Road Contractors to lose no time in getting ready their road metalling for the coming winter; so that they may have their full quantities ready for measurement in September, as I have under consideration the desirability of refusing to certify for any payments in October to contractors who are short in their tonnage at the time of measurement.

I am anxious to see steam-rolling adopted for the main roads; from the experience we have had in Enniscorthy, I am satisfied that the system leads to economy, and it is unnecessary to point out the great advantages gained by an up-to-date method of road maintenance. I would suggest that the Council should purchase a couple of steam or oil engine rollers; the money could be raised by a short loan, and the rollers could be hired out to the District Councils; the District Councils could also raise money by short loans for rolling their roads; so that the cost would not be increased in the first year.

Generally speaking, on a fair priced main road four years of metalling should be rolled in the first year, and then one ordinary year's supply would suffice for the remaining four years. Later on, the contracts on suitable main roads will expire, when this important subject will, I trust receive the careful consideration it deserves.

The great storm on the night of the 14<sup>th</sup> instant, threw down many trees, and many roads were blocked for a while, but the road contractors and occupiers had the obstructing trees removed as quickly as possible.



The storm did some damage, to the back of the pier, at Kilmore, but very little further damage, has been done to the breakwater since the storm in January. I am making applications for repairs to both the pier and the breakwater; for the latter I have prepared plans for rebuilding the breaches with concrete in situ, more or less on the lines suggested by Mr. Cowan; but I do not think it advisable to alter the batter from 1 in 2 to 1 in 1.

Some pointing is required at the end of Fethard pier, for which I am making an application. I attended a Committee Meeting at Duncannon relative to the proposal to construct a breakwater. There is no doubt a breakwater is much needed to protect the piers from north-west gales.

Dredging is required at all the small harbours round the coast, including Courtown, Kilmore, Fethard, Duncannon, and Arthurstown, and in nearly all these harbours, the dredging should be done periodically, so that, as mentioned in a former report, I think that the best plan would be for the County Council to purchase a small dredger of light draught, it could go from harbour to harbour as required. A bar seems to be forming again at the entrance of Courtown Harbour.

By an order made by the Secretary of State in October 1904, under the Factory and Workshop Act 1901, I believe it will be necessary to have railings erected around steps and slips etc., on all the piers in the County not so protected. An Inspector has visited Courtown Harbour, and has ordered a railing to be put up at the steps on the East Quay.

I am making application for this work.

I forwarded some time ago to the Department the plan and draft specification for work



required at Courtown Harbour. I consider the underpinning of the apron at the back of the north pier should be done with the least possible delay.

The Engineer for the Department of Agriculture has submitted to me plans for Couduff Pier. I have been in correspondence with him with reference to certain details to which I objected, but with reference to which we have come to a satisfactory agreement, and I have now formally approved of the plans.

Lord Courtown, and I, have signed the plan of Courtown Harbour, showing boundaries, and I have promised to make a duplicate copy for his Lordship as soon as possible.

There are a couple of proposals for new works coming before the Rural District Councils of New Ross and Enniscorthy in which the question of public utility arises; in New Ross Rural District the construction of a new road to Bantry Commons comes up for final approval; the road will not be a through road; it terminates on the Commons.

In Enniscorthy R. D. there are four applications to extend the lane at Killanure to the bounds of the County Carlow, at the Clody river at Kilbranish; I have walked over the whole route and find that the Carlow road to which this extension is to be made is a mere breen, not in contract. Killanure lane, to which it is proposed to extend, is the lane contracted for at the last half-yearly meeting, and to which I drew your attention as not being a work of public utility.

The storm of the 14<sup>th</sup> ult. blew down the store house at the north end of Ferryarrig Bridge; I don't think it would be fair to ask the contractor to rebuild this store; he has kept it in repair up to this. I am making an application for the work.



The contracts for the maintenance of the survival of New Ross bridge, and for the maintenance of Ferry carrig Bridge expire at the end of June and should be renewed this time. I am putting the latter contract on the same footing as the other bridges, so that the repairs to the sub-structure will be done by special contracts.

"It was agreed that the recommendation of the Surveyor, as to the purchase of oil rollers for roads be considered by the new council."

#### Courtown Harbour.

The following minutes of the Courtown Harbour Committee were read for the meeting:

"That Lord Stopford be Chairman for the ensuing year."

"That Rev F. E. O'Rourke, be vice-Chairman."

"That the meetings be held on the first Tuesday in each month at 12 o'clock."

"We recommend that Mr C. Riordan be appointed on the Courtown Harbour Committee."

A letter was read from Michael Bolger, regarding two small houses at the back of the Harbour Master's House. The Committee recommend that he be allowed to retain the one he erected at a rent of 1/- per year, and that he give up possession of the other, as it is required by the Harbour Master."

"We recommend that the Harbour Master be directed to obtain the necessary attendance in building and repairing the discharging boats, and that in future a contract be taken for a term of years, for keeping them in repair."

"We wish to call the attention of the County Council to the present state of the bar at Courtown Harbour, and urge on them to represent the great necessity of a proper dredger being sent as soon as possible, as owing to the."



accumulation of sand the boats are unable to go to sea for the Spring fishing."

"We recommend that the Harbour master obtain some poles for oars, and to get the oars made at a cost not exceeding £6."

"That the Harbour master be authorised to obtain 200 coal bags at a cost not exceeding £10."

The Committee recommend the County Council to adopt the by-laws as revised by the Committee also the scale of dues which has been in force for some years."

The Committee checked the Harbour master's accounts and found them correct."

"The Committee recommend that a wooden sheeting be built on the wall where the coal is discharged to save the bags being cut by the stones in the quay wall."

Bills for the amount of £14 : 6 : 6 were submitted by the Harbour master and found correct, and we recommend Paying Order for same be issued by the Finance Committee."

We recommend that Mr R. Garland, Courtown Harbour, be also appointed on the Committee."

"The Committee find that hawsers in use for mooring the discharging boats have become ineffective, and recommend the purchase of new hawsers, cost not to exceed £1 : 10/-."

"The Finance Committee recommended the adoption of the above minutes, and on the motion of Mr Ennis, seconded by Mr Kinsella the recommendation was confirmed."

"On the motion of Mr Bolger, seconded by Mr Peacocke the following was adopted:-"

"That the repairs to the apron at the back of the north pier referred to in the report of the Co. Surveyor be carried out immediately."



Fethard Pier

Under date 4<sup>th</sup> April (letter No. 1631) 7<sup>th</sup> April (letter No. 4541) and 27<sup>th</sup> April (letter No. 4541) the Board of Works, wrote asking if the County Council had decided to carry out the repairs to Fethard Pier.

The acting Secretary stated that he had written the Board of Works pointing out that the proposal committee had adopted a proposal for carrying out the repairs, and had called for tenders for the work.

Ordered: - Board of Works to be informed that a tender has been taken for the work.

Dredging Kilmore & Courtown Harbours.

In connection with the hire of the Board of Works No. 2. dredger by the Council for dredging Courtown and Kilmore Harbours, the following letter was read from the Board of Works under date 28<sup>th</sup> April, 1905 and No. 5328-

"With reference to your letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> instant relative to the proposed hiring of No. 2 dredger by the Wexford County Council, I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works to inform you that owing to the unfavourable weather the painting and general over-hauling of the vessel has been delayed, and it will not be ready to leave Kingstown before the 10<sup>th</sup> proximo, or as soon after as the weather will permit.

The Board have received a copy of the policy of insurance from Mr. George Bell, 27 Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin, but it will be necessary that the County Council should lodge the original policy of insurance in this office before the dredger leaves her moorings at Kingstown.

In connection with the question of the insurance of the dredger the following letter was read from Mr. George Bell, 27 Sir John Rogerson's Quay Dublin:-

Dredger No 2.

"I have yours of the 29 ulto, contents noted.



I have written London asking them to complete the stamped Policy as from the 10 inst., and no doubt but will have the policy in ample time for the Board to allow of her leaving on this date."

Mr J. J. Walsh Contractor for repair and dredging works at Kilmore wrote, under date 10<sup>th</sup> April:-

"I duly received yours of 4<sup>th</sup> inst., re dredging of Courtown and Kilmore. Please excuse me omitting to acknowledge same. I am quite satisfied with the terms as arranged for the hire of the B. of W. No 2 Dredger. As far as the Insurance is concerned, I am quite satisfied to leave the matter in yours and the Co. Council's hands."

Proposed by Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Ennis, and Resolved:- "That the Corporate Seal of the Wexford County Council be affixed to the agreement in duplicate, whereby the Council agree to pay for the hire of Dredger No 2 for two months from whatever day in May 1905 the said dredger leaves her moorings in Kingstown; the sum of £5 per week, together with a sum of £12 per week for costs of working, and undertake to insure the said dredger for the period above mentioned in the sum of £2,800 in the name of the Kingstown Commissioners."

"That the attention of the Board of Works be called to the fact that the Council require the dredger for July and August or longer if necessary."

#### Leases Courtown Harbour

Mr Elger Solicitor, read a letter from Messrs Sutton, Solicitors to Lord Courtown, that his Lordship and Lord Stopford had power only to give a lease of the Harbour-Master's House and plot at Courtown



for a period of 31 years.

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Donohoe, the following resolution was adopted:

"That the County Council take from Lord Courtown a lease for 31 years of the Harbour Master's house and plot at Courtown, and that the lease given to Lord Courtown from the County Council in respect of the small plot given in exchange be also for 31 years."

#### Courtown Boat-House.

On the motion of Mr. Walsh seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. Elger be directed to enter into negotiations with the Admiralty as to letting to them, the Courtown Boat-house."

#### Life-Boat. House

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Life Boat house at Courtown be let to the National Life Boat Institution, at a rent of one shilling per year."

#### By-Laws, Courtown Harbour.

On the motion of Mr. John Bolger, seconded by Mr. Ennis the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the by-laws for Courtown Harbour be approved, and that the common seal of the Council be affixed thereto."

#### Dues, Courtown Harbour.

Proposed by Mr. Bolger, seconded by Mr. Ennis and passed - "That the Schedule of dues for Courtown Harbour be approved and that the common seal of the Council be affixed thereto."

#### Main Roads Declaration

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

"That as the Main Roads' declaration will expire on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 1905, this Council should be afforded an opportunity of considering whether



it would lead to more efficient administration if each Rural district paid for the maintenance of its own roads and works. We request the Local Government Board to advise us as to the steps to be taken to allow the Council to refuse having a Main Roads' declaration, should the Council believe this to be desirable."

Erection of Telephone Pole.

Under date 17<sup>th</sup> April, the District Manager of the National Telephone Company, wrote applying for approval to the erection of telephone pole on the Rosburcon Road in the position marked on plan No. 705.

"On the motion of Mr Ennis, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the request of the District Manager of the Telephone Co, as set out in his letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> April was acceded to."

Typewriting Machine for Co. Surveyor's Office.

Under date 3<sup>rd</sup> April, the following letter was read from the County Surveyor:-

"So many specifications and reports have to be prepared in this office that it is desirable that I should have a typewriter of an approved pattern.

Would you kindly lay the matter before the Co. Council and oblige"

"The following recommendation in this matter was made by the Finance Committee - "That the request of the County Surveyor for typewriter be acceded to, price and make of machine to be fixed by the Council."

"On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Ennis, it was decided that the County Surveyor be allowed to purchase a Remington Machine, cost to be borne by the Council."

School of Irish Learning.

The following letter was read from Mr R. W. Elgee



under date, 24<sup>th</sup> February with reference to application for grant to school of Irish learning.

"With reference to your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> inst., with copy Resolution of the county council, referring to me the question as to whether the council were in a position to contribute to this school, I write to say that I have gone carefully through the Local Government act, and I cannot find anything in it, which would authorise the council to do so, and therefore, I cannot advise them to subscribe; and I would appear to be borne out in this view by the fact that there is not in the list of Donations and Subscriptions to the school; a subscription from any county council in Ireland."

"On the motion of Mr. Peacocke seconded by Mr. Ennis, it was decided, that the Managers of the School be informed of the opinion of Mr. Elgee in the matter."

Acknowledgment, Resolutions - Piers & Harbours,  
and Rule 127 (b) of the Code - National Education.

Under date 18<sup>th</sup> April, the following were read from Mr. J. J. Taylor - of the Irish Office London

"I am directed by Mr. Long to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> instant, enclosing copy of a Resolution passed at a special meeting of the Wexford County Council, on the same date, requesting him to make arrangements at an early date for a personal inspection of the Piers and Harbours on the Wexford coast."

"I am directed by Mr. Long to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> instant, enclosing copy of a Resolution in reference to Rule 127 (b) of the Code of the Commissioners of National Education, adopted at a meeting of the Wexford County Council, held on the same date."

Under date 21<sup>st</sup> April, the following was read



from Mr Peter Ffrench, M.P.

"I am in receipt of resolution with reference to Rivers and Harbours, also resolution with reference to Rule 127 (b) of the Commissioners of National Education. These matters have been occupying the attention of the Irish Party for some time, and I hope we may be successful in inducing the Government to take up the Marine Works Bill for the South East Coast as well as inducing the Chief Secretary to come and visit our Harbours."

You have seen that the Chief Secretary in reply to Mr James O'Connor, M.P. stated the Teachers would not suffer any injustice on account of the new Rule 127 (b)."

### Teaching of Irish

The following series of resolutions was received from the Gaelic League, Dublin for adoption:-

"That we the Wexford County Council call the earnest attention of the Country to the disastrous consequences to the interests of the Nation ensuing from the starvation policy pursued by the British Treasury towards Primary education, in Ireland which owing to the beggarly rates of salaries now offered to teachers degrades the profession, and threatens to staff the schools of the Country with an intellectually inferior class of men and women, and which in many other ways, regardless of efficiency; continually exerts an undue pressure on the educational authorities to diminish their expenditure."

"That we call on the Commissioners of National Education to remedy the grave injustice which is being inflicted upon the teachers in respect of payments for teaching Irish by the system lately adopted for calculating the number of days required to be made by each pupil in the year credit being given only for two attendances each



week, even where the pupil has actually been present at five lessons, and we request that either every actual attendance should be counted or else that the percentage of meetings required by Rule 123 (b) should be reduced from 75 per cent to 60 per cent.

We also demand that the teaching of Irish as an extra, should not depend on the efficiency of schools in any other subjects; and

That pupils in the Second and Third Standards should be eligible for fees for Irish as an extra.

That while the concession, belated though it was, of a Bilingual Programme for introduction into schools in districts where Irish only is spoken, or both Irish and English, has been received with satisfaction, we regret to find that neither the Board of National Education, nor its Inspectors have taken any steps to promote its adoption, either by encouraging or helping teachers to introduce it, or by appointing Itinerant Instructors to train the teachers in the best methods of conducting a school on bilingual lines.

That we demand that only Inspectors who are Irish speakers, and otherwise thoroughly competent to examine in Irish, be deputed to inspect schools in which the Bilingual system is in operation as it is evident that it would be most unfair, that the efficiency of such schools should be judged from the English side of the programme, or that full credit should not be given for the work done through the medium of Irish; and we further demand that where Irish is taught as an extra a similarly qualified Inspector be employed.

That we call upon the Training Colleges to make Irish a compulsory subject for their entrance examination, to make it a subject carrying merit at all Intermediate Examinations; and at the final examination for Teacher's Certificate.



That as only through the effective teaching of the language to the rising generation of the youth of Ireland, from their earliest years, will it be possible to make the Nation Irish-speaking again, and the present, a rational continuation of our past, we call upon all the schools, to teach the language daily to every school-going child in the country, and also to give adequate instruction in the history and traditions of Ireland, and thereby impart such an education on National lines as the Irish people through the Gaelic League desires and demands."

"On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by the Chairman the above resolutions were adopted."

On the motion of Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Donohoe the following recommendations from the Finance Committee were confirmed:-

Waste Paper.

"That tenders be invited (for the purchase of waste paper) by the County Council."

Income Tax- Gorey Courthouse

"That the Council be recommended not to pay claim for 7/8 by the Income Tax Commissioners in respect of the assessment of caretaker's residence Gorey Courthouse."

Transfer Subsidiary account.

"Recommended - That as the sum of £470 has been expended out of the Subsidiary account for the quarter ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1905, and as the Department of Agriculture will require to be paid on account - per certificate of the Co. Surveyor - for the contract for improvements at Poulduff Pier to which the County is contributing a sum of £1,000, that a sum of £1,000, be transferred to the Subsidiary account to meet the expenditure for the current quarter."



Road Contractors Bonds, etc.

On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Walsh, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to the bonds of all contractors for works, for half-year."

Labourers Cottages

The Board of Works forwarded particulars of agreement with the Enniscorthy Rural District Council to advance the sum of £23,600 under the Labourers Act. Interest at the Rate of £4 : 5/- per cent per annum, to be repaid by an annuity or rent charge composed of equal half-yearly instalments each to be calculated at the rate of £2 : 8 : 5, for every £100 of the loan advanced for the term of 50 years.

Form of Tender

Under date 1<sup>st</sup> May 1905 the following circular letter No. 68 M '05, Miscellaneous was read from the Local Government Board:-

"Adverting to their circular letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> May 1903 relative to the acceptance of tenders for public works, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to state that in Counties and Rural Districts, where the Council have required a deposit to be lodged with tenders for public works, there appears to be a want of uniformity in regard to the manner in which such deposits, when received, are accounted for, and they recommend that the following procedure should be adopted:- a formal receipt should be given by the Secretary or clerk for each sum deposited, and every deposit received should be recorded in a special book provided for the purpose, and the amount lodged without delay with the Treasurer, to the credit of the Council.

Persons entitled to a refund of deposits should be paid immediately after the adjourned meeting



of the Proposal Committee, or Rural District Council, at the office of the Secretary, or Clerk, who should be supplied with sufficient funds for the purpose.

The receipt originally given should in all cases be returned to the Secretary, or Clerk, when the money is refunded, and should be endorsed on the back with an acknowledgment of the payment.

The transaction should be concluded by a note of the refund being made opposite to the corresponding entry in the deposit book.

I am to add that having regard to the differing requirements of various localities, the Local Government Board have <sup>not</sup> considered it desirable to prescribe special forms of specification, tenders and contract for public works, but representation have been made to the Board that a general form of tender and Bond would facilitate the work of the County and Rural District Councils, they forward, to be laid before the Council, for adoption if found suitable, forms which they have had prepared in connection with the matter."

"On the motion of Mr. Donohoe, seconded by Mr. Ennis the following resolution was adopted:- "That no change be made in respect of the present system of dealing with deposits received from contractors for tenders at the Proposal Committee."

#### Application Grant for Footpaths

The following resolution adopted at a meeting of the Enniscorthy Urban Council, on the 12<sup>th</sup> inst, was laid before the meeting:-

Resolved:- "That a concrete footpath be put down from Enniscorthy Bridge by river wall by Christian Brothers' Schools to River Line at a cost of £2.10/- and that we respectfully request the County Council to contribute half the cost, this being a main road and the principal road by which children must pass along when going to the Christian schools."



"also a concrete footpath on Shannon Hill, from end of present flagged footpath to end of the Missioners' Wall, at a cost of £15: 4/- this being a main road, we respectfully request half cost."

"at the meeting of the Finance Committee the following resolution had been adopted on the motion of Mr Donohoe, seconded by Mr Peacock:-

"That the application of the Enniscorthy Urban Council, in re new footpaths on main roads be recommended to the Council for adoption."

"On the motion of Mr Peacock, seconded by Mr Kehoe, it was agreed that the application be acceded to."

— Public Bodies' Order-Requirement Book. —

On the motion of Mr Peacock, seconded by Mr Ennis, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we request the Local Government Board to vary the provisions of the Public Bodies Order 1904 (Art. 22) so as to allow of the Finance Committee to give authority from time to time by any member of the County Council staff for the ordering of any goods to be supplied or work to be done, the subsequent sanction of the Council to be obtained."

— Finance Committee Minutes —

The following minutes of the Finance Committee were confirmed:-

Meeting - 18<sup>th</sup> February - Payment of £47: 3: 11.

Meeting - March 4<sup>th</sup> - Payment of £76: 13: 11: - Meeting March 18<sup>th</sup>

"Recommendation that Capt Pigott, be granted leave of absence for a month; and that Mr Frizelle/assist Secretary, be appointed acting Secretary at a salary of £2 per week, during the illness of Capt Pigott."

"That the attention of collectors Blake, and Lennon and their Surtees be directed to the large amount of rates outstanding in their districts; that only a fortnight now remains to the close of the half."



year; and that the collectors in question be warned that no poundage fees can be paid them unless they lodge the full amount of their warrants by the 31<sup>st</sup> inst.

That the Acting Secretary communicate with collectors Smith, Earle, J. Barville, and J. Barron and point out to them, that they have a very large amount of Rates outstanding as compared with the same period last year."

"That the attention of collector Doyle, be again called to the extremely unsatisfactory manner in which he is discharging his duties; the Finance Committee are surprised to find that within a fortnight of the close of the half year, he has not yet collected half the amount of his warrant.

"That this resolution be brought to the special notice of the next meeting of the County Council; and that Mr. Doyle's sureties be informed of the Finance Committee's disapproval of the manner in which he is performing his duty."

Payment of £59 : 7 : 0

Meeting - April 1<sup>st</sup> - payment of £70 : 18 : 3.

"That Paying Order for £18 : 7 : 1 to Harbour Master, Courtown Harbour, be not issued until vouchers for this amount have been submitted to the Acting Secretary. That the Harbour Master be informed that he should submit his accounts to the monthly Meetings of the Courtown Harbour Committee, and have a statement inserted on the Minutes of this Committee, as to the amount of expenditure which has been approved by them."

"The state of the Rate collection was laid before the meeting and the following resolution adopted:-

That as the County Council meets within two days from the present Meeting of the Finance Committee the question of the state of the Rate collection be referred to the Council."

Meeting - 15<sup>th</sup> April - Payment of £228 : 7 : 9.

The following minute of Courtown Harbour Committee



was approved: - "We recommend that the Harbour Master obtain some poles for oars, and get the oars made at a cost not exceeding £6.

"We recommend that the Harbour Master be authorised to obtain 200 coal bags at a cost not exceeding £10.

Meeting - 29<sup>th</sup> April 1905 - Payment of £272: 7: 5.

"Resolution of confirmation was moved on the motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Donohoe."

— Proposal Committee Minutes —

On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Donohoe, the following resolution was adopted: -  
"That the Minutes of the Proposal Committee for Quarterly Meeting - 14<sup>th</sup> April, half-yearly Meeting - 14<sup>th</sup> April, and adjourned half-yearly Meeting - 5<sup>th</sup> May, were approved."

Edmund Gore,



Annual Meeting - 10<sup>th</sup> June 1905.

The Annual Meeting of the County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 10<sup>th</sup> June 1905.

Present :- Messrs J. E. Maylor, Marks Codd, Michael Browne, J. Bolger, J. Asple, J. Donohoe, P. Cleary, John Sinnott, D. Dempsey, A. Kinsella, J. Cummins, M. Hickey, N. C. Murphy, J. J. Kehoe, James Sinnott, J. A. Doyle, D. Kavanagh, C. H. Peacocke, and E. How.

Messrs R. W. Elgee, Solicitor, Henry Webster, County Surveyor, and N. J. Frizelle, acting Secretary, were in attendance.

Representatives of District Councils

The Clerks of the District Councils, wrote that the following Gentlemen had been appointed as the representatives of these Councils on the County Council - Enniscorthy - Mr. Thaddeus Bolger. Gorey - Mr. John Sinnott, Wexford - Mr. N. C. Murphy and New Ross - Mr. Michael Hickey.

All the Members present made their declaration of office, after which the minutes of the quarterly and half-yearly meetings of the 5<sup>th</sup> May were read and signed.

Illness of the Secretary

The following letter under date the 31<sup>st</sup> May 1905, was read from Capt Pigott, County Secretary.

"Mr. Douce informs me that he is sending a certificate to the Council, saying that I am unfit for work for another three weeks from the 1<sup>st</sup> June. I am therefore obliged to ask you for that amount of leave; and sincerely trust that it may be the last. Thanking you all very much indeed, for your kindness to me."



Mr Douse wrote: "Capt Pigott has decidedly improved in health, but is not yet able to attend to his duties. I would strongly recommend that he be granted 3 weeks further leave from the 1<sup>st</sup> June, as I quite expect that he will be sufficiently recovered by the end of that month to resume his work."

On the motion of Mr John Bolger, seconded by Mr Peacocke, the following resolution was adopted:- "That Capt. Pigott, be granted three weeks leave of absence from the 1<sup>st</sup> June, and that the duties of County Secretary be discharged by Mr Frizelle, at a remuneration of £2 per week, for that period."

Co-option of councillors.

On the motion of Mr Donohoe, seconded by Mr Aspley, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we hereby agree to co-opt under section 3, (2) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, two persons who shall be additional county councillors, during the term of office of this Council."

Mr Donohoe proposed, Mr J. Bolger, seconded "That Mr Ennis be co-opted as county councillor."

Mr Dempsey proposed:- Mr James Codd, Mayglass Mr Peacocke seconded.

Mr J. Bolger proposed:- Lord Stopford - Mr James Sinnott, seconded.

On a poll being taken the following was the result:-

For Mr Codd - Messrs Mayler, Murphy, Mr Codd, Browne, Peacocke, Kehoe, Aspley, <sup>clearly</sup> Dempsey, Kavanagh, Cummins, Hickey, and Hore - 13.

For Mr Ennis - Messrs Mayler, Browne, Bolger, Peacocke, Kehoe, Aspley, Donohoe, Cleary, John Sinnott, James Sinnott, Dempsey, Doyle, Kavanagh, Kinsella, Cummins, Hickey and Hore - 17.

For Lord Stopford - Messrs Murphy, Codd, Bolger, Donohoe



John Sinnott, James Sinnott, J. A. Doyle, and Kinsella-8.  
The chairman declared Messrs Ennis, and Codd co-opted."

### Election of Chairman

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Dempsey- Sir Thomas H. Grattan Esmonde Bart M.P. was elected chairman for the year.

### Election of Vice-Chairman

Mr Hore proposed- Mr E. H. Peacocke, as vice chairman for the year.

Mr Peacocke, proposed that Mr E. Hore, continue to act as vice chairman, as he knew it was the wish of the members of the Council.

Mr Donohoe seconded the resolution.

Mr Kehoe seconded the appointment of Mr Peacocke as he knew that Mr Hore had <sup>his mind</sup> made up not to continue in the office of vice-chairman.

Mr Cummins asked Mr Hore to re-consider his resignation of the position, at to accept the office.

Mr Hore declined to accept the position.

Mr J. Bolger proposed, Mr Ennis, as vice chairman for the year." Mr Asple seconded.

Mr Dempsey proposed, Mr Browne, but the latter declined.

On a poll being taken the following was the result:-

For Mr Ennis:- Messrs Maylor, Codd, Browne, Bolger, Asple, Donohoe, Cleary, John Sinnott, Dempsey, Kinsella, Cummins, and Hickey- 12.

For Mr Peacocke:- Messrs Murphy, Kehoe, John Sinnott, Doyle, Kavanagh, and Hore. 6.-(Mr Peacocke did not vote)  
The chairman declared Mr Ennis, appointed vice-chairman.

### Asylum Committee

The following fifteen were appointed from the County Council, as members of the asylum committee, on the motion of Mr Dempsey, seconded



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by Mr Kehoe:-

Messrs John Bolger, James Codd, D. Dempsey, M. A. Ennis, J. Bolger, M. Hickey, D. Kavanagh, A. Kinsella, J. J. Kehoe, C. H. Peacocke, James Sinnott, M. Doyle, N. C. Murphy, Marks Codd, John Sinnott, Mr Dempsey proposed - that Mr M. J. Furlong, Templecoby, and Mr Nicholas Scallan, Park Wexford, be appointed members of the Asylum Committee. Mr Kehoe, seconded.

Mr Donohoe proposed - that Mr J. Bullin, Enniscorthy, Mr Henry Roche, Enniscorthy and Canon Shill, P. P. Bree, be appointed. Mr Asple seconded.

Mr J. Bolger - proposed Mr Greene, Ferns - Mr Kavanagh seconded.

Mr Kavanagh proposed - Mr George Walsh, Wells, as a member of the Committee - Mr J. A. Doyle seconded.

Mr James Sinnott proposed - Mr Myles Sinnott, Blohamon, Mr John Sinnott seconded.

Mr Cummins proposed - Mr P. Bolger, J. P. New Ross, the nominations of the following were withdrawn - Messrs Walsh, Mr Greene, M. Connors, and P. Bolger, and the following were declared elected.

Very Rev. Canon Shill, Bree, H. J. Roche, and John Bullin, Enniscorthy, M. J. Furlong, Templecoby, and N. Scallan, Park, Wexford.

### County Infirmary Committee

On the motion of Mr Dempsey seconded by Mr Donohoe, the following were elected Members of the County Infirmary Committee:-

Messrs M. A. Ennis, Edmond Hore, John Cummins, Daniel Dempsey, James Codd, John F. Walsh, Lady Maurice Fitzgerald, Dr G. E. F. Greene, P. Bolger, N. Scallan, H. J. Roche, M. J. Redmond, Dr Lawler, Rev P. Doyle, Archdeacon Latham, Mr Jeffries, John J. Kehoe, and J. P. Rossiter.



Finance Committee

On the motion of Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. Aspley the following members were appointed as a Finance Committee:-

Sir J. H. G. Esmonde, Messrs Browne, Hore, Peacocke, Ennis, Donohoe, J. J. Kehoe, M. Doyle, J. Aspley, N. C. Murphy, J. Bolger, J. Codd, A. Kinsella.

Proposal Committee

Mr. Donohoe, proposed, Mr. Dempsey seconded - "that the Proposal Committee, be a committee of the whole house." Passed.

Diseases of Animals Acts Committee

On the motion of Mr. John Sinnott, seconded by Mr. James Sinnott, the members of the Finance Committee, were appointed as a Committee, for the transaction of the business under the Contagious Diseases Animals Acts 1894.

County Committee of Agriculture, Etc.

Mr. Peacocke, proposed, and Mr. Kehoe, seconded that the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, be limited to 20 members; and that the following be appointed:-

Wexford. Messrs C. H. Peacocke, James Codd, J. J. Kehoe, M. A. Ennis, and Mr. Gibbon.

Enniscorthy. Messrs D. Dempsey, C. W. Lett, Rev. J. Dunne, Laurence Walsh, and James Sinnott.

New Ross. Messrs W. Thorpe, James Ahearne, J. A. Doyle, M. Hickey, and John Bloney.

Gorey. Messrs P. J. Breane, R. G. Wordsworth, A. Kinsella, John Sinnott, and Lord Stopford.

Mr. Kehoe proposed, Mr. Cummins seconded - Passed. "That four additional members be appointed - one for each Rural District." The following were appointed  
Wexford. Mr. Browne. Enniscorthy. John Bolger,  
New Ross. J. Cummins. Gorey. Mr. Lyons.



Co. Councillor as Surety for Road Contractors—

Under date 2<sup>nd</sup> June the following letter was read from Mr. Matthew Doyle, recently elected County Councillor for Wexford Urban County District:-

"I require to withdraw as a Security in the following cases, and the following Gentlemen have agreed to act in my place,

viz:- Mr. James Kelly, Bull Ring Wexford, will act for Mr. George Browne's contract.

Mr. George Daly, Bull Ring, Wexford, will act for Mr. Edward Brown's contract.

Mr. David Rickard, Ballydonfin, Glenbrin will act for Mr. Joseph Cullen's contract."

"On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:

"That Mr. Matthew Doyle, be at liberty to withdraw from his Road Contractors' Suretyship in the three cases named in his letter, and that the persons named therein be accepted by the Council, and that new bonds be executed in these cases."

Dredging- Courtown & Kilmore Harbours.—

Under date 1<sup>st</sup> June the Board of Works (letter No. 7060-05) wrote as follows, in reference to the hire of their No. 2 dredger.

"I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works to refer to your letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> ultimo relative to the extended hire of their dredger No. 2, and I am to state that subject to the renewal of the policy to the 30<sup>th</sup> September the Board agree to extend the hiring on the existing terms.

It will be observed that the policy of insurance as it now stands is renewable only to the 1<sup>st</sup> September, and evidence should be furnished to this office that this matter has been satisfactorily decided with the Insurance Company. The Board note the contents of your telegram of this



day's date, and directions will be given for the dredger to proceed to Kilmore."

Mr Cummins proposed - "That the Board of Works Dredger be insured up to the 30<sup>th</sup> September  
Mr Peacocke seconded. Passed.

— Courtown Harbour Minutes. —

The following minutes of meetings of Courtown Harbour Committee, were read for the meeting:  
Meeting - 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1905.

"That we regret the action of the County Surveyor, in advising the removal of No. 2. dredger from Courtown Harbour on 5<sup>th</sup> inst., we are aware that she has already accomplished a good deal of work, but considering that a sand bar, which considerably impeades the navigation of the harbour still remains unremoved, we are of opinion it would be advisable to retain her services for a further period."

Meeting - 6<sup>th</sup> June 1905.

The Committee checked the harbour master's accounts and found them correct. Bills for the amount of £15 : 13 : 5, were submitted by the Harbour Master, were examined and found correct, and we recommend that a paying order for the amount be issued by the Finance Committee."

"A discussion took place concerning the work of the Dredger and removal of same. Mr Webster being present."

"That all correspondance and telegrams which passed between the Harbour Master, and the Council Secretary, or County Surveyor, concerning the dredger and its operations, and also its removal be produced before next Committee."

"That all correspondance and telegrams, which passed between Rev Father O'Rourke, and the County Secretary, or County Surveyor, also all correspondance which passed between the Fishermen, and the



Council Secretary, or County Surveyor, be produced before this committee."

"On the motion of Mr Kehoe seconded by Mr J. A. Doyle, the following was adopted:-

"That we consider the explanation of Mr Webster, Co. Surveyor, re Courtown Harbour satisfactory, and that if funds permit, the dredging at the end of the channel be completed."

"Mr Kehoe proposed, Mr Dempsey seconded that in view of all the circumstances, the correspondence asked for in the minutes of the Courtown Harbour committee, be not produced.  
Passed.

### Sheep Scab.

The following letter under date 26<sup>th</sup> May, was read from Mr George Newson, with reference to Orders 55 & 56 of the Department of Agriculture &c., dealing with outbreaks of sheep scab.

"You are no doubt aware that recently the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction has passed a new order dealing with sheep scab which confers new powers on the Local Authorities.

It will be seen that all sheep, adjoining those where scab has been found have to be inspected - notices served on the owners - the origin of all outbreaks traced as far as possible - and that affected sheep, and those that have been in contact with them, have been dipped - probably two or three times - in the presence of an Inspector.

I will be glad to know if the Council wish me to carry out all the provisions of this order - and if so what arrangements they propose to make to pay me for the extra duties, I shall have to perform in doing so."

"Referred to Finance Committee."

### Courtown Harbour - Provisional Order.

Under date 1<sup>st</sup> June 1905, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No 91 M/1905) relative to Provisional



Order for Courtown Harbour; as follows:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to call the attention of the Wexford County Council, to clause 3 of the Courtown Harbour Order 1904, as confirmed by the Local Government Board (Ireland) Provisional Order confirmation (No 5) Act, 1904, and I am to request that the Council will be good enough to remit a Paying Order, for twelve pounds one shilling, the costs incurred by the Board in relation to the matter.

The Board have now to recoup the public funds the sums advanced for the purpose.

Proposed by Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Kavanagh  
 "That as advised by our Solicitor the amount of £12: 1/- be paid the Local Government Board at the August meeting." Passed.

#### Main Road Scheme.

Under date 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1905 the Local Government Board wrote (Letter No. 29334) relative to main Roads declaration

"With reference to the entry contained in the Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 5<sup>th</sup> instant, relative to the main Roads Declaration of the Wexford County Council, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to state that, if the County Council wish to reconsider the present main Road Declaration, they should, after the 30<sup>th</sup> proximo, follow the procedure laid down in section 8 (3) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

A copy of the Board's order of the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1899, on the subject, is enclosed herewith, for the Council's information."

The Chairman proposed, Mr Kehoe seconded, and it was passed:- "We respectfully request the Local Government Board, to inform us, whether, at a meeting to be held after the 30<sup>th</sup> June 1905, when the Council will have power



to re-consider the present main Roads Declaration it will be within the power of the Council to declare that the main road scheme shall include only those roads which were County at large charges, prior to the passing of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898; or if the Council are empowered to declare all existing roads should be made district charges."

— Extensions of Telegraphs. —

Under date 12<sup>th</sup> May 1905, Mr. H. Pomeroy, Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, wrote that as regards the consent for way leave already received from the Wexford Co. Council for extension of public telegraphs to Ballymurran, it had been found that the route then proposed was open to Engineering objections, the consent of the Council was asked for the placing of a line along alternative route shown on tracing."

"Under date 6<sup>th</sup> June, a similar application was received from Mr. Pomeroy, in reference to telegraph line connecting, Killanne, and Gaim Post Offices."

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kehoe: "That way leave required by the post office authorities for erection of telegraph poles be granted." Passed.

— Gorey Guardians —

The Board of Works, forwarded notice of their intention to advance to the Guardians of the Gorey Union £655, for the purpose of erecting bath rooms, water closets, and operating room at the Infirmary, and a range in the Kitchen of the Workhouse." Marked. "Read."

— Public Bodies Order. —

Under date 18<sup>th</sup> May 1905, the following letter (No 29,334-1905) Wexford County. was read from the



Local Government Board:-

"With reference to the entry on the minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 5<sup>th</sup> instant, relative to a proposed variation of the provisions of Article 22 of the Public Bodies Order, 1904, so as to allow the Finance Committee to give authority from time to time for the ordering of any goods to be supplied or work to be done, the subsequent sanction of the Council to be obtained, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to state that they will raise no objection to this proposal which appears to be covered by article 36 (4) of the schedule to the Application of Enactments Order 1898."

Deputy Checkers of Rate Collectors' accounts

On the motion of Mr. Dempsey.  
Seconded by Mr. Kavanagh; the following resolution was adopted:- "That in compliance with article 97 of the Public Bodies Order 1904, we hereby appoint as deputy checkers of the accounts of the Rate Collectors, in respect of the rate 1905-6, the following:- Enniscorthy district- Mr. Owen Connolly, Gorey District- Mr. R. Brighton, New Ross District- Mr. M. J. Finn, Wexford District- Mr. N. Kehoe;"

Ford of Ling

Under date May 15<sup>th</sup> the following was read from Rev J. Byrne, C. C. Tacumshane, Hon Sec, of the Forth Agricultural and Industrial Association:-

"At the last meeting of the above Association the following resolution was unanimously adopted - That we learn with surprise of the withdrawal of the legal action of the County Surveyor against the owners of the lands in the vicinity of the Ford of Ling. That it seems to us an extraordinary state of affairs if no redress can be obtained for the ratepayers in a grievance so serious and so long standing. Even still the public road



at this point is impassable. Hence we again earnestly appeal to the County Council to adopt the necessary measures to protect the interests of the people of the district."

"The Chairman proposed:— That in view of the impossibility of having a summons at petty sessions owing to the owner being resident outside of the jurisdiction, and that a Chancery suit according to the statement of our Solicitor, would be most expensive and success problematical, we consider that Mr. Elge should take steps to endeavour to make an amicable arrangement with the owners, to have the work done."

Mr. Kehoe seconded. Passed.

#### Agriculture & Technical Instruction Act.

On the motion of Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. Dempsey, the following resolution was adopted:—  
"That we hereby delegate all our powers under the Agriculture and Technical Instruction Acts 1889, and 1899 to the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction."

#### Rate Collection

The acting Secretary said that he had received Form 62, from New Ross Official Checker, from which it appeared that collector Barden had not yet taken his books from the deputy checker, Mr. M. J. Finn, although the collector had been advised on the 10<sup>th</sup> May that his collecting books had been sent to Mr. Finn.

On receipt of Form 62, collector Barden's attention was called to the matter, and the following letter was received from Mr. A. F. Barden, father of the collector; under date 8<sup>th</sup> June:—

"John Barden got your letter Tuesday, he will take up the books Tuesday next, if he does not resign before that date, his half-year's collection is £1,100,- Poundage would be £27. 10/-, he would have to pay £9 for



security now, then bad debts and cos., and about £6. a year for Bikes; so it is hardly worth his while to hold on; but he will do one thing or the other against the date I mention. £9 security for to collect less than £1,100. is too bad."

The Local Government Board wrote, under date 9<sup>th</sup> June 1905, (Letter No. 35,563/1905. Wexford County) as follows:-

"With reference to the Return showing the condition, to the 30<sup>th</sup> ultimo of the collection of the poor rate in the County of Wexford for the current half-year, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that the checkers of the collectors' Books should be informed that it is their duty to forward their returns regularly each fortnight, and the collectors should be warned that they should attend regularly each fortnight for the purpose of having their books checked, whether they have made any collection or not."

Proposed by Mr Dempsey :- "That collector Barden be requested to take up his collecting books and warrants by the 15<sup>th</sup> inst., otherwise that he be called on to resign forthwith."  
Mr Kavanagh seconded. Passed.

Proposed by Mr Kehoe, seconded by the Chairman "That a copy of the letter of the Local Government Board, 35563, be sent to the Deputy checkers of the Rate collectors Accounts, and the Rate collectors"  
Passed.

### Life Boat House

Mr Elger said he had communicated with the Life Boat Institution, who had agreed to take a lease for 35 years of the Life Boat House, at Courtown.

Mr Kinseella proposed :- "That the lease be sealed"  
Mr Kehoe seconded. Passed.



Irish Co. Councils, General Council

On the motion of Mr. John Sinnott, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following were appointed on the Irish Co. Councils General Council.

"Sir J. H. G. Esmonde, Messrs James Donohoe, and M. A. Ennis."

Irish Agents in English Markets

Rev. J. Byrne, C. C. Tacumshane, Hon Sec of the Forth Agricultural and Industrial Association forwarded for the consideration of the Co. Council the following resolution which was adopted at a recent meeting of the Association:-

"That we respectfully urge on the Department of Agriculture the necessity of their at once appointing agents in the principal English markets for the protection of produce imported from Ireland, as it is beyond doubt that Irish importers suffer considerably at present for want of such agents."

We trust the Department will give their earliest and most careful attention to this important matter.

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded for adoption to the County Wexford Technical Instruction Committee, and all public Boards in the County."

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kehoe. "That the resolution be adopted, and that a copy be brought before the first meeting of the Co. Committee of Agriculture, &c." Passed.

Notice of Motion

Mr. Cummins gave notice that he would move at the next meeting of the Council, that the Co. Council Meetings be held at a fixed hour."

Whit Monday

On the motion of Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. Cummins, it was decided that the Co. Council



offices, be closed for whit Monday."

— Analyst's Report —

The Analyst's report for the Quarter ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 1905, was read.

— Next Meeting —

It was decided that a meeting of the Council be held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June to consider list of cases in which applications were made for revisions of valuations of property.

W. Morris

14. 7. 05



Special Meeting- 24<sup>th</sup> June 1905

A special meeting of the County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 24<sup>th</sup> June 1905.

Present :- Sir Thomas H. Grattan- Esmonde Bart M.P. Chairman, (presiding)

also present :- Messrs M. A. Ennis, C. H. Peacocke, Edmond Hore, Thomas Asple, Matthew Doyle, Marks Codd, M. Browne, A. G. Murphy, and James Codd.

Mr. Elger Solicitor, and Mr. N. J. Frizelli, Assistant Secretary, were in attendance.

Illness of Secretary

Capt Pigott Secretary wrote, that he expected to be at the meeting that day, but was prevented owing to sudden illness. He forwarded certificate from Dr. Douse, - that Capt Pigott was suffering from an attack of gastric irritability.

Revision of Valuation

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Ennis the following resolution in reference to lists of cases received for revision of valuation of property in the county was adopted :-

"That the cases for revision of valuation as submitted by the Assistant Secretary, be allowed and forwarded to the valuation office."

New Ross Urban Demand.

The Chairman moved :- "That we request the New Ross Urban District Council to lodge as soon as convenient, the first quarterly instalment of the demand, which, according to the Public Bodies Order, should have been lodged before the



first of june."

Passed.

State of Rate Collection

The Chairman proposed: "That the state of the Rate Collection, be laid before the next meeting of the Finance Committee for their consideration, and they are hereby authorized to take whatever steps they may deem necessary, to secure the collection being properly made." Passed.

Resignation of Rate collector Barden.

The following Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee of the 19<sup>th</sup> june, were laid before the meeting:-

"The following letter under date 12<sup>th</sup> june, was read from Mr John Barden, Rate collector:-

"I beg to resign my position as Rate collector for No. 21. district. Thanking the County Council for their past kindness to me."

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Bodd the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we hereby on behalf of the County Council accept the resignation of Mr John Barden as Rate collector. That we approve of the draft advertisement submitted to us, by the acting Secretary, and invite applications for the position. That we send forward this advertisement to the County Council for sanction, at the meeting to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> june."

The following is a copy of the advertisement.

Wexford County Council

Appointment of Poor Rate collector for No. 21. collection District.

Notice is hereby given that the Wexford Co. Council will at their meeting to be held on receive and consider applications for the position of Poor Rate collector for No. 21 collection District, vacant by the resignation of Mr John Barden.

The district comprises the Electoral Divisions of Ballyhack, Fethard, Killesk, Rathroe, and Templeton.



The person appointed must offer the security (in the sum of £900) of a Guarantee Society, which must be approved by the Local Government Board; and we receive as remuneration poundage at the rate of 6<sup>d</sup> in the £, and statutory fees under the Parliamentary voters and jurors acts.

By the Standing Orders of the County Council of Wexford, candidates for the office are obliged to forward their testimonials to the Secretary of the County Council, at least six days before the date of Election, to allow of their inspection by members of the Council.

Applications will be received at the Offices of the Co. Council, up to 10 a.m. on the day of the above-mentioned meeting.

The Council do not bind themselves to appoint any candidate.

The successful candidate will be appointed subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board."

M<sup>r</sup> Peacocke proposed, M<sup>r</sup> Ennis seconded and it was passed: - "That we approve of the draft advertisement for Rate collector, for No 21. Collection District, appearing in the minutes of the Finance Committee of the 19<sup>th</sup> June, and order our Secretary to have same published."

### Sureties of Collectors.

The following letter from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co. Solicitors, under date 26<sup>th</sup> January 1905 and which had been postponed for the election of the new Council, was laid before the meeting:

"We are acting for the following five Rate collectors, - John Barden, Corsu, Fethard; Francis Blake, Coddstown; Andrew Lennon, Edenvale, John Mullett, Bree; and John Sinnott, Ballyland Davidstown; all of these are bound in a bond of £900, except Mullett, whose bond is £600.

Hitherto they have been paying at the rate of



6s in the £100; to Guarantee Societies, for this Bond; that is £2 : 14s for the £900 and £1 : 16s for the £600. Now the Guarantee Societies, have increased their rates of charges from 6s in the £100 to 15s in the £100; so that the £900 would be chargeable with £6 : 15s and the £600 with £4 : 10s. Our clients feel that this is a very heavy burden upon them, and would be glad if the Council could see its way not to press for its continuance.

Each of the Gentlemen above mentioned is satisfied to give excellent private security in lieu of the bond; and they would be glad if the Council would accept this.

If on the other hand the Council still insist on the bond being taken out, they would ask that the Council, defray the expenses of the bond, or increase their poundage by 2<sup>d</sup> in the £, so as to defray the extra expense. Will you kindly lay this before your Council at the next Meeting, and if necessary we shall attend when the matter is being considered."

Mr Peacocke proposed :- "That subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board, the Rate collectors who have given the security of a Guarantee Society be paid the difference between the rate at which they agreed in the first instance with the Guarantee Societies, 6s per cent in the £100, and 15s per cent the premium charged now."

Mr Doyle seconded.

A show of hands was taken - Two voted in favor of the resolution and eight against.

The resolution was declared lost.

### Main Roads.

Under date 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1905 (No 37,415/1905 Wexford Co) the Local Government Board wrote:-

"With reference to the entry contained in the minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 10<sup>th</sup> instant, relative to the main roads



in the county, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to state that the county council, upon the report of the county surveyor, may, after the 30<sup>th</sup> instant, reconsider the present declaration, and make a new declaration declaring that the roads which were mail car roads, before the passing of the Local Government (Ireland) act, 1898 shall be main roads, or they may make a declaration to the effect that no roads in the county shall be main roads.

I am, however, to point out that the procedure prescribed by the Board's Order of the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1899, must be strictly followed, and that the county council can only re-consider and make a new declaration upon the report of the co. surveyor at a half yearly meeting of the council.

Such declaration can be only a provisional declaration, and cannot be finally adopted until the next half-yearly meeting of the council, after the procedure prescribed in the Order, has been carried out."

#### Steam rolling

Mr. Peacocke proposed, Mr. Hore seconded: - That for the purpose of obtaining information on the question of steam-rolling, a committee of the co. council be appointed to visit Tipperary, and Dublin counties, and any other county they consider necessary, and that they lay a report before the county council.

On a poll being taken the following voted for the resolution: - Messrs Browne, Ennis, Hore, Peacocke, Mark Todd, J. Asple, M. Doyle, and the chairman.

against: - Messrs Murphy, and James Todd.

The chairman declared the resolution carried; and the following committee were appointed: - Messrs.



Ennis, Browne, Peacocke, Asple, with the Co. Surveyor and the Assistant Secretary."

Death of Rate Collector's Surety

Under date 21<sup>st</sup> June, Mr. P. Redmond, Rate Collector, wrote: - "Mr James Brien of Innaberna, who has acted as surety for me is dead. I submit in his place Mr Patrick Browley, of Ballymurtha Enniscorthy, for the approval of the Council."

The Chairman proposed: - "That this matter be referred to Mr Elgee, for his opinion at the next meeting of the County Council" Mr Ennis seconded.  
Passed.

Sheep Scab.

The following circular letter under date 21<sup>st</sup> June 1905, (No 3393/05 V. B) was read from the Department of Agriculture, &c.,

"The Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, desire to invite attention to their circular, No. 1670/05, of the 31<sup>st</sup> March last, and its enclosures on the subject of Sheep Scab. In that circular the importance of the adoption by Local Authorities of energetic measures for the eradication of Sheep Scab in Ireland, was strongly urged, and the Department will be glad to be informed of any action since taken by your Local Authority as regards:-

- (1) the strict enforcement of the Sheep Scab (Ireland) Order of 1905.
- (2) the making of regulations governing the movement of sheep.
- (3) the provision of portable tanks to facilitate dipping of sheep.

Very wide powers with respect to the matters referred to at paragraphs (2) and (3) have been conferred upon Local Authorities in Ireland by the Sheep Scab (Local Regulations) (Ireland) Order of 1905; and as was pointed out in the circular above referred to, it is for the Local Authority



to determine to what extent these powers can be advantageously exercised in their district with a view to the attainment of the important objects aimed at, viz: the extirpation of the disease from the flocks of this country, and the preservation of an unrestricted export trade in sheep.

The Department will feel obliged by being favoured with the reply of the Local Authority at an early date. They presume that the Local Authority of each administrative county has, as required by the provisions of the Fourth Schedule of the Diseases of Animals acts 1894, a duly constituted committee, which meets regularly for the transaction of business arising under the Diseases of Animals acts 1894 to 1903."

The chairman proposed: "That this matter be referred to the next meeting of the Diseases of animals acts committee" Passed.

#### Co. Committee of Agriculture

M<sup>r</sup> James Sinnott, J. P. Bolinrush Ballyroebuck, Farns, wrote declining to act on the county committee of agriculture, &c.,

Proposed by the chairman: "That M<sup>r</sup> James Sinnott be asked to suggest a name to represent the Newtownbarry Division on the county committee of agriculture, in his stead." Passed.

#### Election Expenses

Under date 20<sup>th</sup> June 1905, M<sup>r</sup> N. J. Frizelli, Returning Officer, for county council, and District council Elections, wrote:-

"I enclose election account as provided by section 6 (4) of the application of Enactments Order 1898.

I hereby give you notice that the vouchers in connection with this account can be seen at



the Courthouse, Wexford, during ordinary office hours, and any person acting by directions of your Council can inspect, and take copies of these vouchers.

Should your Council object to any of the items the should, under section 6 of the above mentioned Order, sub-section 6 apply to the County Court for a taxation of the account."

M<sup>r</sup>. Hore proposed; and M<sup>r</sup>. Browne seconded :-  
"That Messrs Peacocke, and Ennis, be appointed a Committee to examine the accounts of Election expenses, and report to the next meeting of the County Council".  
Passed.

Motor Car Act 1903.

Proposed by M<sup>r</sup>. Hore, seconded by M<sup>r</sup>. Ennis and passed :- "That the County Council adopt as a general identification mark, under the motor car act 1903, the indecor letters of the County M.I. with the letters of the alphabet issued consecutively to each dealer as he applies for general identification mark. That the fee to be charged each person applying for general identification mark be the sum of £3. per annum. Plates white lettering red."

Prosecuting a Contractor

The Chairman proposed :- "That M<sup>r</sup>. Webster, Co. Surveyor, be given permission to prosecute Thomas J. Ryan, Coolnaboy, Cylegate, and his sureties for neglecting to carry out his contract, for the maintenance of the Deep Bridge; should M<sup>r</sup>. Webster find it necessary so to do."

Passed.

M<sup>r</sup>. Ennis

14. 7. 05



Meeting- 14<sup>th</sup> July 1905.

A meeting of the County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford; on 14<sup>th</sup> July 1905.

Present:- Mr. M. A. Ennis, Vice Chairman (presiding)  
Other members:- Messrs M. Browne, J. Asple, J. Donohoe, Mark Codd, John Sinnott, James Sinnott, Thaddus Bolger, J. J. Kehoe, N. C. Murphy, E. Hore, C. H. Peacocke, D. Dempsey, J. C. Mayler, M. Doyle, A. Kinsella, and J. Cummins.

The Secretary to the Council, Mr. R. W. Elger, Solicitor; and Mr. A. Webster, County Surveyor, were in attendance.

The minutes of annual meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> June and of special meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> June; were read and confirmed.

Appointment of Rate collector.

With reference to the appointment of Rate collector for Collection District No. 21. the Secretary explained that no application had been received in answer to the advertisement published.

"Mr. Hore proposed that the appointment be re-advertised at 6<sup>d</sup> in the £. Mr. Browne seconded.

"Mr. Donohoe proposed, that the appointment be advertised at 7<sup>d</sup> in the £. Mr. Doyle seconded.

"Mr. Cummins proposed, that 9<sup>d</sup> in the £ be given for this District. There was no seconder to this proposition."

On a poll being taken there voted for Mr. Hore's proposition:- Messrs Browne, Murphy, Hore, Peacocke, Asple, James Sinnott, John Sinnott, Mayler, Kehoe, and Ennis. 10.

For Mr. Donohoe's proposition:- Messrs Donohoe, Codd, Dempsey, Bolger, Cummins, Doyle, and Kinsella. 7.



The Chairman declared the resolution, that the appointment be re-advertised at 6<sup>d</sup> in the  $\frac{1}{2}$  carried.

— State of the Rate collection. —

Proposed by Mr Dempsey, seconded by Mr Donohoe, and passed: "That the state of the Rate collection be specially considered at next meeting of the Finance Committee."

— Appointment on County Committee —

The Chairman proposed: "That Mr Michael Doyle of B. Newtownbarry, be appointed a member of the County Committee of Agriculture, in place of Mr James Sinnott, who refused to act." Mr John Sinnott seconded - Passed.

— Rate collector's Surety. —

Mr Dempsey proposed, Mr M. Codd, seconded "That Mr Patrick Browley, Ballymurtha, Enniscorthy, be accepted as Surety for Mr Pierce Redmond, vice Mr James O'Brien, Innaberna deceased, as Mr Elger advises, that Mr Redmond being a transferred officer cannot be compelled to give the security of a Guarantees Society." Passed.

— Wexford Prison. —

The following letter under date 27<sup>th</sup> June 1905. (No. 12969/04) from the Secretary, General Prisons Board, Dublin Castle; was read for the meeting:

"I am directed by the General Prisons Board to state, for the information of the Wexford County Council, that the prison premises at Wexford, which were closed for prison purposes by order of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant dated 17<sup>th</sup> Sept '04, will, under section 31 of the Prisons, Ireland Act, 1877 (40 & 41 Vic C 49) become vested in the County Council as successors to the Grand jury at the expiration of 12 months from the date of the closing order, and I am to request



that you will ask the Co. Council to appoint a representative to take over the prison on the 16<sup>th</sup> September next from a representative of the Board, who will be at the Prison on that date for the purpose."

Mr. Peacocke proposed: "That a Committee be appointed to inspect the prison premises, and to confer with the Wexford Municipal Council, to see if they would agree with the Co. Council, to take over the premises for some public purpose. That the Committee report to the next meeting of the County Council, and make any recommendations they consider advisable."

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the General Prisons Board; that they be asked to direct the caretaker of the prison to allow admission to the Committee, anytime they desire."

"On the motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Dempsey, the whole Council were appointed a Committee to meet at the Prison on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 10. O'clock."

#### The Bull Ring monument.

The Wexford Borough Association wrote asking the Council to assist at the unveiling of the monument, on the 6<sup>th</sup> August.

Mr. Dempsey proposed: "That all the members of the Council possible attend the demonstration of the unveiling of the '98 Monument."

Mr. Kinsella seconded. Passed.

#### Food & Drugs Inspectors.

A letter was received from the R. I. Constabulary Wexford, asking that Sergeant Wm Farrell be appointed to Killinick petty sessions district, and Sergeant Patrick White, be appointed to Taghmon, and Duncormack Petty Sessions Districts; as ex-officio Inspectors



under the Food and Drugs acts."

"On the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the appointments were made."

### Free Library

The following letter was read from Surgeon Major Stafford, Rosslare, Mansel, Wimbledon; under date 7<sup>th</sup> July :-

"On a former occasion I offered to present to the County Council of Wexford, a complete set of the volumes of the Encyclopaedia Britannica, and a Book case to match, in the event of a Free Library for Wexford being established by the Council, and my offer was accepted.

Since that date I have retained the Books temporarily of course, in waiting to hear from you that the Free Library had been authorised by the Council.

As it does not seem probable, however, that the library will come into existence in the near future, and as I desire to send on the books to Wexford, I have now to request that your Council will be so kind as to permit me to transfer my offer to the Mayor of Wexford asking him to accept the gift for the town to be placed either in the Mechanic's Institute or some other suitable Institution, as the Corporation may approve, to which the people may have access under proper Municipal control."

"On the motion of Mr Kinsella, seconded by Mr Kehoe, the following resolution was passed:—"As the County Council are unable to establish a free library they would be glad to see the kind offer of Surgeon Major Stafford, transferred to the Wexford Corporation."

### Epizootic Lymphangitis Order.

The following resolution was received from the Wexford Agricultural Society:-



"That the Department be requested to take active steps in prohibiting the removal of horses from any of those specified infected districts into our county, to fairs or other markets, or shows, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Department, to the county committee of agriculture, and to the county council."

Mr. Peacocke proposed, Mr. Browne seconded, and it was passed:-

"That we back up the resolution of the Wexford Agricultural Society, and communicate with the Department of Agriculture, suggesting that they restrict horses coming from any area included in the Epizootic Lymphangitis Order to any fair, market, or show, in this county."

"That in view of the fact that this disease has been introduced into Ireland by the negligence of Government officials, we consider the full value of any horse compulsorily slaughtered in connection with this disease, should be paid in full by the Government."

#### Hour of meetings.

"Mr. Cummins moved, that the county council meet at 12 o'clock noon in future." The motion was not seconded and fell through.

#### Re-distribution

The following resolution was passed, on the motion of Mr. Donohoe, seconded by Mr. Cummins.

"That we regard the re-distribution proposals now before Parliament as a gross violation of the Treaty of Union, which was forced on this country by fraud and corruption of the grossest kind, and as indicating clearly that no justice is to be had under the said Union, and we call on the Irish members to resist the proposals inch by inch by obstructing Parliamentary Progress, and by harassing in every possible way the present



perfidious Government which holds no mandate from the country as regards this scheme, and which has lost the confidence of the Electors and is consequently violating every rule of Constitutional Government.

That we pledge ourselves and those we represent, to sustain morally and financially the Irish Party in their resistance of English Governmental perfidy, and that copies of this resolution be sent to Mr John Redmond, and the County Members.

### Education Act.

Proposed by Mr Donohoe, seconded by Mr Browne, and passed:— "That we pledge our support moral, and material, to the Catholic School Managers of Ireland, in their resistance of the new School Board Regulations, which we feel have been issued with the insidious object of demoralising and destroying Primary Education, and we agree with his Eminence Cardinal Logue, that it would be better to suffer now temporarily be resistance, than to co-operate with the vicious proposal of mixed schools, which would have lasting bad results; and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr J. Redmond M.P. and the County Members."

### Lease to Asylum.

Mr Peacocke proposed that the lease from Mrs Preston, to the County Council, for the Enniscorthy District Asylum Committee, of a strip of ground required for the Electric Lighting System, be sealed and signed. Mr Kehoe, seconded. Passed.

### Telegraph Station - Ramsgrange.

Mr Cummins proposed:— "That we again call the attention of the Postmaster General to the fact that the people of Ramsgrange have a decided grievance in the refusal of the Post Office Authorities, to establish a Telegraph



office at Ramsgrange, notwithstanding that the people of the locality have offered the usual Guarantee. A request for the establishment of this Telegraph Station was passed two years ago, and we cannot see any reason why the request was not complied with.

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Postmaster General, and the county members.

Mr Peacocke seconded.

Passed.

M. Ennis

1. 8. 05



Special meeting - 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1905.

A special meeting of the county council, was held in the council chamber, courthouse, Wexford; on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1905; after the council as a committee of the "whole house" had inspected the Wexford prison premises in accordance with the following resolution passed at last meeting of the council :-

"That a committee be appointed to inspect the prison premises and to confer with the Wexford municipal council, to see if they would agree with the county council, to take over the premises for some public purpose. That the committee report to the next meeting of the county council, and make any recommendations they consider advisable.

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the General Prisons Board; that they be asked to direct the caretaker of the Prison to allow admission to the committee anytime they desire."

The whole council to be constituted the committee."

Present :- Messrs M. A. Ennis, Vice Chairman (presiding) C. H. Peacocke, J. Donohoe, C. Hore, D. Dempsey, A. C. Murphy, James Codd, M. Doyle, and M. Browne.

The Secretary, and County Surveyor were also present.

After inspecting the prison premises the following resolution was adopted, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. A. C. Murphy

"That a committee of four be appointed to go fully into the question of the taking over the Wexford prison, from the Prisons Board



and the purposes to which it may be applied in future with most advantage to the Rate-payers, and to the County Council. That the Committee be empowered to consult with a similar Committee appointed by the Wexford Corporation, should that body decide to appoint them with the view of ascertaining whether the buildings could be utilized for any public purpose; the joint Committee to report to the Council."

The following Committee were appointed to represent the County Council; Messrs Ennis, and Peacocke, also Mr. John Bolger, in the event of Mr. John Bolger, being unable to act Mr. J. Bolger to take his place. Mr. J. B. Hearne; should Mr. Hearne be unable to act, he is requested to name a County Councillor from the New Ross District as his substitute.

The first meeting of the Committee to be held on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> inst, at 10.30 O'clock a.m. in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse Wexford.

M Ennis

1. 8. 05



Quarterly Meeting - 1<sup>st</sup> August 1905

The Statutable Quarterly meeting of the county council, was held in the council chamber, court-house Wexford; on 1<sup>st</sup> August 1905.

Present :- Mr M. A. Ennis, vice chairman, presiding.  
Also present :- Messrs E. Hore, J. E. Mayler, M. Browne, J. Asple, John J. Kehoe, James Codd, C. H. Peacocke, D. Dempsey, N. C. Murphy, Mark Codd, P. Cleary, J. Bolger, John Sinnott, James Sinnott, Denis Kavanagh, Matthew Doyle, John Bolger, J. A. Doyle, A. Kinsella, and J. B. Hearn.

The Secretary, Mr R. W. Elger, Solicitor, and the County Surveyor were in attendance.

Confirmation of minutes

The minutes of meeting of the 14<sup>th</sup> July, and of special meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, were read and confirmed.

Epizootic Lymphangitis.

Mr Peacocke proposed, Mr J. J. Kehoe, seconded and it was passed :- "That we again call the attention of the Department of Agriculture, to the resolution of the Wexford county council, passed at the meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> July '05 in reference to the subject of Epizootic Lymphangitis."

Appointment of Rate collector

Applications were received from the following for the position of vacant Rate collectorship for No. 21. Collection District :- Messrs Laurence Casey Tottenham Green, Loughmon; Michael J. O'Hanlon, Danescastle, Carrig-on-Bannow, and James Cogley Trinity, Loughmon;

Mr Browne proposed - Mr Cogley, for the position.



Mr. Peacocke seconded.

Mr. Mayler proposed - Mr. M. J. O'Hanlon - Mr. P. Cleary, seconded.

Mr. Peacocke proposed - Mr. Casey - Mr. Kehoe, seconded.

On a poll being taken the following was the result :-

For Bogley:- Messrs Kinsella, M. Doyle, J. Bolger, J. Codd, M. Browne, Hore, Peacocke, Kehoe, Asple, Dempsey, John Sinnott, James Sinnott, Kavanagh, J. Bolger, M. Codd, and the Chairman... 16.

For O'Hanlon:- Messrs Hearn, Mayler, Murphy, Cleary, and J. A. Doyle... 5.

The Chairman declared Mr. Bogley elected.

The following is the application of the successful candidate :-

Trinity, Taghmon.  
July 31<sup>st</sup> 1905

To Wexford County Council.

I beg to apply for the position of Poor Rate collector, for No. 2. Collection District, at your meeting on August 1<sup>st</sup>. The Yorkshire Insurance Company, College Green, Dublin, is my security.

I have forwarded recommendations from Canon Furlong, and Father Murphy, Taghmon.

Yours Respectfully  
James Bogley.

He submitted testimonials from the following:- Rev Canon P. M. Furlong, Taghmon; and Rev M. Murphy, C. C. Taghmon.

### Steam-Rolling Roads.

The following was read for the Meeting:-

Wexford County Council.

Report of Committee - Steam Rolled Roads.

At a special meeting of the Wexford County Council held on the 24<sup>th</sup> June 1905, a small Committee was appointed to visit the counties of Tipperary



and Dublin, and any other counties which they might consider necessary for the purpose of drafting for the consideration of the council a report containing information on the subject of the steam-rolling of roads.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> July, the members of the committee (except Mr. M. Browne, who was unavoidably absent) journeyed to Tipperary. Acting on the advice of Mr. E. A. Hackett, (County Surveyor) who met them on arrival, they alighted at Kilshelan, and drove by the Newtown Anner Road into Clonmel, a distance of five miles. The road in question was steam-rolled in April, 1900, at a cost of 11/6 per perch. The repayment of the capital sum is calculated at 2/6 per perch, and the maintenance for the ordinary repair at 10<sup>d</sup>, total 3/4. The cost of this road, when under the ordinary contract system as known in this county, was 4/6 per perch, so that per annum a saving of 1/2 per perch has been effected. It is assumed that the life of this road - owing to the weight of traffic it has to bear - will be five years, so that there has been a saving of 5/10 per perch by steam rolling for that period. We found the road in excellent condition, absolutely free from ruts or holes, while no trace of a loose stone could be seen. Mr. Hackett explained that the height of the crown had been regulated according to the width of the road.

Regarding repairs. These we carried out in wet weather. A surface man was put on the road with a wheel-barrow and shovel, and he filled every hole with limestone gravel, which quickly took a bond like concrete and became absorbed into the road.

The committee were informed that the chief difficulty of road makers arose not from the amount of traffic, but the tendency of that traffic to "track" the thoroughfare, vehicles



being driven in the tracks made by those which preceded them.

It is quite a common sight in what is known in Wexford as the "born season" to note in wet weather in the vicinity of the town, roads "tracked" in this manner. The higher the centre of the road the greater the tendency to track; on the other hand if the road be made flat, water does not run off, but gets through the surface and soon disintegrates it.

It is contended that road-making on the old system can never solve this problem, and hence, so long as the old system obtains, roads must to some degree at least, become tracked.

With steam-rolling the construction of the road gives you such a hard surface that the traffic automatically distributes itself and tracking is impossible. The committee watched some motor and vehicular traffic and found this statement borne out.

A point of considerable interest to the committee was the question of the second rolling. It is natural to infer that this proceeding will be less expensive than the initial rolling. The sides of the road are practically undamaged, and, as the shape has been well maintained in the interval, a much thinner coating of stones is required for the second working. and consequently there is a larger saving on the ordinary contract price.

Barter's express the opinion that they can bring a load 25 per cent heavier over a steam-rolled road in contrast with an ordinary contract road, and with less wear and tear on vehicles and animals.

Leaving the Newtown Anner road the deputation branched on to the Silverspring road, which has been included in the Blonmel Urban District



since the extension of the borough boundary. It was steam-rolled in 1898 at a cost of 10/- per perch. It is on the direct line to Drangan and other villages, and, cannot therefore, be looked upon as an unimportant by-road. The old contract price was 2/- per perch, and although Mr Hackett, was not aware that a shovel of stones had been put on it since it was rolled he considered it would last another ten years. The amount of repayment for initial cost of steam-rolling is 1/8 per perch, and 4<sup>d</sup> per perch was put down for annual maintenance. But if the road is to last another ten years without a rolling, as the repayment expired in 1903, there is plainly a very considerable saving. One of the reasons why the committee wish to call attention to this road is owing to the original contract price, and, as there is room for discussion on the point of the utility of steam-rolling roads which are let on ordinary contract at 2/- per perch, or under.

Passing through the town the committee inspected the Rathronan road. This is subjected to very heavy traffic leading to Fethard at one end and to Cashel on the other. It was originally let at 5/6 per perch. The cost of rolling - carried out in April 1901 - was 13/8 per perch and the amount of the repayment of loan and maintenance comes to 3/11 or a saving of 1/7 per perch on the former method.

This road is also in first-class order, and it was a pleasure to drive or cycle over it.

Adjoining was a road for which preparations for steam-rolling had been made. The material - good limestone metalling - was all in the depots. It was formerly one of the worst roads in the Riding, but the committee found it in fair order, the result, Mr Hackett stated, of direct labour.



The mention of direct labour opens up a subject worthy of the consideration of the Council should they decide that steam-rolling is advisable - how best to have the work carried out in conjunction with the present system. It is generally admitted that direct labour is not applicable to Wexford County. If a road be steam-rolled and then lit by ordinary contract, it is fairly arguable that at the termination of the contract it will not be in as good condition as if it had been maintained by direct labour after the rolling, and that the life of the road will not be as long.

Another question which will probably engage the attention of the Council will be the provision of road-metalling of the best class obtainable in the County, either by the Council acquiring quarries of their own, or making some arrangement with private quarry owners for a supply. We attribute, in a large measure, the excellent condition of the South Tipperary roads, to the fact that the quarries from which these roads are metalled have been carefully selected.

The Committee having considered the terms of reference under which they acted, do not consider it to be within their province to recommend any course to the Council, but content themselves with a statement of the facts elicited by their visit.

They wish to express their grateful acknowledgements to Mr. Hackett, for his great kindness. He placed his time at their disposal, was most painstaking in affording information, and extended to us the hospitality of "Tip".

(Signed) M. A. Ennis

C. H. Peacock

Thomas Asple

Henry Webster

A. J. Fitzell



Mr Webster stated that steam-rolling had been tried with success in New Ross and Enniscorthy - in the latter district about 6 miles and two miles were in preparation for rolling. They had gained by experience and they had come to the conclusion that the best thing to do would be to put a four years' instead of a three years supply in the first year, and put out only for the remaining four years, the same material as would be put out in one year. New Ross district was anxious now to have the road to Fethard steam-rolled. It was a very bad road. He suggested the Council should appoint a committee to examine some of the best quarries in the county to see if it would be feasible to come to arrangements with the owners to purchase the most suitable quarries.

He further suggested that stone-breakers, and two steam-rollers should be purchased, and hired out to the district councils.

"It was decided that the report be specially considered at the next meeting of the Proposal Committee. In the meantime, Mr Elger Solicitor to the Council was requested to look into the question of the powers of the Council with regard to taking over quarries compulsorily, and that Mr Webster advise the Council as to the portions of the county in which the best materials are to be obtained."

Mr Hore proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee, who visited Tipperary to investigate the subject of steam-rolling. Mr Kehoe seconded.  
Roads Committee appt of "Passed"

Mr J. Bolger proposed :- That the Roads Committee be appointed at this meeting - Mr John Linnott seconded.

Mr Hearne proposed as an amendment :-  
 "That the whole Council form a Roads Committee. That each member assumes personal responsibility for the roads in his district - that if he finds



any road not properly kept, he report to the Deputy Surveyor, ~~then~~ if necessary to the County Surveyor; and lastly to the County Council, if no improvement is effected. and that the terms of reference be the same as already adopted by the Co. Council. Mr. Kinsella seconded.

On a show of hands Mr. Hearn's amendment was carried.

### Audits of Accounts.

The reports of Local Government auditors, as to the audit of the accounts of Wexford, New Ross, and Enniscorthy Guardians; and Rural District Councils; also District Asylum were laid before the meeting.

### Kilmore Pier.

The following letter under date 31<sup>st</sup> July '05, was read; from the County Surveyor:-

"The work given into my charge by the County Council to repair the two breaches in Kilmore Breakwater is now very nearly completed, and three cross walls or bulk-heads have been built, but I find that I shall require about £15 more to complete the topping of the near branch.

The work has been so satisfactory that I think it would be a pity to leave the intermediate length of about 33 yards unprotected between the two lengths of work done in concrete in bags. I would suggest that this intermediate length should be underpinned with concrete in bags on the sea face, and thus have a continuous concrete frontage on the most exposed part of the breakwater, and also the toe of the work would be protected with an apron of stones. I estimate this work at £85 which would also cover some minor repairs. I trust the County Council will see their way to allocate the two sums above mentioned, £15 & £85.



(£1.00 in all) at their meeting to-morrow.

Mr Walsh has written to me to say that he proposes to send the Board of Works dredger back to Dublin on the 19<sup>th</sup> August. If the County Council so direct, the dredger might call in to Courtown Harbour on her way back and remove a few loads from the inside basin.

I don't think that the dredging at Kilmore will be completed to the depth specified by the 19<sup>th</sup> August, but owing to the fact that the rock has been reached in places, I think it would be safer not to excavate so deeply, but to provide a sufficient depth of water for berthages, and to make the surface of the excavation as uniform as possible.

I may mention that the repairs to the apron at the back of the North pier in Courtown Harbour have been completed, and I would recommend that the balance of the fund allocated for dredging and repairs for this harbour be expended in repairing the North pier, and completing the dredging of the channel across the inner basin.

I would feel obliged if you would kindly lay this letter before the County Council at their meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> prox."

Proposed by Mr Broune, seconded by Mr John Bolger and passed :- "That £30 be granted for the repairs etc., to Kilmore, mentioned in the letter of Mr Webster, County Surveyor."

#### Pledge-Bound National Party.

Mr Kinsella proposed the following resolution which was seconded, by Mr Broune and adopted :-

"That in view of the grave situation that is at present before the country, we regard dissension over minor matters as a National calamity, and whilst we strongly affirm the necessity for a pledge bound National Parliamentary Party, we sincerely hope that any differences of opinion



that may have arisen with regard to policies between our leading men may be speedily and wisely adjusted."

### Dredging.

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hore:- "That Mr. Webster's suggestions with regard to dredging at Kilmore Harbour be sanctioned and that the Board of Works dredger call into Courtown Harbour on her way back from Kilmore to remove the few loads remaining unexcavated in the inner basin of that harbour." Passed.

The Chairman proposed, that the County Surveyor be empowered to carry out his suggestions that he expend the balance of the amount allocated and in his hands for the completion of the dredging, and towards the repairs of the North Pier at Courtown Harbour." Mr. J. Bolger, seconded. Passed.

### Application - Increase of Salary - School Attendance Officer Flood

Under date 16<sup>th</sup> June, the following resolution was received from the Secretary of the Enniscorthy Rural District School Attendance Committee:-

Proposed by the Rev Canon Sheill P. P., seconded by Mr. D. J. Oballaghan and passed unanimously that Mr. N. Flood, School Attendance Officer, be allowed an increase of £5 per annum to his salary. Salary to be increased from 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 1905."

Mr. J. Bolger proposed:- "That the action of the Enniscorthy School Attendance Committee agreeing to give Mr. Flood, School Attendance Officer an increase of £5 in his salary be confirmed." Mr. J. Asple seconded.

Passed.



Wexford Prison

Under date 27<sup>th</sup> June 1905 (No. 12969/04) the following was read, from the Secretary, General Prisons Board:-

"I am directed by the General Prisons Board, to state for the information of the Wexford County Council, that the prison premises at Wexford, which were closed for prison purposes by order of His Excellency, the Lord Lieutenant dated 17<sup>th</sup> September '04 will, under Sec., 31 of the Prisons, Ireland, Act, 1877 (40 & 41 Vic c49) become vested in the County Council, as successors to the Grand Jury at the expiration of twelve months from the date of the closing order, and I am to request that you will ask the County Council to appoint a representative to take over the Prison, on the 16<sup>th</sup> September next from a representative of the Board who will be at the Prison on that date for the purpose."

The following report was read:-

Joint Committee - County Prison.

"A meeting of the joint committee of the County Council, and the Wexford Corporation, acting on the following resolution, was held on 28<sup>th</sup> July in the County Council Chamber, Court-house, Wexford.

"That a Committee of four be appointed to go fully into the question of the taking over the Wexford Prison, and the purposes to which it might be applied in future, with most advantage to the Ratepayers and to the County Council.

That the Committee be empowered to consult with a similar Committee appointed by the Wexford Corporation should that body decide to appoint them with the view of ascertaining whether the buildings could be utilised for any public purpose, the joint Committee to report to the Council."

Mr M. A. Ennis (Vice Chairman of the Co. Council) presided. Messrs C. H. Peacocke, and John Bolger



also represented the County Council. The representatives of the Corporation in attendance were:- His Worship the Mayor, councillors R. Hanton; and J. Hore.

Mr. Ennis said he had made some measurements at the jail and found that the depth (inside) from the front wall to the back wall was 375 feet; on the wall facing John Street it was 282 feet, and on the front facing the Jail Road, 300 feet. The main Hall was 140 feet long (inside) by 42 feet wide. The main Building - should the County Council, and the Corporation be able to come to terms as to the letting of the premises - would make the finest town hall in the South of Ireland. The female prison was 62 feet by 44. Then there was the Governor's residence the Chief Warder's apartments; the Infirmary, etc., which could be utilised for municipal offices. There were 66 cells on the male side and 49 on the female side. It was stated that the entire site covered 3a : 3r. 4 37 perches statute. In the alternative of the Corporation not seeing their way to take the premises an attempt could be made for the establishment of a male Industrial School.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Bolger seconded by Mr. Hanton:- "That we adjourn the consideration of our Report to the County Council, for three months in order to allow the representatives of the Corporation to consider whether the Prison buildings would be suitable for a town hall or other public purpose, and also that the County Council advertise that the premises are to be let; advertisement to give particulars."

Mr. Peacocke proposed, and Mr. Dempsey seconded:- "That the Secretary of the Council be appointed to take over the prison, from the



Representative of the Prison Board; on the 16<sup>th</sup> September conditionally on the Prison's Board, undertaking to pay the half-year's rent due on the 29<sup>th</sup> September  
Passed.

Mr Peacocke moved :- "That our solicitor be instructed to take such steps as may be necessary to oblige the Prisons Board to remove the remains of executed criminals."

The resolution was not seconded and fell through.

Proposed by Mr Hearn seconded by Mr Murphy:-  
"That if the present caretaker of the Prison chooses to remain in occupancy of the gate-house that he be paid a penny per week from the time the prison is taken over by the County Council."  
Passed.

Mr Peacocke proposed :- "That our Secretary ask the Prisons Board if the prison is insured. If he ascertains it is not that it be then insured for £1000, in the Atlas and Manchester Insurance Co.  
Mr J. Bolger seconded.  
Passed.

Mr Peacocke proposed :- "That we strongly urge on the General Prison Board the necessity of having a Bridewell established in Westford."  
Mr Kehoe seconded.  
Passed.

#### New Ross & Mountgarrett Bridges.

The following letter under date 8<sup>th</sup> May 1905, was read from the Secretary to Kilkenny County Council :-

"In reply to your communication of the 6<sup>th</sup> May, relative to payment of expense of altering bye-laws of New Ross Bridge. I desire to state that the matter was under consideration of my Council on the 5<sup>th</sup> ultimo., when it was unanimously resolved to pay one-half said charge.

With regard to the proposed appointment



of a caretaker for Mountgarrett Bridge, I am directed to point out that Mrs Forrestal has been in charge since the death of her husband and has discharged the duties of caretaker to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

"On the motion of Mr. Hearne, seconded by the chairman, the following resolution was adopted:—  
"That New Ross Urban Council, be informed that the Kilkenny Co. Council have decided to pay half the expense of altering the bye-law regulating the traffic over New Ross Bridge, the other half of the expense to be payable by this Council in accordance with resolution already adopted."

On the motion of Mr. Dempsey, seconded by Mr. Ennis the following resolution was adopted:—  
"That Mrs Catherine Forrestal be appointed caretaker for Mountgarrett Bridge, subject to her appointment also, by the Kilkenny County Council, at the present salary of £12 per annum.  
That a copy of this resolution be sent the Kilkenny Co. Council, with a request that they comply with the terms of this resolution."

#### Irish Co. Councils General Council

Under date 24<sup>th</sup> June the following was read from the Secretary Irish County Councils General Council:

"I beg to inform you that the Annual Meeting of the Irish County Councils' General Council will be held in Dublin, on Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup> 1905.

"I am directed to ask that you will be so good as to bring this letter before the next Meeting of your Council, in order that any suggestions, which it may desire to have considered by the General Council, as to desirable amendments to the Local Government Acts, and any other matters tending to increased efficiency in the management of local affairs, or otherwise affecting the public welfare may be placed upon the agenda paper."



Such suggestions should reach me on or before the 11<sup>th</sup> August next."

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke, it was decided that the notice of motion adopted on the motion of Mr Brown, re establishment of scholarships in a National University be brought before the next meeting of the Irish County Councils General Council."

### Marine Works Bill.

Proposed by Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Dempsey:-  
Resolved - "That we the County Council of Wexford rely with the most absolute confidence on the full and generous support of all the Irish members of Parliament especially the Leader of the Irish Party Mr John E. Redmond to support the Marine Works Bill introduced by Sir Thomas Esmonde, and read a first time in the House on last Wednesday, so that the Bill may be passed this Session."

"Proposed by Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Bolger:-  
Resolved:- "That we the County Council of Wexford respectfully call on the Chief Secretary of Ireland to facilitate and have passed this Session the Marine Works Bill introduced last Wednesday by Sir Thomas Esmonde, a Bill so fraught with the powers of aiding and preserving the existing Fishing and allied Industries now in so languishing a condition as to be fast approaching utter extinction."

### Leave of absence

On the motion of Mr Dempsey, seconded by Mr Kehoe, it was decided that Mr Webster, County Surveyor, be granted a month's leave of absence."

### Courtown Harbour.

The following minutes of Courtown Harbour Committee, in respect of Meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> July 1905 were read:-

"The Committee checked the Harbour Master's



accounts and found them correct."

"Bills for the amount of £11: 15: 11½ were submitted by the Harbour master, were examined and found correct, and we recommend that a paying order for the amount of sums submitted be issued by Finance Committee."

"We recommend that new notice boards showing scales of dues, etc., and bye-laws be erected in the usual places; and that the Harbour Master be directed to get estimates for the work."

"On the motion of Mr. Hore, seconded by Mr. Dempsey the following was adopted:— "That we agree to the erection in the usual places of new notice Boards showing scales of dues, etc., and bye-laws; and that the Harbour master be directed to procure estimates for the work."

#### Road contractors & accidents.

"Under date 5<sup>th</sup> July 1905, the following letter was read from the Secretary of the Antrim County Council:—

"Have you a clause in Road contracts that the contractor is to indemnify the County Council against any loss, costs, charges, and expenses incurred in enforcing the performance of the contract by taking legal proceedings or otherwise, and that these costs may be deducted from the amount payable on foot of his contract."

The Chairman proposed:— "That the question of including in the Road contracts an indemnifying clause against any loss, and expense incurred in enforcing the performance of contracts be adjourned till November Meeting." Passed.

#### Acknowledgements of Resolutions

The following letters of acknowledgements of Resolutions passed at last meeting of the Council were read:—  
From Sir Thomas Esmonde:— "I am in receipt of your letter enclosing a resolution passed by the County



Council regarding a telegraph office at Ramsgrange. It will give me much pleasure to help forward the project in any way I can".

"I am in receipt of your letter enclosing a resolution passed by the Co. Council relating to the new Education Rules. I am in full sympathy with the Council in this matter. I will be glad to do anything in my power to support the general protest against these rules, and make it effective."

"I am in receipt of your letter covering a resolution passed by the County Council on the subject of the redistribution proposals of the Government."

"The resolution does credit to the patriotism of the Council. It is but what I would expect from it."

The dishonourable and discreditable scheme embodied in the Redistribution Proposals, has been upset for the moment, but we must expect to see it revived next year, and possibly in a shape still more detrimental to Ireland, and in still wider breach of that infamy - the Act of Union - which we are told is buttressed by the honour of England."

— Ramsgrange Telegraph Office. —

From Secretary General Post Office, London: "I am directed by the Postmaster General, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> inst., and to inform you that it shall receive attention."

— Epizootic Lymphangitis —

From Department of Agriculture, Dublin: "I am directed by the Department of Agriculture, and Technical Instruction for Ireland, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> instant, transmitting a copy of a resolution on the subject of Epizootic Lymphangitis adopted at a meeting



of the Council of your County held on the preceding day."

### Town Tenants.

A circular letter was read from Mr J. M. Boghlan, Briscoe, stating that the second annual convention of the Town Tenants Association, would be held on 24<sup>th</sup> August in Dublin, and asking the County Council to appoint delegates thereto.  
Marked "Read"

### Education Code.

The following resolution was read from Wicklow County Council:— "Resolved— That we the County Council of Wicklow, view with alarm the action of the Commissioners of National Education in changing the rules of the National Board, especially Rule No. 127 B. without first ascertaining through the Managers of the National Schools the effects of such contemplated change of Rules."

We resolve that, in the interest of Education, the altered Rules be withdrawn. And, further, since these disastrous alterations have been recommended during the Resident Commissioner-ship of Mr Starkie, a question arises how far Mr Starkie at present possesses the confidence of the Nation. to warrant his being retained as Resident Commissioner."

On the motion of Mr Hore, seconded by Mr Browne, the foregoing resolution was adopted."

### Home Rule

From Waterford County Council, the following resolution was received:—

"That we regard the references to Ireland both by Lord Spencer's letter to Mr Corrie Grant, and in the speeches of the Leaders of the English Liberal Party as highly unsatisfactory. and in-as-much they involve the abandonment of Gladstone's Home Rule policy and forfeit all claim of the English



Liberals to Irish sympathy, and support, we respectfully request our trusted leader - Mr. John Redmond, in whom we have implicit confidence, to give this matter his serious attention when on the eve of the General Election he gives his instructions to our excited kinsmen, in those British constituencies, where the Irish vote holds the balance of power." Marked. "Read."

### University Education

The following resolution was received from Waterford County Council:-

"That it is evidently hopeless now, to expect a satisfactory solution of the Irish University question from either English Party, by the lukewarm methods hitherto employed, and as an immediate settlement of this question is absolutely necessary, both in the interest of religion and native progress, we are convinced that the time has come for the Irish People and the Irish Party to invite a policy of action, vigorous, determined, and aggressive." Marked. "Read."

### Main Roads Scheme.

The following letter under date 5<sup>th</sup> July (No 40653-1905, Wexford County) was read from the Local Government Board:-

"With reference to your further letter of the 26<sup>th</sup> ultimo, relative to the question of the declaration of Main Roads in the County of Wexford, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that it appears to them that the County Surveyor should furnish, either in his general report or in a special report on the matter, such information and details as may be necessary and proper to assist the Council in determining whether the Main Roads Scheme should be continued wholly or in part, or a new Declaration made."

Ordered:- To be considered with the Main Road



Declaration at the half-yearly meeting in November.

Scholarships National University.

Councillor Browne moved: - "That our Secretary be directed to make inquiries as to the powers of County Councils in voting money for educational purposes; and also as to whether under the Technical Instruction Act, or under any other act, they could legally found scholarships in a National University."

The Chairman seconded. Passed.

Seating Accommodation Duncormack Courthouse.

The following letter was read from Mr. R. P. Corish, Petty Sessions Clerk, Duncormack: -  
 "I have been directed by the Magistrates at Duncormack Petty Sessions to ask you to bring before the next meeting of your Proposals Committee, the want of seating accommodation in the Duncormack Courthouse. There are no chairs there for Magistrates, or Witnesses, except a few very old and broken ones; and chairs have frequently to be borrowed on Court days.

I trust your Council will be good enough to grant a supply of say a dozen chairs somewhat similar to those supplied to Loughmon some few years ago, and also an arm chair for the presiding Magistrate."

Ordered: - "That the letter be brought before next meeting of the Proposal Committee."

Transfer Subsidiary account.

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke, seconded by the Chairman  
 "That as the sum of £1078: 5: 11<sup>d</sup>. has been expended out of the Subsidiary ac<sup>t</sup> for the quarter ended 30<sup>th</sup> June '05, a further sum of £1,000, be transferred to the Subsidiary ac<sup>t</sup> to meet the expenditure for the current quarter." Passed.



Proposals for Payments

Proposed by Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Hore:- "That the several proposals for Payments, sent up by the District Councils of the County, and the Proposal Committee, for the quarter ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 1905, be approved, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and signed by the Chairman"  
 Passed.

Proposal Committee Minutes

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Thomas Asple, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Minutes of the Proposal Committee for Quarterly Meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> July be confirmed."

Diseases Animals Acts Committee - minutes

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Asple, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee entrusted with the management of the business under the Contagious Diseases Animals Acts, held on 8<sup>th</sup> July be confirmed."

Finance Committee Minutes

The Minutes of the Finance Committee, of the following dates were confirmed; on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Asple:- May 18<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, July 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Game Rights

The following resolution was received from the Lismore District Council, for adoption; but it was not moved:-

"In view of the action of the Irish Landlords in almost every case of sale under the Land Law Act 1903, in reserving the Game Rights- we are of opinion that immediate steps should be taken for the valuation of all such gaming rights as distinct from the valuation of the land, with a view to the more equitable adjustment of taxation; and



that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the chairman of the Irish Parliamentary Party, in the hope that the matter may be dealt with in connection with the measure, re valuation introduced on the 15<sup>th</sup> instant by Mr. Atkinson, and that copies be also sent to the various county and District Councils in Ireland to ascertain their opinion thereon."

#### Dates of Meetings.

The following dates of quarterly and half yearly council meetings in October and November 1905, were agreed to:-

Wexford R. D. Saturday - 7<sup>th</sup> October - Quarterly Meeting - 10.30 a.m. half yearly meeting - 10.45 a.m.  
Enniscorthy R. D. Thursday - 12<sup>th</sup> October - Quarterly Meeting - 11 a.m. half yearly meeting - 11.15 a.m.  
Gorey R. D. - Wednesday - 11<sup>th</sup> October - Quarterly Meeting - 11.30 a.m. half yearly meeting - 11.45 a.m.  
New Ross R. D. - Saturday - 14<sup>th</sup> October - Quarterly Meeting - 12 noon. half yearly meeting - 12.15 p.m.  
Proposal Committee - Friday - 13 October - Quarterly Meeting - 1.45 O.C. p.m. half yearly meeting - 2 p.m.  
County Council - Tuesday - 7<sup>th</sup> November - Quarterly Meeting - 11.45 a.m. half yearly meeting 12 O.C. noon.

#### Southern Harbours.

Mr. Elgee explained that under the Waterford Harbour Act of 1846, the Waterford Harbour Commissioners could collect dues at the Piers of Duncannon, Ballyhack, and Arthurstown.

This matter had been referred to him from the last meeting for his advice.

Mr. Keacocke proposed - "That our Secretary ask Mr. Allingham, Secretary to the Waterford Harbour Commissioners for a return of the total amount of dues paid annually to his Commissioners by vessels utilising the piers of Ballyhack, Arthurstown and Duncannon."



The chairman seconded the resolution which was adopted."

Analyst's Report.

The following was read for the meeting:-

City Laboratory

17 Castle Street.

Dublin, 27<sup>th</sup> July 1905.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, B. Sc. M. D., Public Analyst for the County Wexford on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 1905.

24 articles were received from the Food Inspectors R. I. C., as follows.

| <u>Articles</u> | <u>Number</u> |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Whiskey         | 10            |
| Butter          | 8             |
| Milk            | 4             |
| Buttermilk      | 2             |
| Total           | <u>24</u>     |

They were all pure.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union, nineteen drugs and five specimens of tea were analysed. One of the drugs namely, Compound Tincture of Senna, was high in gravity and solids. The teas were analysed to determine which was best for use in the workhouse.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union fifteen drugs ten specimens of wine, eight of whiskey, two waters and one hundred & thirty four specimens of milk were received. One of the drugs namely Soap Liniment, was deficient in camphor. The specimens of wine and whiskey were analysed to determine which was best for use in the workhouse.

The specimens of water had the following compositions

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

|                      | <u>No. 1</u> | <u>No. 2.</u> |
|----------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Total solid matters, | 21.000       | 20.500        |

Including







Quarterly Meeting - 7<sup>th</sup> November 1905.

The Statutable Quarterly meeting of the county council, was held in the council chamber, Court House, Wexford, on 7<sup>th</sup> November 1905.

Present :- Sir J. H. G. Esmonde Bart., M.P. (Chairman) presiding  
Other members :- Messrs Browne, J. Bolger, Ennis, Peacocke, Hore, Kehoe, Asple, Kinsella, Mark Gadd, Dempsey, J. A. Doyle, Cummins, M. Doyle, James Gadd, N. C. Murphy, J. Donohoe, and Michael Hickey.

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

Proposals for Payments.

Proposed by the Chairman :- "That the several Proposals for Payments in respect of matters in connection with public works, be adopted, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

M Ennis

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Statutable Half-yearly Meeting- 7<sup>th</sup> November 1905.

The statutable Half-yearly meeting of the Co. Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford; on 7<sup>th</sup> November 1905.

Present :- Sir T. H. G. Esmonde, Bart. M.P. (Chairman) presiding.

Other Members :- Messrs Browne, J. Bolger, Ennis, Peacocke, Hore, Kehoe, Asple, Kinsella, Mark Lodd, Dempsey, J. A. Doyle, Cummins, M. Doyle, James Lodd, N. C. Murphy, J. Donohoe, John Sinnott, M. Hickey, and Thaddeus Bolger.

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

Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and signed.

Wexford Prison

Sir Thomas Esmonde moved the suspension of the Standing Orders to deal with the matter in connection with Wexford Prison. This having been agreed to - he moved that the following be appointed a Committee for purpose of considering and discussing the utilisation of the Wexford Prison: Messrs Donohoe, Peacocke, Ennis, Hore, & Browne.

Adopted

Law costs.

Proposed by Mr Ennis, and seconded by Mr Peacocke: "That a requisition to tax the costs of Mr R. W. Elger Solicitor for the Council, for carrying out the purchase of the lands for the purpose of lighting the Enniscorthy Lunatic Asylum with Electricity; obtaining Grants of Way-leave etc., be sealed and that Mr John A. Sinnott, 43 Dam Street, Dublin, be appointed to represent the Council on taxation."

Passed.



Main Road Scheme

The following was read from the County Surveyor, under date 8<sup>th</sup> July 1905 :-

"Five years having elapsed since your last declaration of Main Roads, it is necessary for me to furnish you with a report on the subject, as I understand you can now revise the whole scheme, and should you so desire, declare that there shall be no main roads in the county.

The principal on which you should go as regards the selection of roads suitable to be declared main roads, is, as I understand it, that those roads should be roads leading from one district to another or to important centres such as towns and harbours, the idea being that a good deal of the traffic on these roads would not be local traffic and that therefore the whole county should share in half the cost of upkeep.

It must be remembered that in these days of traction engines, and motor lorries, the metalling of the surface is not the only item of expense in the upkeep of the leading roads, which roads may be called the main arteries of the county; bridges and culverts have to be maintained at very considerable expense, and the expense of maintenance of these bridges might press unduly on the Rural District in which they are situated, unless the roads over them were declared main roads.

In the Grand jury times the roads which were half county charges, were the post roads; that is roads over which the mail cars ran, but these post roads were, in many cases roads which would not now be considered main roads.

In making out the list for the first declaration of main roads, I tried to make the proportion for each district as fair as possible; but owing to differences of cost of maintenance per perch, it was not easy to adjust the mileage quite accurately.

I find now that the Rural District of Gorey



has been paying more towards the maintenance of the main roads of the county, than the other districts when the valuations of the districts are taken into account, this is accounted for by the fact that the main roads of Gorey Rural District are maintained at a low average price per perch.

From my point of view there are advantages in having main roads; it is easier to get a fair price allowed for the maintenance of these main roads, and I have often pointed out that when steam rolling a road the cost in the first year is heavy, and it will take five years to recoup the outlay, and therefore it is a great advantage to have half the cost spread over the whole county. at the same time there is no getting over the fact that if there were no main roads, financially each district would be treated more equable than at present.

As regards the Urban Districts, I find that if special works are omitted, New Ross and Enniscorthy, gain by the present system.

Should you elect to continue the main road system, I would suggest that you should let the old declaration of main roads stand, with the following modifications:-

Wexford Rural District

add No. 69, 254 perches, Coolhull to Balloughton @ 5<sup>d</sup> per perch.

Omit No 13, - 200 perches, Mill of Rags towards Ballycross. @ 3<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> per perch.

Omit. - 423 perches of No. 32, and leave in 300 perches between Larkin's cross and the turn to Tighmon @ 10<sup>d</sup> per perch.

Gorey Rural District

add No. 108. 47 perches from the sea at Mourisecastle towards Kilmuckridge @ 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub><sup>d</sup> per perch.

add the line from Kilmuckridge to Courtown as follows. - No. 80. 165 perches to Ballynure @ 4<sup>d</sup> per perch.  
No. 137. 838 perches @ 6<sup>d</sup> per perch.



No. 137A- 623 perches @ 4<sup>d</sup> per perch  
 " 78 730 " @ 9<sup>d</sup> " "  
 " 133. 316 " @ 1/- " "

add Ballygarrett to Couduff Pier, viz No. 136- 465 perches  
 @ 4<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub><sup>d</sup> per perch.

add Camolin to Craanford. viz:-

No. 98- 317 perches @ 1/- per perch.

" 161 - 880 " " 1/3 " "

" 132 - 314 " " 1/2 " "

The following are the old post roads; you may possibly decide that they only shall be main roads:-

#### Enniscorthy Rural District

481 perches, Ryland Schoolhouse to Ryland crossroads.

874 perches, Straharth crossroads to Tombrack Bridge.

765 perches, Ferns to Tombrack bridge.

#### Gorey Rural District

1280 perches Gorey to Courtown.

520 perches Essex bridge to Millmount gate.

161 perches Millmount gate to main street, Gorey

552 perches Bounds of the Barony Coolnavagh to Coolnahinch

1323 perches Craanford to Ballyjellis.

412 perches Essex Bridge to Thomas Bassett's gate.

1408 perches Mr. Bolton's to Ballycanew.

1331 perches Scallan's crossroads to the bounds of the barony.

537 perches Glandoran to Craanford Bridge.

627 perches Gorey Hill to Margery Bridge.

#### Wexford Rural District

38 perches near Bridgetown (Devereuse's contract)

580 perches, Kilmacree to Killinick

1406 perches, Tagoat to the bridge of Ballask

1320 perches, Taghmon to Whelan's house, Knockea.

964 perches, Ferryarrig to Larkin's cross.

726 perches, Blastknock to Foulksmills.

100 perches, Kilmore road (Busher's contract)

490 perches, Wexford to Ferryarrig.

564 perches, Ballask to Baldwinstown.

301 perches Killinick to Hilltown

978 perches, Tagoat to Killinick



1030 perches Maudlintown to Kilmacree.

280 perches Bary Bridge to James Harpur's crossroads.

New Ross Rural District

635 perches Ballyanne to New Ross.

476 perches Ballyanne to Ballywilliam

624 perches Blacknock to Foulkesmills

287 perches Riverview to Ballyhack

260 perches, Ballinaboola bridge to Brownstown

555 perches Rev Mr. Murphy's gate to Duncannon

1229 perches Foulkesmill to Tinnecarrig

640 perches Carrigdaggin to Bushinstown Chapel.

1178 perches Bushinstown to the Three Bullet Gate.

926 perches Fardys cross to Duncannon quay

96 perches Ely's Walk to New Ross.

100 perches streets of New Ross

496 perches Fithard bridge to Boley cross.

It will be seen that the old post roads would not suit without modifications, as the basis of a main road declaration. Enniscorthy District would fare very badly.

Mr. Hore moved that there be no main Roads, in the county from March 31<sup>st</sup> 1906.

The Chairman seconded.

Passed.

Auditor's Report - Co. Council Accounts.

The following report of the Local Government Auditor Mr. James W. Drury, was considered:-

No. 85,641 : 1905

Wexford County

Dublin.

23<sup>rd</sup> October 1905.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of the County Council of Wexford for the two half years ended 31<sup>st</sup> March last, and I forward herewith abstracts thereof duly certified.

The Council are to be congratulated generally upon the manner in which their fiscal business



is carried on; the accounts bear testimony to a careful and intelligent discharge of their respective duties by the officers concerned, and the work of the audit was consequently facilitated.

I had occasion, however, to complain of the manner in which the Road Schedules had been prepared by several of the District Clerks, and, acting on the suggestion of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council, I required the officers concerned to attend and produce their books. I found, as I anticipated, that the provisions of the County Councils Order, 1899 in relation to the Register of Applications had been indifferently observed in the past, so that the Schedules of proposals for payments were rendered most difficult to verify and very liable to lead to errors.

Having explained at some length the requirements of the Public Bodies Order, 1904, and having indicated how the new forms are to be used, the officers stated they now fully understand the new system, which they recognise will prove simpler and more efficient than that formerly prescribed, and they give me their assurance that this branch of their duty will be so performed in future as to leave no cause for complaint.

It was with regret I observed that the County Surveyor has found it necessary at inspection after inspection to withhold from very many of the Road Contractors, portions of the moneys which would have been payable to them had they carried out their contracts properly. The system of deferring money should, in the interests of the County, be most sparingly adopted, and particularly now when payments are to be made only once in each half-year.

The contracts for road maintenance provide that the road is to be maintained during a period of generally five years, at a fixed price per annum, payments to be made half-yearly. The County Surveyor



may, under special circumstances, feel justified in deferring the whole or part of the half-yearly money if not earned during the first half of the financial year, but save in very exceptional circumstances, he would not appear to have any sufficient justification for deferring in the second half of the year; if the money be not earned within the period to which it is properly applicable, he should apparently strike it off, the contractor having failed to fulfil the obligations of his contract. It would be desirable that the contractors should be given to understand that the leniency which has been extended to them in the past cannot be continued, and that if during the remainder of the financial year they do not fully earn their money, they will incur loss.

I examined the accounts of the Harbour Master of Courtown Harbour, which has been taken over by the County Council in pursuance of the Provisional Order Confirmation Act of 1904. The form in which the accounts have been rendered in the past was not quite suitable for a public body and consequently new books have been provided in which the accounts will be kept from the first October. To enable these to be satisfactorily opened, I carried the audit of the Harbour Accounts down to the 30<sup>th</sup> September, that is to say, six months in advance of the period to which the County Council accounts were being audited. The Harbour Master must use more diligence in collecting the small annual charges payable by fishing boats; otherwise he may find himself made personally accountable for the deficiency in the funds, under section 20 Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1902. I am of opinion that it would be more satisfactory to the Council if a separate banking account were kept for this Harbour.

The examination of the accounts of the Kilmore Harbour Master disclosed the fact that he had made no lodgment of dues or other receipts since 11<sup>th</sup> February last. He was liable to account for £2. 19/- up to



31<sup>st</sup> March, and a further sum of £26: 7/- appeared to be due by him in respect of the September half year. Having required him to produce these sums before the conclusion of the audit, he sent in the moneys, not being able to attend personally owing to illness, and they were handed to the Secretary for lodgment to the account of the Council. He should be required to collect all dues promptly in future and lodge the amounts monthly, as the irregularity of retaining public moneys for lengthened periods is a most serious one, and should not be permitted.

The County Council should adopt some means of obtaining an independent record of the number and tonnage of vessels availing themselves of these Harbours, and of the cargoes. There is at present no method by which an adequate check can be applied to the returns made by the Harbour Masters, or to the accounts founded on them.

During the period under audit the County Surveyor expended £511: 3: 1, on repair of roads damaged by the carting of material for the new railway leaving £112: 6: 7 to be expended subsequent to 1<sup>st</sup> April. His account of this expenditure was rendered most accurately, and the balance was in the Bank upon a separate account kept for the purpose.

The collection of Rates was, on the whole, very satisfactory, and indeed were it not for collector James L. Doyle of the No 20 (New Ross) Collection District, no qualifying words would be necessary. I understand this officer has occasioned the Finance Committee of the Council much trouble, and in spite of frequent remonstrances and reprimands, he has failed to show improvement in the matter of collecting and lodging "with due diligence". The Council might find it desirable to warn him that if very considerable improvement be not immediately manifested and maintained, he will not be entrusted with the collection of another rate. I examined the Surety Bonds of officers, and the



Insurance Policies; all appeared to be in order."

In connection with the report of the auditor the following resolutions passed at a special meeting of the Finance Committee, on 4<sup>th</sup> November came up for consideration:-

"That where a road is taken up by the County Surveyor under the 54 section of the Grand jury Act, it is desirable (unless in exceptional circumstances) the County Surveyor should hold that road in his hands only up to the first opportunity at which it can be advertised, and a new contract taken."

"That it is the opinion of the Finance Committee and we recommend to the County Council for adoption; that the proper course of procedure in the cases of the majority of defaulting road contractors (unless where exceptional circumstances arise which might make it desirable to proceed under Section 54 of the Grand jury Act, or otherwise) is to proceed against them and their sureties at Petty Sessions under Act of 19 and 20 Vic c 63 Sec 17."

"That the County Surveyor prepare a list of contractors for roads whom he thinks should be prosecuted; and that he submit this list to the next meeting of the County Council for sanction to their prosecution at Petty Sessions."

#### Roads Committee -

"The recommendations of the Finance Committee dealing with the prosecutions of Road contractors were considered:-

"Mr Ennis moved that a small committee of the Council as Roads Committee be appointed to take action on the matter of road measurement; that this committee pick out at random some roads for measurement of quantities."

That the County Surveyor accompany this committee and that the amount of the stones in the depots of these roads be accurately measured. That this committee consist of Messrs Hore, John Bolger, J. Donohoe, Ennis, and C. H. Peacocke; and the Chairman of the four



District Councils be added to the Committee."  
 That the result be reported to the next meeting of the  
 Council. Three to form a quorum of the Committee."  
 Mr Donohoe, seconded. Passed.

"Mr Peacocke moved that Mr Webster be given directions  
 to immediately measure the stones in the depots of  
 Road No. 28 (Enniscorthy) as Mr Ennis states that there  
 is only 167 cubic yards of stones out; whereas, the Deputy  
 Surveyor had reported that there were 250 yards."  
 Seconded by the Chairman. Passed.

The Chairman proposed :- "That Mr Webster be given  
 permission to prosecute at Petty Sessions any of the  
 following contractors whom he may consider necessary:-  
Enniscorthy Rural District

- No 5- Thomas Murphy
- " 14. James Foley
- " 19 Aidan Kehoe
- " 19a. Michael O'Connor
- " 21. Patrick Leary
- " 23. Owen Kinsella
- " 39. John Roche
- " 304. Michael Whitty
- " 308. John Kelly
- " 41a. Chas Nolan
- " 58 Walter Skelton
- " 102. John Wilkinson
- " 107. Patrick Broune
- " 111. Patrick Curran
- " 113. Peter Kehoe
- " 114. Wm Stafford
- " 115. James Donohoe
- " 128. Patrick Lacey
- " 134 James Nolan
- " 139. Wm Whelan
- " 149. Hugh Bruen
- " 157. Joseph Bullen
- " 161. Richd Fortune



- No. 161a. Edward Brien  
 " 182. James Donohoe  
 " 187. Patrick Barty  
 " 197. Rep Denis Brunnan  
 " 213. John Breen  
 " 214. Martin Goddard  
 " 218. Aidan Kehoe  
 " 224. Patrick Martin  
 " 225. John Kelly  
 " 228 & 228a. Denis Whelan  
 " 265. Denis Bullen  
 " 198. Patrick Gorman  
 " 276. William Whelan  
 " 280. Kate Murphy.

Gorey Rural District

- No. 14. Michael Murphy  
 " 20. John Doran  
 " 21a James Bolger  
 " 22 & 22a. Joseph Murphy  
 " 38. Patrick Murphy  
 " 46 & 93. Terence Dunne  
 " 57. Thomas Redmond  
 " 69. John Boland  
 " 86. Patrick Scully  
 " 95. John O'wley  
 " 96. Wm Corcoran  
 " 105. Mary A. Donohoe  
 " 125. John Breen  
 " 141. Michael Lawless  
 " 175. Matthew McDonald  
 " 48. Patrick Scully  
 " 142a. Terence Donnelly  
 " 163. James Murphy.

New Ross Rural District

- No. 33. Bridget Murphy  
 " 5. Mary Magee  
 " 6. James Hayden



- No. 17a. John Doran  
 " 24. James Doran  
 " 26 & 26a. Nick's Fortune  
 " 28a. John Howlan (junr)  
 " 4. Robert Devereux  
 " 1. Michael Barry  
 " 283. Wm Roche  
 " 54. Edw<sup>d</sup> Fitzgerald  
 " 68. Stephen Donnelly  
 " 70a. Edward Brady  
 " 80. Patrick Kennedy  
 " 88. Patrick Sullivan  
 " 88. Philip Kelly  
 " 97 & 97a. Patrick Power  
 " 98a. Nicholas Egan  
 " 105. Michael Carroll  
 " 62. Lawrence J. Lacey  
 " 117. John Howlett  
 " 125. John Foley  
 " 126. John Conway  
 " 131. Nick's Park  
 " 145. Thomas Shanahan  
 " 148 & 148a. Patrick Bolfer  
 " 177. Peter Moran  
 " 178. James Nolan  
 " 180. James Keely  
 " 182. Wm Power  
 " 183. Martin Crooy  
 " 188. James Murphy  
 " 202. Patrick Connors  
 " 203. Patrick Rowe  
 " 207. Andrew Lennon  
 " 209. Patrick Kinsella

Wexford Rural District

- No. 2. James Murphy  
 " 10. Wm Doyle  
 " 17a. Patrick Ryan  
 " 22a. Thomas Furlong



- No. 29. John Keane  
 " 205, 206 & 207 Matt<sup>o</sup> Lacey  
 " 45. Patrick Doyle  
 " 48. Matthew Doyle  
 " 50. Edmond Pierce  
 " 56. Mary Byrne  
 " 71. Patrick Carroll  
 " 75. John Dowd  
 " 77a Walter Scallan  
 " 78. James Irvine  
 " 79 & 79a. Nich<sup>s</sup> Howlin  
 " 81. Patrick Kennedy  
 " 82 & 82a Patrick Fenlon  
 " 86. John Barrett  
 " 87. John Dowd  
 " 90. George Browne  
 " 90a. John Doran  
 " 97 & 97a David Rully  
 " 107. Michael Gahan  
 " 120. John Breen  
 " 129a Thomas Murrinan  
 " 136. Peter Dwyer  
 " 137. John Roche  
 " 139. John Devereux  
 " 141. Robert Bullen  
 " 145a. Philip Hickey  
 " 146. James Moran  
 " 152. Laurence Brosby  
 " 158. W<sup>m</sup> Harpur  
 " 159 & 160. Pat<sup>k</sup> Keeling  
 " 161. Patrick Doyle  
 " 165. John Coegrave  
 " 171. Patrick Fortune  
 " 185. Michael Breen  
 " 186. Patrick White  
 " 187. John Walsh  
 " 189. Patrick Boyse

"The minutes of the Finance Committee in reference



to the roads were then confirmed on the motion of the chairman."

The following recommendations of the Finance Committee in connection with the auditors Report, were confirmed on the motion of the chairman:-

"That the following committee for Kilmore Harbour be appointed:- Messrs M. Browne, N. White, Father Rowe Peter Parle, G. F. Walker, Canon O'Gorman, Michael Murphy, Mr. Bruen (junr) and the two district councillors of the District; the above committee to have power to add to their members."

#### Courtown Harbour.

As this committee had already been appointed it is not necessary to make any reference as to names. That these committees be requested to meet monthly for the discharge of their business, that a Register be kept of the boats with the names and tonnage; that these be supplied half yearly to the county council, together with a statement of their accounts. That the Registers of the incoming shipping and their cargoes and Bills of Lading be checked by these committees."

#### Collector J. L. Doyle.

"That collector Doyle, be informed that if considerable improvement be not immediately manifested in the manner of his collecting and lodging of the Rate, the county council will not entrust him with the collection of another Rate."

#### Courtown Harbour.

The following was read for the meeting:-

"I beg to report that I attended at the Harbour Master's office, Courtown Harbour, on the 5<sup>th</sup> October 1905 for the purpose of instructing the Harbour Master as to the manner in which a new system of accounts, prescribed for him, should be kept.

Some of the books used prior to the time of taking



over Courtown Harbour by the County Council were not suitable, and as the accounts of receipts and expenditure have now to be presented to the Local Government Auditor, it was deemed advisable that Financial Statement Books of receipt and expenditure should be kept. Accordingly the Harbour Master has been supplied with these books and full directions as to the method of keeping them.

The receipts of the Harbour in all cases required to be more adequately vouched and the Harbour Master has been provided with a receipt book numbered consecutively, stating full particulars of the receipts. An Order book for stores and sundries required, has also been supplied.

On examination of the dues book I found the sum of £19 : 12 : 9, due by boat owners up to 30<sup>th</sup> September 1905. It would be desirable that these charges should be collected by the Harbour Master quarterly.

The abstract of the Harbour Master's account from August 1904 (the date of taking over Courtown Harbour) to 30<sup>th</sup> September 1905 showed that the sum of £197 : 9 : 3 had been received, whilst the ordinary expenditure - apart from repairs to the Pier - was £126 : 5 : 9. This showed a profit of £71 : 3 : 6 of which amount £56 : 14 : 6, is brought to credit of the County Fund, and the balance £14 : 9 : 0 is in Harbour Master's hands to meet current expenses.

Patrick Donohoe.

5<sup>th</sup> October 1905.

"On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, it was decided that the Report be referred to the Local Committee, for their observations."

— University Education Meeting —

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted, on the motion of the Chairman:-

"That the opinion of Council submitted to the Finance



committee be printed and circulated with the notice of motion which Sir J. H. G. Esmonde is to give on the matter. That a special meeting of the council be held on the 17 inst., at 1.15 p.m. to consider resolution, which Sir Thomas Esmonde will move."

"The Chairman gave notice of his attention to move the following resolution at a special meeting of the council, which it was agreed should be summoned for Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 1.15 p.m.:-

"That in order to promote higher Technical Education in this county. the County Council of County Wexford, - will during the next 3 years, award each year, 2 scholarships of the value of £40 each, tenable for three years, to 2 students from this county, - one from North Wexford, - and the other from South Wexford - who, in the judgment of this council, shall, at the Intermediate Examinations in these years have made the best record in the Experimental Science group, of the Intermediate programme.

The subjects for study for which these scholarships will be granted, will be the following; in no less than 2 of which the students must present themselves for examination, at the yearly examinations of the Institution at which they hold their scholarships, viz:- Mathematics, Mathematical Physics, Chemistry, Electro-Technology, Agriculture, Botany, Geology, Zoology.

These scholarships shall be tenable at an institution of university standing to be determined by this council when the scholarships are awarded.

Reports of the students' progress shall be regularly furnished to this council by the authorities of the institution at which they hold their scholarships, and this council reserves to itself the right of withdrawing these scholarships at any time, should these reports prove unsatisfactory."

— Notice of motion - Contractors as Sureties —

The Chairman said he would move at the next



Meeting of the County Council, that the Council adopt a rule that no Road Contractor, be allowed to become security for another Road Contractor."

### Proposals for New Works.

The Chairman moved:- "That the several proposals for New Works, from District Councils and Proposal Committee, be agreed to, as per the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

As regards the lane at Cloncranny (Gorey District) Mr Cummins proposed and Mr Kinsella seconded that the recommendation of the District Council be adopted."

It was proposed that the matter be adjourned till the 17<sup>th</sup> November, to allow of an arbitration being carried out.

On a poll being taken the following voted for the adjournment:- Messrs Ennis, Sir J. Esmonde, Peacocke, Hore, Kehoe, Murphy, Donohoe, J. A. Doyle, Dempsey, Asple, Mark Lodd, James Lodd, Browne, and J. Bolger. 14.

Against:- Messrs Kinsella, John Sinnott, J. Bolger, Cummins, M. Doyle, and M. Hickey - 6.

### Arterial Drainage.

A Circular letter under date 31<sup>st</sup> October 1905, was read from the Arterial Drainage Commission Office, 25 Kildare Street, Dublin, asking if the Co. Council would nominate some one on their behalf to give evidence before the Commission:-

"On the motion of the Chairman it was decided that this matter be referred to the Finance Committee to deal with it."

### Acknowledgments of Resolutions.

The following were read:-

3<sup>rd</sup> August 1905.

"I am directed by Mr Long (Chief Secretary for Ireland)



to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> instant, enclosing copy of Resolutions adopted at a meeting of the Wexford County Council held on the previous day, with reference to the Marine Works Bill." marked "Read."

3<sup>rd</sup> August 1905

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication dated 2<sup>nd</sup> August, with resolution passed by the Co. Council. I am happy to say, that, I have always been on the side of union and conciliation amongst Irish Nationalists, and I agree with the County Council, that dissention is a National calamity."

Yours Faithfully

Peter French (M.P.)

marked "Read"

### Education in Ireland

The following resolution was received from the Waterford County Council:-

"That in view of the present unsettled and unsatisfactory condition of Education in Ireland, due we believe to the incompetency and mismanagement of the National Board, we consider the time has now arrived when the people of Ireland should demand that the present Board be replaced by a representative Board in close touch with the classes who use the primary schools and are conversant with the educational needs and wishes of the County generally.

But while desirous that the present effete Board should be abolished, we shall strenuously oppose any attempt which may be made to override the wishes of the Irish people by the establishment of a Department of Education which could only result in even still greater disorganisation and dissatisfaction than exist at present."

Mr. Broune proposed, Mr. Peacocke seconded that the resolution be adopted. Passed.



Irish Education (Afflicted children) Bill.

Under date 11<sup>th</sup> September the Secretary of the National Education Commissioners wrote that it was the intention of the Chief Secretary for Ireland to re-introduce in the next Parliamentary Session a Bill to make better provision for the Elementary Education of afflicted children in Ireland."

Copy of draft Bill for the consideration of the Council was forwarded.

"Referred to Finance Committee."

Teaching of Irish

The following resolutions for adoption by the Council were received from the Executive Committee of the Gaelic League, Dublin:-

1.- That we declare the action of the Lords of the Treasury in attempting to dictate to policy of Irish Primary Education to be a gross and intolerable abuse, and declare determined resistance to such an encroachment to be a public duty.

2. That we strongly protest against the proposed withdrawal of fees for Irish as an extra subject in the National Schools and we pledge ourselves to resist to the utmost this threatened injustice.

3.- That the Commissioners of National Education by allowing the Treasury to usurp their functions, have been guilty of a grave breach of trust, the more disgraceful since the Commissioners were aware of the persistent injustice of the Treasury in withholding large funds due to primary Education in Ireland; and should have met every approach of the Treasury, with a demand for full restitution of all moneys wrongfully withheld.

4.- That it is now evident that the Board of National Education have lost irrevocably the confidence of the public, and have forfeited all claim on the sympathy and co-operation of the Managers and Teachers of the Primary Schools; and that the existing deadlock between the Board and the Schools of the country



can only be remedied by the retirement of the present Board, and by the substitution of a representative Board, which shall have the confidence and support of the school managers and teachers, and of the Irish public.

5.- That we call upon any of the commissioners who do not wish to be held responsible for the present crisis to dissociate themselves publicly from the Board's policy of meek subservience towards the Treasury, and dominating exasperation towards the Irish public and the schools.

6.- That in the present crisis we call upon Managers and Teachers throughout our County to assist the efforts of the Gaelic League in reforming Primary Education, and to devote themselves even more earnestly than heretofore to the teaching of the National Language.

7.- That copies of the foregoing resolutions be forwarded to the Right Hon Arthur J. Balfour, M.P. Treasury, Whitehall, S.W. London; to Victor C. W. Cavendish, M.P. Secretary, Treasury, Whitehall S.W. London; to P. E. Lemass, Secretary National Board, Marlborough Street, Dublin; to the Right Hon W. Long M.P. Chief Secretary, Dublin Castle; and to the Freeman's Journal;

"The County Wexford Committee of the Gaelic League also wrote asking that these resolutions should be adopted."

"On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr J. Bolger the foregoing resolutions were adopted."

#### Revision of Valuation

"The Chief Clerk, General Valuation Office, wrote under date 4<sup>th</sup> August 1905 that Mr W. J. Bastow had been appointed to make the annual Revision of Valuation of New Ross Rural District."

Marked "Read"



Cork Industrial Development Association

Under date 25<sup>th</sup> August the Council of Cork Industrial Development Association wrote asking that a delegate from Wexford County Council, be appointed to attend the Irish Industrial Conference to be held in Cork on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1905.

"The Chairman proposed that Mr. Ennis Vice-Chairman of the Council, be appointed to represent the Wexford County Council, at the meeting of the Cork Industrial Development Association."

Mr. Kehoe seconded.

Passed.

Missing Cheque

The Secretary said that on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1904, a Paying Order for £3: 9: 2, portion of ground rent of the County Courthouse, had been forwarded Mr. W. J. Devereux, Wexford. As the cheque was outstanding at the end of the half-year, Mr. Devereux was written to, that he should have it cashed at once.

Mr. Devereux wrote under date 4<sup>th</sup> August 1905.

"In reply to your letter, I have no recollection of receiving the cheque referred to, and would feel greatly obliged if you would give me a duplicate cheque for same."

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

"That a duplicate of Paying Order for £3: 9: 2, be issued to Mr. Devereux, in lieu of missing Order, on his giving a Guarantee to indemnify the Co. Council against loss in connection with the matter"

Provisional Order (No. 1) Act 1905.

The Local Government Board forwarded with circular letter No. 46, 246-1905, Miscellaneous; copy of their Provisional, Order (No. 1) Act 1905, partly annulling and varying certain provisions of the Procedure of Councils Order 1899, and which will come into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> April,



or on such earlier date as the Local Government Board may appoint, for any county."

Audits of Accounts.

The Local Government Board forwarded copies of the reports of their auditors in reference to audit of accounts of County Wexford Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction; and Gorey Guardians and District Council."

Direct Labour Scheme.

Under date 30<sup>th</sup> October 1905. (Letter No. 53,975 Miscellaneous) the Local Government Board forwarded copies of Order by which the Provisional Declaration and scheme of direct labour can be considered at a special meeting of a County Council on the expiration of two months after the making of a provisional declaration and scheme."

Demands on Urban Councils

Under date 15<sup>th</sup> September the Local Government Board (Letter No. 125. M. 1905 Mis.) forwarded copy of circular letter which they had addressed to each Urban District on the subject of quarterly payments of the demands of the County Council, on the Urban Councils.

The circular letter pointed out that the payments in question should be paid on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> June, 1<sup>st</sup> September, 1<sup>st</sup> December, and 1<sup>st</sup> March in each year, and intimated to the Urban Councils that if they failed to discharge their obligations in a reasonable and equitable manner the Board would be compelled to make such further modifications in their Order as would enable County Councils to enforce payment at a much earlier period in each quarter than is now possible. The cost of any legal proceedings instituted for non-compliance with the Order constituted a deficiency or loss such as contemplated by Section 20 of the Local Government



(Ireland) Act 1902, for which members of the Urban Councils concerned might be held to be personally responsible."

— approving of Mr. Bogley as Rate collector —

Under date 11<sup>th</sup> August 1905, (letter No. 48,536-1905) the Local Government Board wrote approving of the appointment of Mr. James Bogley as Rate collector for No. 21 Collection District.

"On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:— That the Bond of Mr. James Bogley Rate collector for No. 21. Collection District, which has received the approval of the Local Government Board, be hereby sealed on behalf of the County Council."

— Arthurstown & Fethard Piers —

Under date 25<sup>th</sup> September 1905 (letter No. 96,38) the Board of Works wrote stating that it had been reported to them that the berths of the pier at Arthurstown were becoming silted up. They would be glad to hear whether any steps have been taken to remove this silt."

"Under same date the Board of Works, drew attention to their letter of 6<sup>th</sup> May stating that the County Council had accepted a tender for repairs to Fethard Pier, and asking if the works had been yet completed."

"Under date 26<sup>th</sup> September the County Surveyor, wrote that the repairs to Fethard Pier, had been completed, but no steps had been taken to remove the silt at Arthurstown Pier."

"Under date 20<sup>th</sup> October 1905 the following letter No. 4443/05 J. B. was read from the Department of Agriculture, & Technical Instruction:—

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> instant, embodying copy of a resolution passed by the Wexford County Council on the 13<sup>th</sup> instant, requesting the Department's assistance in keeping the harbours in charge of the county, free from silt."



In reply, I have to state, for the information of the Co. Council, that the Department have already contributed to the cost of clearing stones and silt out of Courtown Harbour; and they are prepared to consider applications in connection with specific schemes for the improvement of other harbours in charge of the County, which may be submitted."

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Ennis the following resolution was adopted:-

That the County Surveyor prepare a statement as to the dredging which requires to be done at the scheduled and other piers under the control of the Co. Council, and furnish same to the Department of Agriculture."

"With reference to the letters of the Board of Works the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman:- "That the Board of Works be informed the County Surveyor has had the repairs to Fethard Pier carried out, and the Council has asked the Department of Agriculture, to dredge Arthurstown and other County Wickford harbours."

#### Poulduff Pier

Under date 16<sup>th</sup> September 1905 (letter No. 3941. F. B) the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction wrote, that the contract for execution of the proposed works at Poulduff Harbour has been completed, and a counterpart was in the hands of the contractor."

"On the motion of the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Department of Agriculture, be requested to state for the information of the Council (1) the name of the contractor for Poulduff Pier. (2) The terms of the contract (3) when the work is to begin, and when to be completed."

#### Sheep Scab Orders 55 & 56.

The consideration of the adoption by the Council as Local Authority, of Sheep Scab Orders 55 & 56 of the



Department of Agriculture, on reference from the Executive Committee entrusted with the business of the Contagious Diseases (A) Acts; was then taken up.

Order 55 in brief- extended the existing powers of local authorities, and made it compulsory that animals affected with the disease should be dipped to the satisfaction of an Inspector of the authority, who had also power to isolate animals, that from their proximity to the place of outbreak, association with any animal in a diseased flock, or from other cause, may be suspected to have been exposed to infection, isolation to continue for 56 days unless in the meantime animals are satisfactorily dipped under official inspection."

"Order 56 empowered the county council to regulate the movement of sheep into the county, and to provide swimming baths for dipping."

On the motion of the chairman the following resolution was adopted:- "That in present circumstances the council do not consider there is any necessity for enforcing Order 56 (Sheep Scab Regulations) of the Department of Agriculture."

#### Electric Lighting- Town of Enniscorthy

The following letter under date 7<sup>th</sup> October 1905, was received from Mr P. J. Shaw Town Clerk, Enniscorthy:-

"I am directed by the council to ask the county council upon what terms they could have the use of the extra power at Kilcarbery for Electric Lighting of the Town."

On the motion of the chairman the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Enniscorthy Urban Council be informed that the Wexford County Council, are quite prepared to give careful consideration to any representations from the Urban Council when the latter have arrived at a definite scheme to lay before the Co. Council, stating the number of lights, terms; etc."



Enniscorthy Quay Walls.

Under date 9<sup>th</sup> September the following was read from Mr P. J. Shaw, Town Clerk, Enniscorthy.

"I have been directed by the above Council to bring under the notice of the County Council the dangerous state of the Quay Walls. My Council have on several occasions called the attention of Lord Portsmouth (who claims them as his property) to the matter, but although he has promised to have the quay walls put right, nothing has been done up to the present; the protection rails, which are put up at a great cost to the County, are in some cases down, and with further floods this winter further damage will be done.

This quay being a main road the Council consider that pressure should be brought to bear on Lord Portsmouth by the County Council."

"On the motion of Mr Donohoe, seconded by Mr Dempsey the following resolution was adopted:- "That the County Council call the immediate attention of Lord Portsmouth to the dangerous condition of the quay walls at Enniscorthy, and request that he put them in order at once."

Additional Member - Co. Committee.

Councillor Broune moved the following motion of which he had given previous notice:-

"I hereby give notice, that I will move at the next meeting of the Co. Council, that Mr E. Hore, be appointed a member of the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, as the representative of the Forth Agricultural & Industrial Association."

Mr Ennis seconded the motion. Passed.

University Education.

Sir Thomas H. F. Esmonde Bart. M.P. moved the following motion, of which he had given previous notice:-

"That the provisions for Higher Education in Ireland are wholly inadequate to the wants of the



people; that the present distribution of public educational funds is wasteful and unjust, and that it is essential to the interests of the country that there should be at once introduced into Parliament such a measure as will remedy existing grievances, and establish under conditions of equal justice to all, a system of higher Education suited to the requirements and satisfying the just claims of the Irish People."

Mr. Ennis seconded the motion which was passed.

"On the motion of the Chairman it was decided that a copy of the Resolution be forwarded Mr. P. J. O'Neill, Chairman Dublin County Council."

"Under date 26<sup>th</sup> October, Mr. A. Keogh Nolan, Secretary of the Irish County Councils General Council, forwarded copy of Council's opinion as to the powers of county councils to aid University Education.

He also wrote that the next meeting of the General Council would be held on 8<sup>th</sup> December to consider this question, and asked to have submitted any matters which the Wexford County Council might desire to have considered."

Ordered:- "To be considered at special meeting of the Council on the 17<sup>th</sup> instant."

#### Postal Facilities.

With reference to the proposed telegraph office at Ramsgrange, the Postmaster General wrote that it would be established under a seven years guarantee, and if the receipts did not equal £20 per year one-half of the deficiency should be paid by the Guarantors; the other half would be borne by the Post Office."

"The Postmaster General also wrote under date 16<sup>th</sup> October 1905 (letter No. 470.035) that the resolution of the county council asking for additional postal facilities for Galbally District would receive attention."

"The letter with reference to telegraph station at Ramsgrange was referred to the Rural District Council."



Wexford Prison.

Under date 11<sup>th</sup> September 1905 the Secretary of the General Prisons Board (No. 12350) wrote in reply to a resolution of the County Council:-

"With reference to your letters of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> ultimo I am directed to state for the information of the County Council that the General Prisons Board are advised that they are liable for the payment of the rent of Wexford closed prison up to the date when the premises become vested in the County Council, - the 16<sup>th</sup> instant, but that the Board have as a matter of grace obtained the authority of the Lords Commissioners of H. M. Treasury for the payment of the rent up to the 29<sup>th</sup> instant, the close of the half-year. The rent will accordingly be paid by the Board up to the latter date."

"Under date 4<sup>th</sup> August 1905 the General Prisons Board wrote that the Wexford Prison was <sup>not</sup> insured while in their possession."

Bridewell for Wexford.

"Under date 14<sup>th</sup> August 1905 (10892) the Secretary of the Prisons Board wrote, that the Board were apprised that Government could not authorise the establishment of a Bridewell in Wexford."

"Referred to Prison Committee, already appointed on the Recommendation of the Finance Committee."

Refund costs- Prosecution

"Under date 4<sup>th</sup> September 1905, Mr. R. W. Elgee Solicitor to the Council, wrote:-

"I have to-day lodged to credit of the County Council the sum of £11 : 1 : 0, being the amount of costs incurred in defending the malicious Injury cases of John Byrne, and Andrew Doyle, both of which cases were dismissed, and which costs were paid to me by the Council on the 1<sup>st</sup> August ult. and have since been levied by the Sheriff from the claimants."



Courtown Harbour Boat-House.

arising out of letters from Mr R. W. Elgee, County Solicitor the following resolution of the Courtown Harbour Committee came up for special sanction:-

"That the boat-house, now in possession of the Coastguards at Courtown Harbour be offered to the Admiralty on a 31 years lease together with two feet of ground on the land side for £4: 10/- per annum."

"On the motion of the Chairman the following recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted:-

That the boat-house now in possession of the Coastguards at Courtown Harbour be offered to the Admiralty on a 31 years lease together with two feet of ground on the land side for £5 per annum; the lease to contain a clause allowing of surrender every 7 years."

General Councils' Resolutions.

The following resolutions from the Irish County Councils General Council adopted at meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> August were laid before the Council for consideration:-

Redistribution

Resolved:- "That should the English Parliament enact a law reducing the representation of the Irish Nation as fixed in 1800, without either conceding the right of self-government to Ireland or proportionately reducing the Parliamentary representation of England, and Scotland, we will regard it as an additional proof that no promise, however sacred, made by England to Ireland can ever be relied on, and as an additional infamy to the infamous act of Union- an act which Ireland has never regarded as legal or constitutional or of any moral force whatever, and which she will never regard as such. And in the event of the Redistribution proposals becoming law, it will certainly be the imperative duty of this nation, to take into serious consideration its attitude and policy towards



Great Britain. That we note with satisfaction the expression of the Orangemen of Belfast, that they are Irishmen first and Unionists after."

University Education.

Resolved:- "That having considered the resolution passed by the county Wexford county council, we authorise our Executive Committee to obtain legal opinion as to whether and how far the Technical Instruction acts of 1889, 1891, and 1892, and the acts relating to Intermediate Education, and any other acts, can be utilized to further the cause of University Education in Ireland."

The Department's contribution to county schemes of Agricultural & Technical Instruction.

Resolved:- "That the Department and the county committees, be requested to take steps to insure that all county schemes for Agricultural and Technical Instruction, dates shall be inserted by which the amount then actually due of the Department's contribution for the year shall be inserted by the county committee."

Utilization of disused Bridewells, etc., for Technical Instruction purposes, etc.,

Resolved:- That in view of the immediate pressing need of suitable buildings in rural and urban centres for purposes of itinerant technical instruction in agriculture, it is advisable that county councils should acquire rural courthouses and discontinued bridewells in towns, and, subject to the necessary employment of the former for Petty Sessions, that they should place these buildings in the control of the county committees of Agriculture and Technical Instruction to be used by them for the various purposes of itinerant technical instruction, and instruction in agriculture, and also for village libraries.

That the county council when necessary or



advisable, should purchase these buildings, and have control of same, with powers to enlarge or otherwise render them suitable for the purposes of committees; and that the Department should contribute towards enlargement and proper maintenance."

Mode of scheduling congested Districts

Resolved:- That as the Congested District Board is at present doing most useful work in districts scheduled as congested, this Council urges on the Parliamentary Party the advisability of pressing on legislation to improve the mode of scheduling congested districts, with the view of increasing the scope of the Board's operations."

Expenses of members attending joint Lunatic Asylum Committees.

Resolved:- That the attention of the General Council of county councils, be called to the fact that owing to the arrangements in several parts of Ireland by which one Lunatic Asylum is maintained for two or more councils, and managed by a joint committee; county councillors are obliged to travel out of their own counties to attend <sup>committee</sup> meetings; and thereby incurring frequent and in several cases heavy travelling expenses, and that the General Council be requested to suggest that powers be given to county councils to recoup the actual expenses incurred by members of committee in attending meetings."

Re-afforestation

Resolved:- That we call upon the Government to allow the accumulated funds derived from Quit and Crown rents to subsidise and create a Forestry Department for the re-afforestation of Ireland, the management of said Department to be shared by representatives chosen by delegates elected by Irish



to Councils."

Valuation Lists, & Estimate of Rates.

Resolved:- "1) That the Local Government Board be informed, with reference to their statement - that as the revised valuation lists are supplied to Rural District Councils on the 1<sup>st</sup> February in each year, the rates are assessed on the new valuations - that careful inquiry and practical experience confirm the facts given in this Council's resolution of the 12<sup>th</sup> January 1905, viz:- "That the certified lists are not supplied till the 1<sup>st</sup> March, by the Commissioner of Valuation to County (not Rural) Councils, and that consequently the estimate and rates are founded on the old valuation, as the rates must be assessed previous to the 1<sup>st</sup> March."

If the revised and certified lists were supplied by the 1<sup>st</sup> February the case made by this Council would be met; but County Councils have no power to insist on this being done, as the Commissioner of Valuation has till the 1<sup>st</sup> March to perform the duty under the valuation Acts."

"2) The Local Government Board having stated that the meaning of a resolution adopted by this Council on the 12<sup>th</sup> January 1905 with reference to the impossibility of framing estimates and striking rates on the proposals passed by Rural Councils and confirmed by County Councils, was not clear, and that rates are properly assessed on the basis of estimates, it is hereby resolved that the Local Government Board be informed that under the Local Government Act 1898, Rural Council proposals are adopted or rejected by County Councils, that by the present mode of procedure the County Council meeting to deal with such proposals must be held prior to the date on which these proposals, or some of them, come up from the Rural Councils, and that, consequently, the estimate and rates, are based, not on the proposals actually adopted by the County Council, but on a rough guess as to



what may be adopted."

In the opinion of this Council an anomaly of this kind should have the attention of the Local Government Board with a view to rectification."

Powers to Co. Councils to Promote Bills in Parliament.

Resolved :- "That in the opinion of this Council, County Councils should have power to promote Bills in Parliament as well as Urban Councils, and that the Local Government Board be requested to have clause 17 of the Local Government Act 1898, amended so as to effect this object."

Suggested Legislation.

Resolved :- That the following matters be brought under the notice of the Chief Secty for Ireland, with a view to the introduction of legislation to remedy the defects complained of :-

"(1) The absence of satisfactory statutory provisions with respect to the chargeability of lunatics and paupers to the various districts in which they have permanently resided."

"(2) The inadequate control of local authorities over advertisement hoardings."

"(3) The unsatisfactory state of the law with reference to the storage of petroleum in large quantities close to premises occupied as dwellings."

"(4) The advantages of a provision that loans obtained for the purpose of erecting houses for the working classes shall not be taken into account when calculating the borrowing of municipalities."

"The above resolutions were adopted on the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. More."

Imported Frozen Meat

The following resolution was received for adoption from the Irish Cattle Traders & Stock Owners Association  
"That in view of the laudable effects now being made to support Irish industries and products this Association



condemns the practice followed by many public Boards, charitable institutions, training and educational establishments, and hospitals, wholly or partly, maintained by public rates or Irish subscriptions, in largely purchasing imported frozen meat and we call upon the controllers of such institutions to assist the native producer by giving their custom to the home article, and, by thus helping to develop Irish industries, and in stopping the fatal tide of emigration."

"On the motion of the chairman, the resolution was adopted."

— Epizootic Lymphangitis, etc. —

The following resolution was received for adoption from the Irish Cattle Traders & Stockowners Association:-

"That as Epizootic Lymphangitis and Glanders have been introduced into Ireland from South Africa and other places by troop horses, this association protests against Irish County Councils being compelled to pay compensations arising from slaughter of horses to prevent the spreading of such diseases, and it is of opinion that all such claims should be paid out of Imperial funds by the War Department."

"On the motion of the chairman the resolution was adopted."

— Seating Accommodation - Duncormack Courthouse —

Under date 25<sup>th</sup> July the following letter was read from Mr. R. P. Corish P. S. C. Duncormack:-

"I have been directed by the Magistrates at Duncormick Petty Sessions to ask you to bring before the next meeting of your Proposal Committee the want of seating accommodation in Duncormack Courthouse."

There are no chairs there, for Magistrates or witnesses, except a few old and broken ones, and chairs have frequently to be borrowed on Court days.

I trust your Council will be good enough to grant a supply of say a dozen chairs, somewhat similar to those supplied to Loughmor, some few years ago,



and also an arm chair, for the presiding magistrate."

"On the motion of the chairman the following resolution was adopted:-

"That this matter be referred to the Finance Committee which are empowered to provide seats for Duncormack Courthouse, same as were supplied to Tighmon Courthouse. That if considered necessary the matter be scheduled in the Requirement Book of the Council."

— Notice of motion. —

Councillor Ennis moved:- "That the Lord Lieutenant be requested to make an order under the Wild Birds Protection Act 1894 prohibiting for five years the taking or destroying of the eggs of wild birds of any sort, on the Saltu Islands, and the Kevagh Islands, and to declare the said Islands to be protected areas within the meaning of the said act."

Mr. Kehoe seconded the motion which was adopted.

— Meeting for consideration of Rate Estimate —

"On the motion of the chairman it was decided that the meeting of the Council, for consideration of Rate Estimate for next year be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 1906."

— Railway Bridge - Wexford Bridge. —

"On the motion of the chairman the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the attention of the Wexford Urban Council be called to the state of the railway bridge over the Wexford Free Bridge, and that the Urban Council be requested to have same put in <sup>proper</sup> repair, or be good enough to arrange with the D. W. & W. Ry Co., to have this done. The County Council Contractor for Wexford Bridge has complained that the manner in which the surface of the railway bridge in question is kept is causing him unnecessary trouble in carrying



out his contract."

### Council of Agriculture

The Chairman asked the Council to accept his resignation as one of their representatives on the Council of Agriculture, as he found it impossible to attend the meetings.

The resignation having been accepted Mr. James Donohoe was appointed to the vacancy, on the motion of Mr. Kinsella seconded by Mr. John Sinnott."

### Direction Posts

Councillor Donohoe moved the following motion of which he had given previous notice:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at next meeting of the County Council, to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 1905, that the Council take into consideration the advisability of having direction posts erected on the main roads of the County, and invite tenders for the execution of the work. To be a County at Large Charge."

"Mr. Donohoe in moving above notice asked and received permission to substitute "principal roads" for "main roads" in view of the abandonment of the Main Roads Scheme, and to add to the resolution - "That the County Surveyor be instructed to make inquiries as to the cost of these posts, and that he submit same to the Finance Committee."

"Mr. Kehoe seconded the resolution which was adopted."

### Sealing Bonds

"On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Bonds of Road Contractors, Etc. for this meeting be sealed by our Secretary."

### Untendered Contracts

Proposed by the Chairman:- "That contracts for works untendered for at District Council meetings and at



Proposal Committee, be confirmed as per Form 20 in each case respectively." Passed.

Proposals for Payment

Proposed by the Chairman:- "That the several proposals for payment in respect of all matters - public works and otherwise - sent up by the Rural District Councils of the County, and by the Proposal Committee, and as recommended by the Finance Committee, be adopted; subject to the modifications and other orders thereon noted and initialled by the Chairman."

Memorial from Rate Collectors

The following was read for the meeting:-

"To the members of the County Council of the County of Wexford.

The memorial of the undersigned being the Poor Rate Collectors, of the County of Wexford, humbly sheweth-

1.- That a meeting of our body was held in Ennis-corthy on the 16<sup>th</sup> October, when it was unanimously decided that we should submit our claims for the consideration of the Council.

2.- The Finance Committee of the Council at one of their first meetings recommended that the poundage to be paid to the Poor Rate Collectors would be at the rate of 8<sup>d</sup> in the £.

3.- all the Poor Rate collectors in the County are paid poundage at the rate of 7<sup>d</sup> in the pound except three who have been recently appointed at 6<sup>d</sup> in the pound. The three who accepted the poundage at that rate, did not know that they should have to lodge the amount of the Rates in full according to their warrant, and they will appear before the Council, to state that if necessary.

4.- Heretofore under the Grand jury system it cost the County for the collecting of taxes 1/5<sup>d</sup> in the pound; namely 1/- for County fees and about



5<sup>d</sup> for Poor Rate.

5.- Your Memorialists respectfully submit that having regard to all the circumstances, a sum of 8<sup>d</sup> in the pound, as recommended by the Finance Committee would be a fair sum to pay for the collection. This would be only one half the poundage it cost the County heretofore.

6.- The collectors think it is an unnecessary hardship upon them that they should have to go to the expense of giving security by Guarantee Society. This expense amounts to 15 per cent on the amount of the security. In all cases except one the collectors have had to give security for £900, so that they have had to pay £6. 15/- each, and they submit this is an unnecessary expense because each of these can give reliable personal security instead. Besides this, the Local Government Board informed the collectors that in every County in Ireland except this, the County Council have paid the Guarantee Society's expenses or otherwise recouped the collectors for this expense.

7.- Your Memorialists would respectfully bring to your notice the fact that as the full amount of their warrants should be lodged at the close of each half-year, they would have to advance from their own private means between them all a sum of something about £2,000. In many cases the money remains out for two and three months, a very large portion would be out for six months, and some would be out for a couple of years. The interest from this sum comes altogether out of the pockets of the collectors, and it is a serious difficulty with which they have to contend. Of course over this the County Council has no control, but the collector urge that it is a matter that ought to be taken into consideration when their poundage is being considered.

Your Memorialists therefore humbly pray that the poundage of the Poor Rate collectors of



the County Wexford be increased to 8<sup>d</sup> in the pound, and that personal security be accepted from them in lieu of security of the Guarante Society, or that in the alternative the expenses of said Guarante be recouped to them as is done in other counties.

And your memorialists as in duty bound will ever pray.

(Signed) H. J. Poole, Ballyowen Gorey  
 Robert Earl, Ballynahown Gorey  
 J. C. Smith, Gorey  
 Patrick Nolan Clologue Ferns  
 John Sinnott, Ballyland, Enniscorthy  
 John Mullett, Bree  
 John Walsh, The Harrow Ferns  
 Pierce Redmond, Ballincash Clondaw  
 Laurence Lacey, Ullart  
 Edward Somers, Dunsinane  
 J. F. Sullivan, Kiltaly  
 John Banville, Horstoun North  
 James L. Doyle, Carriglyrne  
 James Barron, New Ross  
 Alexander Barron, Dunmain, New Ross  
 Nicholas Moore, Ballyfrory  
 N. H. Walsh, Wexford  
 Francis Blake, Kilmore  
 Andrew Lennon, Edenval, Castlebridge  
 Patrick Rossiter Ballykilliane, Dúnragh.

Mr. Donohoe gave notice of motion as follows for next meeting of the council on 17<sup>th</sup> inst., "That in future from next pay day the council undertake to refund to the Rate Collectors, or pay direct to the Societies the amount of payment of guarantee in the case of Rate Collectors given a fidelity bond."

"Sir Thomas Esmonde said that he would also move that the collectors supply the following information for the next meeting of the council: 1. Amount of collection. 2. Amount of remuneration. 3. Amount of



guarantee payment. 4.- Amount out of pocket each year since appointment. 5.- Gross cost of collection now to County. 6.- Amount proposed to be paid for collectors."

— Confirmation of Minutes of Committees —

Proposed by the Chairman :- "That the Minutes of Finance, Proposal, and Diseases of Animals Acts Committees, from August Meeting of the County Council to date, be confirmed"

— Dates of Meetings —

Enniscorthy R. D. - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 11 o'clock  
 Gorey R. D. - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> " 11:30 "  
 Wexford R. D. - Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> " 10:30 "  
 New Ross R. D. - " 20<sup>th</sup> " 12. "  
 Proposal Committee - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> "  
 Co. Council Meeting - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February.

— Analyst's Report —

The following report was read :-

City Laboratory  
 17 Castle St. Dublin.  
 30<sup>th</sup> October 1905.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, B.Sc. M.D. Public Analyst for the County Wexford, on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 30<sup>th</sup> September, 1905.

25 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C. as follows:-

| <u>Article</u> | <u>Number.</u> |
|----------------|----------------|
| Butter         | 10             |
| Milk           | 6              |
| Whiskey        | 5              |
| Buttermilk     | 2              |
| Margarine      | 1              |
| Port Wine      | 1              |
| Total          | <u>25.</u>     |

They were all pure.

Five specimens of water analysed for New Ross Urban District Council had the following compositions.  
 One imperial gallon contained in grains.



|                                 | <u>No. 1.</u> | <u>No. 2.</u> | <u>No. 3.</u> | <u>No. 4.</u> | <u>No. 5.</u> |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Total solid matters             | 18.900        | 28.000        | 18.900        | 24.500        | 25.500        |
| Including                       |               |               |               |               |               |
| albuminoid ammonia              | 0.006         | 0.010         | 0.008         | 0.010         | 0.009         |
| saline ammonia                  | 0.005         | 0.006         | 0.005         | 0.005         | 0.007         |
| Nitric acid                     | 5.600         | 5.300         | 5.100         | 4.900         | 5.300         |
| chlorine                        | 3.081         | 3.081         | 3.081         | 4.873         | 4.174         |
| Sulphuric acid                  | 2.8824        | 2.8824        | 2.8824        | 2.8824        | 2.8824        |
| Equal to calcium sulphate       | 4.0000        | 4.0000        | 4.0000        | 4.0000        | 4.0000        |
| All good or fairly good waters. |               |               |               |               |               |

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union three drugs and four specimens of tea were analysed. The drugs were correct. The specimens of tea were of good quality.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union fifteen drugs were analysed. One of them namely cherry laurel water, was deficient in hydrocyanic acid.

For the Enniscorthy District Lunatic Asylum five specimens of milk, and two of water were analysed. One of the milks was adulterated with at least 10 per cent of added water. The specimens of water had the following compositions.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

|                           | <u>No. 1.</u> | <u>No. 2.</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Total solid matters       | 28.700        | 77.700        |
| Including                 |               |               |
| albuminoid ammonia        | 0.007         | 0.012         |
| saline ammonia            | 0.005         | 0.005         |
| Nitric acid               | Trace         | Trace         |
| chlorine                  | 2.485         | 1.988         |
| Sulphuric acid            | 4.3236        | 1.4412        |
| Equal to calcium sulphate | 6.0000        | 2.0000        |

No. 1. was a fairly good water. No 2. was not quite so good.

There were five specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, Upper Merrion St. Dublin, which were taken up in the county of Wexford. They were pure.



One specimen of water analysed for Mr. Hodge, Newtownbarry had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

|                           |        |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Total solid matters       | 7.000  |
| Including                 |        |
| Albuminoid ammonia        | 0.018  |
| Saline ammonia            | 0.004  |
| Nitric acid               | Trace  |
| Chlorine                  | 0.994  |
| Sulphuric acid            | 2.8824 |
| Equal to calcium sulphate | 4.0000 |

An inferior, peaty water.

One specimen of butter analysed for the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture, was pure.

For Shillelagh Union which is partly situated in the County of Wexford, ten drugs were analysed. They were correct.

More detailed reports on the waters above referred to were made to those who sent them, but the main points in their composition, are given in the present report.

Total analyses - 76.

C. A. Cameron.

W. E. Morris

12. 2. 06



Special Meeting - 17<sup>th</sup> November 1905.

A special meeting of the County Council was held in the Courthouse, Wexford, on 17<sup>th</sup> November 1905.

Present :- Sir J. H. G. Esmonde, Bart., M.P. (Chm) presiding.  
Other members :- Messrs M. A. Ennis, John Sinnott, James Donohoe, John Bolger, Mark Codd, James Codd, J. Bolger, John J. Kehoe, M. Broune, J. E. Mayler, Matthew Doyle, J. Asple, A. Kinsella, John Cummins, D. Dempsey, Edm<sup>d</sup> Hou, and A. C. Murphy.

The County Secretary, the County Surveyor, the County Solicitor, (Mr R. W. Elger) and Deputy Surveyors Leary, Jones, and John Kehoe; were in attendance.

Advertising

On the motion of Mr Cummins, seconded by Mr James Codd, the following resolution passed by a majority at the adjourned meeting of the Proposal Committee was agreed to :-

"That the tender of Mr B. Hughes, 'Wexford Independent' to insert the advertisements of the County Council, and the advertisements of the Offices of the Clerk of the Crown & Peace, and the County Surveyor; for two years from 31<sup>st</sup> March '06 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 1908, at £70 per annum be accepted."

University Education.

The Chairman moved the following resolution of which he had given due notice :- "That in order to promote higher Technical Education in this County, we the County Council of County Wexford, will, during the next three years, award each year, two scholarships, of the value of £40 each, tenable for three years, to two students from this County - one from North Wexford, and the other from South Wexford - who, in the judgment of this Council, shall have made the best record in the Experimental Science group of the Intermediate programme



provided they have passed in Irish, and also in such other subjects, as may be required, in order to qualify them for admission to a University College, without further examination.

"The subjects for study, for which these scholarships will be granted, will be the following; in not less than two of which the students must present themselves for examination at the yearly examination of the Institution at which they hold their scholarships, viz:- Mathematics Mathematical Physics, Chemistry, Electro-Technology, Agriculture, Botany, Geology, Zoology, and the students must also present themselves for examination in Irish.

"These scholarships shall be tenable at an Institution of University standing to be determined by this Council when the scholarships are awarded.

"Reports of the students' progress shall be regularly furnished by the authorities of the Institution, at which they hold their scholarships, and this Council reserves to itself the right of withdrawing these scholarships at any time, should these reports prove unsatisfactory."

M<sup>r</sup> M. Browne seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

"On the motion of M<sup>r</sup> Donohoe, seconded by M<sup>r</sup> J. Bolger, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That in the opinion of this Council, the scholarship fund inaugurated by the Bishops at their last meeting at Maynooth, offers a simple way of providing University Education for the talented boys and girls of Ireland, pending Government restitution for this purpose of some of the overtaxation extracted from our country, and we pledge ourselves to support the fund by our individual contributions, and by our influence in our respective districts."

"Proposed by M<sup>r</sup> Ennis, seconded by M<sup>r</sup> Donohoe:-  
"That we commend to the careful consideration of the Irish County Councils' General Council Meeting to be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> December the resolution on the



subject of Irish University Education adopted on the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde, seconded by Mr. Browne."

Road Contractors as Sureties.

The following notice of motion standing in the name of Sir Thomas Esmonde was withdrawn by him after discussion:—"That the Council adopt a rule by which a Road Contractor will not be accepted as Surety for another Road Contractor."

Blonranny Lane

At the last meeting of the Gorey District Council a proposal was adopted that the lane leading from the Blonranny Road to Thomas Baravan's house, that passed by the townlands of Blonranny, Blones Lower, and Middle, and Kilpatrick, be put in repair, a new road to be made from the end thereof to the seabank at Blones, together with a branch to the lane leading to the sea at Kilpatrick.

The Gorey District Council had adopted the following resolution:-

Resolved- "That we hereby adopt the proposal No. 3. for Kilmichael lane at £300. That the question of receiving tenders for the work be postponed until we are informed by the county council that they have acquired the necessary land for the widening (or making as the case may be) of this road; that the county council be requested to take the necessary steps to have the land required to carry this proposal into effect, acquired."

Mr. M. J. O'Connor, solicitor appeared for the promoters of the proposal, and Mr. J. R. Brennan (Huggard & Brennan) appeared to oppose on behalf of Messrs. Manifold & O'Reilly.

After a long discussion, the county surveyor in reply to the chairman, said that the road in question if made would benefit a good number of families. He was quite satisfied to swear that in his opinion this was a road of "public utility."



On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Dempsey the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. Elger Solicitor takes the necessary steps to bring this proposal before the judge of assize with a view to having the land required for the carrying out of the proposal compulsorily<sup>il</sup> acquired."

#### Rate Collectors Remuneration.

Mr. Donohoe moved:- "That in future (from next pay day) the Council undertake to refund to the Rate Collectors or pay direct to the Societies, the amount of payment of guarantee, in the cases of Rate Collectors giving a fidelity bond."

After discussion the Chairman moved:- "That the motion of Councillor Donohoe, be postponed to next available meeting of the Council, that our Secretary be directed to have printed and circulated amongst the members of the Council the Return presented to this day's meeting adding a column for the amount of Irrecoverable Rates paid to collectors."

This proposal was adopted.

#### Report of Roads Committee

The following report was presented and read by Mr. Ennis-  
Wexford County Council.

##### Report of

Sub-committee appointed by the Roads Committee to investigate alleged errors in County Surveyor's certificate as to road metalling quantities.

Gentlemen,

We, the undersigned members, of above Sub-committee beg to report to you as follows, viz:-

As a preliminary to further investigations we visited Killann where Mr. John Bolger in conjunction with Mr. Webster, County Surveyor made careful measurements, of the twelve stones depots on the road reported to the Council by Mr. M. A. Ennis.

These measurements were taken without knowledge of, or access to the measurements made by



M<sup>r</sup> Ennis, and on being worked out resulted in a total of 167 cubic yards, the exact figures furnished by M<sup>r</sup> Ennis to the Council.

We then proceeded to visit and measure the stone depots on other contracts in various parts of the County, and in the limited time at our disposal since the meeting of the Council on 7<sup>th</sup> inst., we have succeeded in measuring up 23 contracts. The particulars of these measurements we append in tabular form, the figures as regards each individual contract being vouched by the marginal signature of the members of the sub-committee taking the measurements:

|              | Number      | District | Contractor    | Quantity specified in contract-Cubic Yards. | Quantity certified by County Surveyor-Cubic Yards | Quantity measured by Road Committee-Cubic yds. Cubic feet |      |
|--------------|-------------|----------|---------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|------|
| J. Bolger    | 28          | E.       | Martha Brien  | 310                                         | 250                                               | 167                                                       | 18   |
| M. A. Ennis  | 6           | N.R.     | James Hayden  | 190                                         | 130                                               | 123                                                       | 4 *  |
| J. Bolger    | 79          | E.       | Thos. Cloney  | 70                                          | 68                                                | 68                                                        | 21   |
|              | 26          | E.       | Martin Dunbar | 70                                          | 60                                                | 34                                                        | 15   |
| M. A. Ennis  | 26a         | E.       | Thomas Roche  | 115                                         | 115                                               | 60                                                        | 3    |
| J. Donohoe   | 15          | E.       | A. Kavanagh   | 235                                         | 225                                               | 181                                                       | 26   |
| J. Bolger    | 16          | E.       | Martin Ryan   | 240                                         | 200                                               | 193                                                       | 1    |
|              | 297         | E.       | Nich. Hagerty | 88                                          | 70                                                | 70                                                        | 4    |
| M. A. Ennis  | 16          | W.       | James Wadding | 215                                         | 230                                               | 270                                                       | 18 † |
| N. b. Murphy | 16a.        | W.       | John Codd     | 270                                         | 200                                               | 220                                                       | 22   |
|              | 5.          | G.       | Mary McDonald | 97                                          | 97                                                | 58                                                        | 14   |
| M. A. Ennis  | 98          | G.       | Aidan Kenny   | 50                                          | 45                                                | 42                                                        | 24   |
| John Sinnott | 132         | G.       | Lucy Doyle    | 45                                          | 45                                                | 35                                                        | 19   |
|              | 16          | G.       | Kate Kenny    | 160                                         | 130                                               | 98                                                        | 21   |
|              | 17          | G.       | John Savage   | 200                                         | 180                                               | 119                                                       | 13   |
|              | 5           | W.       | William Flood | 270                                         | 230                                               | 221                                                       | 19   |
|              | 22          | W.       | Philip Doyle  | 165                                         | 130                                               | 131                                                       | 1    |
| M. A. Ennis  | 11          | E.       | Aidan Kehoe   | 147                                         | 58                                                | 63                                                        | 15   |
| John Bolger  | 18          | E.       | Hugh Brien    | 65                                          | 65                                                | 65                                                        | 22   |
|              | 36          | E.       | James Murphy  | 60                                          | 60                                                | 57                                                        | 13   |
|              | 30          | N.R.     | Thomas Murphy | 58                                          | 56                                                | 52                                                        | 2    |
| M. A. Ennis  | 17a         | W.       | P. Ryan       | 62                                          | 30                                                | 36                                                        |      |
|              | 25, 25a, 27 | E.       | J. Lambert    | 420                                         | 318                                               | 326                                                       | 17   |



\* Contractor's men claim to have placed 28 cubic yards in depots since measurement.

†. Committee and Surveyors differ as to depth of depot.

This is a point to be settled accurately when depot has been emptied.

A study of the above figures may probably lead the Council to the conclusion that the certificate showing the quantity of broken stones deposited on each road for the winter of 1905-6 measured in September 1905, to which your County Surveyor has attached his signature is an utterly worthless, inaccurate and misleading document.

If we assume the test cases we have investigated to be a fair average sample of the bulk of road contracts in the County Wexford, and we have taken them with a view to their being such a fair average, and if payments be made in respect of 76,168 cubic yards specified for the roads on the basis of the figures contained in the County Surveyor's certificate, the overpayment by the County Council, taking five shillings, the County Surveyor's own estimate, of the average value through the County of a cubic yard of stones spread on the road, would according to our calculation amount to £1852. 5/-

This amount would not however in our opinion by any means represent the total loss or nearly the total loss because according to the County Surveyor's certificate a shortage of 13204 cubic yards is shown against the contractors. We have made earnest inquiry as to how this deficient quantity is to be measured or checked provided it be supplied by the contractors, but we have failed to obtain any satisfactory explanation. The County Surveyor informs us that instructions have been given to contractors to place their deficient quantities in special depots on the roads. In the course of our inspection we have failed to find any such special depots, and in two instances we have been informed by the contractors' men that stones have been



placed in the ordinary depots and in two instances we have been informed by the contractors men that stones have been placed in the ordinary depots subsequent to the measurement taken by the deputy surveyors.

The contractors are now actively engaged in spreading the stones from the depots on their respective roads, and we fail to see how any efficient check can now be applied to the proper provision of the deficient quantities.

Measurement of unbroken stones in the depots by the Deputy Surveyors we regard as unsatisfactory and irregular. The certificate furnished to the Council by the County Surveyor professes to be a return of "the quantity of broken stones".

The Council in this matter appear to be faced by a difficult problem arising from grave defects in the Local Government Act, which deprive the Council of proper and effective control over their own officers, and in view of the fact that last week the Local Government Board wrote to the Monaghan County Council, and to the Ballinrobe District Council, informing them that neither a County Council nor a Rural District Council has legal power to alter the decision of the County Surveyor as regards payments to contractors, accuracy on the part of a County Surveyor, becomes a matter of vital importance.

M. A. Ennis

J. Donohoe

John Sinnott

John Bolger

J. Bolger

H. B. Murphy.

M<sup>r</sup>. Hore proposed :- "That the consideration of the Report of the Roads Committee be adjourned; that the Report be printed and circulated amongst the members of the Council and that a copy of same be sent to the clerks of the



four Rural District Councils."  
 Mr N. B. Murphy seconded - "passed."

"Mr Webster in reply to Mr Ennis, said, that the figures in the report were accurate and agreed with the calculations which he had made."

On the motion of Mr J. Bolger, seconded by Mr Kehoe the following resolution was adopted:- "That the report of the Roads Committee be considered at a special meeting of the Council, to be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 1905 at 1.30 o'clock p.m."

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Kehoe the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the best thanks of this Council are due and are hereby tendered to the members of the Roads Committee for their arduous labours, so efficiently discharged, in the matter of the report upon the County roads which has been submitted to this Council."

— Telegraph Station at Ramoanangi-wayleave. —

"The Post Office authorities wrote asking for the consent of the Council to the placing of an underground telegraphic line along the public road between crossroads west of Mersheen and Ramoanangi Post office."

"On the motion of the Chairman the requisite consent was given."

— Kilmore Pier. —

"On the motion of the Chairman the following Minutes of the Kilmore Pier Committee were confirmed.

"The first Meeting of the newly formed local Committee for Kilmore Harbour was held at the Wooden House, Kilmore on the 16<sup>th</sup> November 1905.

Present:- Rev J. Rowe B. C. in the Chair, other members present Messrs M. Browne, M. B. C., M. Murphy



D. C. John Furlong, D. C. and Nicholas White, Kilmore.  
 Mr. Frizelle Assistant Secretary Co. Council was also present.

"On the motion of Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. White, Very Rev Canon O'Gorman P. P. was elected Chairman, and Rev. J. Rowe D. C. Vice-Chairman."

"On the motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Furlong - Mr. M. Browne consented to act as Hon. Secretary to the Committee."

"The following rules for the guidance of the Committee were agreed to:-

"The Committee will meet on the first Monday of the month, hour 5 o'clock p.m. in winter and 7 p.m. in summer.

"Three members to form a quorum.

"Special meetings will be held on the requisition of three members to the Secretary.

"The Committee shall report to the Co. Council on any structural repairs to the Harbour, which they may consider necessary, or, on any matters which they believe should be brought to the attention of the County Council in connection with the management of the Harbour.

"The Committee shall hold office during the life of the present Co. Council.

"The Committee shall, at each monthly meeting check the Harbour Master accounts.

"The Harbour Master shall keep a register of fishing boats with the names and addresses of owners, tonnage, etc., using the Harbour, and the Committee shall satisfy themselves that the amount of dues payable on these boats are paid within reasonable time.

"That so far as possible the Committee shall examine the bills of lading of incoming vessels or otherwise satisfy themselves that the proper dues have been paid.

"That the Harbour Master lodge all dues immediately after the examination of his accounts by the Committee.

"That the next meeting of the Committee be held



on the second Monday in January, as the first Monday will be New Year's day."

— Proposal Committee —

"on the motion of the chairman the minutes of the Proposal Committee for the meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> November were confirmed."

M. J. Morris

12. 2. 06



Special Meeting- 12<sup>th</sup> December 1905.

A special meeting of the County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford; on 12<sup>th</sup> December 1905.

Present Mr. M. A. Ennis (Vice Chairman) presiding.  
Other councillors- Messrs C. H. Peacocke, T. Bolger, Matthew Doyle, J. A. Doyle, M. Hickey, John Bolger, D. Dempsey, J. B. Hearn, P. Cleary, J. Donohoe, J. Cummins, J. E. Mayler, James Codd, John Sinnott, D. Kavanagh, A. C. Murphy, Edmond Hore, Mark Codd, John J. Kehoe, J. Asple, A. Kinsella, and M. Browne.

The County Secretary, the County Surveyor, and Mr. R. W. Elger Solicitor, were also in attendance.

Roads' Maintenance

The Chairman moved :- "That the Council resolve themselves into a Roads Committee of the Council, for the purpose of considering the report of the sub-committee of the Roads Committee. Mr. Kehoe seconded. Passed.

The report of the sub-committee as appearing on the minutes of 17<sup>th</sup> November 1905 was then considered, a printed copy having been supplied to each member of the Council, the County and Assistant Surveyors, and Mr. Elger.

The Chairman moved :- "That the report of the Roads Committee be adopted, and that a copy thereof be sent to the Local Government Board for Ireland, and that the Board be requested to hold a sworn inquiry forthwith, in order (on the facts disclosed in the report) to fix responsibility for the heavy loss of the Ratepayers' money, which has occurred, and to take such steps in reference thereto as the circumstances of the case may demand, the Local Government (Ireland) Act of 1898, having omitted to



provide to councils with adequate powers of control in this respect. The scope of the inquiry to cover the entire present system of road maintenance in this county, with a view to the adoption of such <sup>scheme</sup> (if any) as may seem desirable and likely to conduce towards efficiency."

Mr. Peacocke seconded.

Mr. Browne moved as an amendment:- "That this Council adopt the report of the Roads Committee and, with a view of taking measures to enforce the proper management of the roads, we hereby resolve to direct Mr. Webster to (before next summer) have the depots and receptacles for stones properly and perfectly levelled. That for the future the contractors be requested to have the amount of the specifications in the depots by the 15<sup>th</sup> August. That next year our Roads Committee be requested to measure some of the heaps of stones, and if they are of opinion that the Surveyors have made a mistake, an independent Engineer be called in, and if he agree with the Committee we then proceed as we may be advised, against the Surveyors. That the Surveyors be allowed two months from August 15<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup> to measure the stones, and that we recommend the Council to rescind the resolution which states that the stones should be in the depots by 1<sup>st</sup> September.

Mr. Kinsella seconded.

Mr. Hore as a further amendment, moved:- "That the Officers implicated in the Report of the Roads Committee should be afforded an opportunity of making any explanation they desire in connection with the report.

Mr. Cummins seconded.

The Chairman on a show of hands declared this amendment carried.

Mr. A. B. Murphy demanded a poll, which was taken with the following result:- For - Messrs Browne, Hearn, Hore, M. Codd, Peacocke, Mayler, Dempsey.



Kinsella, John Sinnott, Asple, J. A. Doyle, Kavanagh, Cummins, Hickey, M. Doyle, and Cleary. - 16.

Against:- Messrs J. Codd, J. Bolger, Kehoe, Murphy, Donohoe, J. Bolger, and the Chairman - 7.

The Chairman then declared the amendment carried.

Statements were then made by the County and Assistant Surveyors.

Mr. Webster (County Surveyor) said in the course of his remarks - "I may say out boldly and straight to your face, that as I have already stated - I was with the Committee when they made these measurements and I am satisfied they acted fairly in the matter, and I am not going to go behind their figures. And no matter who is holding the inquiry, I will stick to that. You may be sure of that. But, I will not say that in addition to the discrepancies shown in some of these measurements that the Contractors have been given about 15 per cent benefit of the doubt. I don't agree with that, and we went very carefully into the measurements. There are only two cases perhaps where there was some little doubt about stones having been taken out as to what the proper measurement would be.

After discussion a vote was taken on the resolution in favour of a sworn inquiry by the Local Government Board with the following result.

For:- Messrs Hearn, Hore, J. Codd, M. Codd, J. Bolger, Piacocke, Kehoe, Mayler, Murphy, Donohoe, John Sinnott, Asple, J. A. Doyle, J. Bolger, and the Chairman - 15.

Against:- Messrs Browne, Dempsey, Kinsella, Cummins, Hickey, Kavanagh, M. Doyle, and Cleary. - 8.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

#### Rate Collectors' Remuneration

The memorial of the Rate Collectors, as appearing on the minutes of the Council for 27<sup>th</sup> November 1905, was then read for the meeting.



Each member of the council had been supplied with a copy of a Return moved for by Sir Thomas Esmonde, Chairman of the council, and giving the following information - amount of collection, amount of remuneration, amount of Guarantee payment, amount out of pocket each year, Gross cost of collection to the county, Amount proposed to be paid for collectors, Amount of Irrecoverable Rates.

"Under date 11<sup>th</sup> December 1905 (letter No. 69031-1905 Wexford Co.) the Local Government Board wrote forwarding for the information of the council, copy of letter addressed by the Board to the collectors in last June in regard to their remuneration and security. The Local Government Board pointed out that the terms of their letter had been inaccurately described by the collectors in the memorial presented by them to the Wexford county council."

"The statement in the memorial was as follows :- "Besides this, the Local Government Board informed the collectors that in every county in Ireland, except this, the county council have paid the Guarantee Society's expenses, or otherwise recouped the collectors for this expense."

"The statement of the Local Government Board in their letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> June 1905 (No 36,085-1905 Wexford county) was as follows:-

"I am to add that in some counties, the council pay the premiums on collectors' bonds while in others they make a contribution towards the cost."

Mr. Donohoe moved:- "That the Rate collectors be called upon to provide Guarantee Society bonds, and that this council pay for same."

Mr. Dempsey seconded.

Mr. Browne proposed that the council pay the Guarantee payment for the five Rate collectors



giving security by Guarantee Society.

Mr. Kehoe seconded.

Mr. Browne subsequently withdrew his amendment and Mr. Peacocke moved the following:-

"That subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board the Rate collectors who have given the security of a Guarantee Society be paid the difference between the rate at which they agreed in the first instance with the Guarantee Societies, viz:- 6/- per cent in the £100, and 15/- per cent the premium charged now."

Mr. Browne seconded.

On a show of hands there voted:- Three in favour of the amendment, and ten against.

A vote was taken on Mr. Donohoe's motion by a show of hands, but a poll was demanded which resulted as follows:-

For Mr. Donohoe's motion:- Messrs Dempsey, Kehoe, Kinsella, Kavanagh, Hickey, Cummins, and Matthew Doyle. - 7.

Against:- Messrs Browne, Hearn, Hore, J. Bodd, M. Bodd, John Bolger, Peacocke, Kehoe, Murphy, Mayler, John Sinnott, Asple, J. A. Doyle, T. Bolger, Cleary and the Chairman. - 16.

The Chairman declared the resolution lost.

### Road Contracts.

The Secretary reported that James Brien, Glenties who had been accepted contractor at the meeting of the Council on November 7<sup>th</sup> for the maintenance of Road No 38. (Enniscorthy District) 600 perches between the bounds of the baronies of Ballaghkeen North, Ballaghkeen South, and Scarawalsh, had refused to sign his bond.

When the tender was accepted by the Co. Council the contractor stated that his sureties could not attend and in order to facilitate him, it was decided by the Council that he should be allowed to perfect his bond before Mr. Connolly, Clerk of the Enniscorthy



District Council."

"On the motion of the chairman the following order was made:-

That the tender of James Bruen, Glenteigue, for Road No. 33. in Enniscorthy District be cancelled and that the road be placed in charge of the County Surveyor for six months - from 31<sup>st</sup> March 1906 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 1906. the limit of expenditure to be £30."

### Gorey Road Contractors.

The following was laid before the meeting from the Gorey Road Contractors' Association:- Resolved - That in view of the treatment that myself and other contractors have received from the County Council, and their Surveyor. I propose to hand over my road to the County Council, if they pay me a reasonable price for the breaking and carting of the stone. In order to facilitate the Co. Council if the Council prefer steamrolling.

Signed. James Murphy

Seconded. John Ouley.

The resolution was unanimously adopted. The following is a list of the contractors who attended the meeting in question:- Joseph Woodlyne, Lacken; Thomas Redmond, Barnland; John Byrne, Ballyart; William Pierce, Ballycale; P. Kane, M. Spencer, Tarahill; P. Brislawn, Sherebawn; J. Kavanagh, M. Staunton, J. Leary, Thomas Conroy, J. Dunne, J. Ouley, J. Murphy, and Patrick O'Neill. (Hon Sec)."

Mr. Elger (Solicitor) recommended that in these cases the County Council should not entertain the proposal to break the contract, and the document was marked, "Read."

### Unemployed Workmen Act 1905.

The terms of the Unemployed Workmen Act 1905 were



explained to the meeting and it was decided that the consideration of the matter be adjourned."

Wexford jail.

Mr. Kehoe proposed - "That the County Surveyor be requested to have the paling in front of Wexford prison, and the down spout at the Governor's residence properly secured."

Mr. Peacocke seconded. Passed.

County Council Offices.

"On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed:-

"That Mr. Webster County Surveyor be instructed to have the large book-press at the jail removed to the Co. Council Offices, and the smaller one to the County Surveyor's Office."

Wild Birds Protection

"On the motion of Mr. Ennis seconded by Mr. Hearn the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Lord Lieutenant be requested (owing to the damage caused by tourist parties to the eggs and young of the rare species of wild birds which breed on the Salted Islands and the Keuragh Islands) to make an order under the Wild Birds Protection Act 1894, prohibiting for five years the taking or destroying of the eggs of wild birds of any sort on these Islands, and to declare the said Islands to be a protected area within the meaning of the said act."

Advertising.

The following Notice of Motion stood in the name of Councillor J. Bolger:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at next meeting of the County Council of the County of Wexford - Special meeting or otherwise - that the



resolution of the Proposal Committee, confirmed by the county council as regards application No. 17. advertising for county council, committees of council, county surveyors and clerk of the Peace offices, in so far as same deals with the insertion of these advertisements in one local paper only, be rescinded, and that the county council enter into a contract for the insertion of the advertisements in said application No. 17. with "The People" "The Echo" "The Free Press" and "Wexford Independent" at £90 per annum in the cases of the three first mentioned papers, and £70 per annum in the case of the "Wexford Independent".

contracts to be from 31<sup>st</sup> March 1906 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 1908.

Mr. Bolger asked the permission of the meeting to alter his notice of motion, so that it would read as follows:-

"That the resolution of the Proposal Committee confirmed by the county council as regards application No. 17. advertising for county council, committees of council, county surveyors and clerk of the Peace offices; in so far as same deals with the insertion of these advertisements in one local paper only, be rescinded. and that the county council in addition to its contract with the Wexford Independent at £70 per annum for the aforesaid work, enter into a contract for the insertion of the advertisements in said application No. 17. with "The People" "The Echo" and "The Free Press" at £90 per annum; contracts to be from 31<sup>st</sup> March 1906 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 1908."

Mr. Kinsella seconded.

"Mr. Elger in reply to the chairman, said he considered the question of the advertising contract should be dealt with by application and Proposal at Proposal meetings"

"Mr. Hore as an amendment, proposed - That we agree to a resolution to accept tenders from "The



"People", "Free Press" and "Echo" at next Proposal Committee at £70 per annum in each case, from the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1906, to 31<sup>st</sup> March 1908."

Mr. Kehoe seconded.

Mr. Howe subsequently withdrew his motion.

after discussion, Mr. J. Bolger agreed that his motion should read as follows for the present:-

"That the resolution of the Proposal Committee confirmed by the County Council as regards application No 17. advertising for Co. Council, Committees of Council, County Surveyors and Clerk of the Peace, offices, in so far as deals with the insertion of these advertisements in one local paper only be rescinded.

Mr. Kinsella seconded.

A. poll was taken with the following result - For rescinding the Resolution - Messrs Broome, Howe, Mr. Codd, J. Bolger, Kehoe, Donohoe, Kinsella, John Sinnott, Karanagh, J. Bolger, and the Chairman. 11 against:- Messrs Hearn, James Codd, Peacocke, Murphy, Dempsey, Asple, J. A. Doyle, Cummins, M. Doyle, Cleary, and Hickey. - 11.

The voting being a "tie", the Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of rescinding the resolution.

after some discussion, Mr. J. Bolger said he would withdraw the second portion of his notice of motion for the present.

### Explosives' Licence

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Peacocke, licence for keeping mixed explosives in store was issued to J. H. Moncas, & Son, The Hill Ballygeary.

### University Education

Under date 24<sup>th</sup> November 1905, the following letter No. 71,437. Wexford Co. 1905.) was read from the Local Government Board:- "The Local



Government Board for Ireland have had before them the resolution of the county council of Wexford, adopted at their meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> instant, proposing that scholarships should be awarded to students from the county at the intermediate examinations, and I am to request that the co. council will be so good as to inform the Board under what statutory authority the council propose to make the necessary grants for these scholarships."

"On the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Peacocke the following resolution was adopted. - "That the Local Government Board be informed that the county council propose to deal with their university scholarships under the various Technical Instruction acts from 1889, to 1902."

— Leave of Absence —

On the motion of Mr. Dempsey, seconded by Mr. J. Bolger, a fortnight's leave of absence was granted Mr. J. P. Murphy Assistant Surveyor."

— Xmas Holidays —

On the motion of Mr. J. Bolger, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, it was decided that the co. council offices be closed for the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> December 1905."

M. Harris

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Quarterly meeting 12 February, 1906

The Statutable Quarterly meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Court house, Wexford, on 12<sup>th</sup> February 1906

The following were in attendance: -

Messrs. M. A. Ennis, Vice Chairman of the Council presiding: other members, Messrs E. Storr, D. Dempsey, J. E. Mayler, M. Browne, J. Donohoe, J. Bolger, J. Gammans, A. Kinsella, J. Asple, M. Codd, D. Kavanagh, Jas. Sinnott, J. St. Doyle, L. H. Peacocke, P. Cleary, M. Doyle John J. Kehoe, N. B. Murphy, M. Stickey, J. Bolger, John Sinnott, and James Codd

The acting secretary, the county surveyor, and Mr R. W. Elger County Solicitor were also present

The minutes of last quarterly meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> November, half yearly meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> November 1905 17<sup>th</sup> November, 1905, 12 December, 1905, were read and confirmed.

Death of Late Secretary County Council

Under date, 29 February, (letter no 5814) the following was read from the Local Government Board: -

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter on the 25<sup>th</sup> inst: and I am to state that the Board regret to learn of the death of Captain Piggott, Secretary of the Wexford County Council."

On the motion of the Chairman the following letter from Mrs. Piggott, widow of the late Captain Piggott, was ordered to be inserted on the minutes

Glena Terrace

Wexford

9 Feb 1906

Dear Mr. Trizelle.



"Will you kindly convey to the chairman and members of the County Council the deep gratitude that I and my family feel for their kind expression of sympathy for us in our grievous bereavement.

And I would wish to add my thanks to each and all for the kindness and courtesy they have shown him. At the same time I also wish to thank you and the staff of the Co Council for your kind condolence to me and my family and for the beautiful wreath you all sent"

Truly yours

Mary P. Peggott.

Under date, 6<sup>th</sup> February, 1906 (letter no 6993) the following was read from the Local Government Board:-

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31<sup>st</sup> ultimo, relative to your appointment as Acting Secretary to the Wexford County Council, and with reference thereto, I am to state, for the information of the County Council that the Local Government Board have approved of the rate of remuneration proposed to be allowed to you, viz., Two pounds per week.

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee in reference to the appointment of Secretary was laid before the Meeting:-

That draft advertisement for the appointment of Secretary as read by the Acting Secretary and initialed by the Chairman be recommended to the Council for approval.

On the motion of the chairman seconded by Mr Kinsella the recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted with the following rider:- And that said advertisements be published by our Acting Secretary when he receives letter from the Local Government Board approving of the salary of Secretary as fixed by the Council. The following is a copy of the approved advertisement



Wexford County Council  
Appointment of Secretary

Notice is hereby given that the Wexford County Council will, at a special meeting to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 1906, at Two o'clock P.M. proceed to appoint a Secretary at a salary of £262 (as Secretary to the County Council) and £48 per annum as clerk to the County Council Executive Committee entrusted with the management of the business under the Contagious Diseases (Animals) acts.

The aggregate salary is subject to revision on the Officer appointed being called upon to discharge the duties of an "Existing" Clerk of Union under the Representation of the People Acts and the Juries (Ireland) Acts. And it further covers a sum of £10 stationery allowance which the Secretary is obliged to provide by Act of Parliament.

According to the standing order of the Council, testimonials of candidates, are to be lodged six clear days prior to the election to allow of their inspection by members of the Council.

The formal application of any candidate need not be lodged until the day previous to the date of election.

The Council do not bind themselves to appoint any candidate at the above Meeting, but should an appointment be made it is conditional on the subsequent sanction of the Local Government Board for Ireland.

The successful candidate must be prepared to enter into security, himself, and an approved Guarantee Society in a joint and several bond for £500 for the due and faithful discharge of the duties of the Office.

under the General order of the Local Government Board of 11<sup>th</sup> December 1899.

"No person shall be eligible to be appointed to the office of Secretary of a County Council in



Ireland.

1:- unless he is over twenty one years of age at the date of his appointment: and undertakes to devote his entire time to the duties of his office. 2. and unless he (a) is an existing secretary of a founty founcil or has acted for a period of three years as a duly authorised assistant to a secretary of a founty founcil, and satisfies the Local Government Board that he has efficiently discharged the duties of his office. or (b) unless he shall have been examined, and his qualifications certified by some person or persons appointed for that purpose by the Local Government Board.

Provided that the Local Government Board may, if they see fit dispense with the examination in the case of a candidate for the office of Secretary of a founty founcil, who can produce a certificate of having passed a public examination at least equivalent in the opinion of the Board to that which the Board require to be passed by secretaries of County founcils or can show that he possesses actual, legal or other special qualifications for the office of secretary.

no person shall be appointed to the office of Secretary of the founcil of a founty who is unable to satisfy the Local Government Board as to his age and character."

In the case of the appointment of Secretary to the Wexford founty founcil the successful candidate shall not be allowed to hold any other appointment except by express resolution of the founcil.

By Order.

N. J. Inzelle,

Acting secretary to bouncil.

Offices

Courthouse Wexford

February 1906



### Estimate of Rate.

On the motion of the chairman seconded by Mr. Seacocks, the following resolution was adopted:-

That we hereby adopt the estimate of our Acting Secretary for Rates for General and <sup>a</sup>Separate charges for the financial year 1906-7, and determine the rates in the £ to be levied off the several Rural Districts of the County for General Rates as follows:-

|             | <u>Land</u> | <u>other Hereditaments</u> |
|-------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| Enniscorthy | 2/3         | 4/-                        |
| Gorey       | 2/1         | 3/6                        |
| New Ross    | 2/8         | 4/6                        |
| Wexford     | 1/11        | 3/6                        |

And we further determine the amounts to be demanded from the Urban districts of the County as follows:-

|             |               |
|-------------|---------------|
| Enniscorthy | £ 912. 19. 8  |
| New Ross    | £ 866. 16. 10 |
| Wexford     | £ 1737. 4. 1  |

On the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Murphy the following resolution was adopted:-

That the Clerks of the Unions and District Councils of the County be requested to furnish the total cost for Union, and District charges for the three years prior to the standard year, and that the Acting Secretary be requested to prepare a statement for the same period in respect of County Charges

### Tender and Contract for Special Works.

Under date 11<sup>th</sup> December 1905 (letter 101 M) the Local Government Board forwarded copies of a form of tender and bond which the Board had caused to be prepared at the instance of certain County and Rural District Councils in the cases of contracts for special works

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Seacocks the following resolution



was adopted:-

That we refer the question of the adoption of suggested form of tender and bond for special works to our Solicitor Mr. Elger, and that his advice on the matter be considered, when the Council deal with the findings of the Local Government Board in relation to the recent inquiry into the question of road maintenance.

### Rate Collection

The Acting Secretary explained that copy of the following letter from the Local Government Board, under date, 10<sup>th</sup> November, 1905, and No 68,460-1905, had been sent to the official checkers of the Rate collectors' accounts and to each rate collector:-

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they have had before them a Return showing the condition to the 31<sup>st</sup> ultimo of the collection of the Poor Rate in the County of Wexford for the half year ending the 31<sup>st</sup> of March, 1906, from which it appears that the collectors failed to attend for the purpose of having their accounts checked.

With reference thereto I am to inform you that the collectors should be warned that serious notice will be taken of any further neglect on their part in this respect. I am to add that the collectors are bound to attend, for the purpose of having their accounts checked, even though they may not have collected any rates for the period.

### University Scholarships

The following letter under date, 20 December, 1905; No. 76783-1905, was read from the Local Government Board:-

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the Minute of the County Council of Wexford of the 24<sup>th</sup> ultimo, in reference to the proposal to contribute from the County funds towards scholarships to be awarded to students



from the county: and, in reply, I am to state that the Board cannot find any authority in the Acts quoted by the County Council for carrying out the scheme proposed but the Council will no doubt <sup>justify</sup> their <sup>(be prepared to)</sup> action to the Auditor

Marked "Read"

### Wild Birds Protection Act.

Under date 23 December, 1905, letter no. 26275, the following letter was read from Dublin Castle:-

"With reference to your letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> instant, I am directed by the Lord Justice to transmit herewith for the information of the Wexford County Council, a copy of the "Dublin Gazette" containing an Order under the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1894, prohibiting the taking or destroying of the Eggs of any species of Wild Birds throughout the Saltee and Keeragh Islands for the space of five years from the first March 1906. Your attention is also called to the provisions of section 4 of the Act."

The acting Secretary explained that the section to which attention was called dealt with the publication of notices and posters.

### Council of Agriculture

Under date 15 December, 1905, the Department of Agriculture forwarded regulations providing for the appointment of two persons to serve on the Council of Agriculture in accordance with section 8 of the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act 1899

On the motion of Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. Kehoe the following resolution was adopted:-

That Messrs C.A. Peacocke, and James Donohoe, two members of this Council be appointed our representatives on the Council of Agriculture.

### Exemption from Rates

The following letter under date, 20 December 1905, (letter no. 24573) was read from the Department of Agriculture etc:-



With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of the exemption from rating of certain property situate at Boolgreany, acquired by the Department for the purposes of an Agricultural station, I have to acquaint you that the Department have been advised that the lands, etc., comprised in the property in question, must, under statute, be exempted from rates. The Department, however are desirous that the County Council should obtain a grant in lieu of rates on these premises and with this view they are in communication with the Treasury on the subject. A further letter will be addressed to you as soon as a decision has been come to in the matter.

Ordered:- To be considered when a further communication has been received from the Department.

#### Sale of Food and Drugs Act.

Under date 1<sup>st</sup> December, 1905, the following letter (No 30411-05) was read from the Department of Agriculture etc:-

"With reference to previous correspondence relative to the enforcement of the above mentioned Acts, I have to state for the information of your local Authority that the Department, in virtue of the powers vested in them under section 2 of the Act of 1899, recently instructed an officer to proceed to the County of Wexford for the purpose of obtaining samples of butter for analysis. Specimens as indicated hereunder were, in accordance with these directions, procured and duly submitted to the public Analyst for the County, from whom certificates have now been received to the effect that the samples proved to be pure

| <u>No. of samples</u> | <u>Place where taken</u> |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 3                     | Inniscorethy             |
| 3                     | Terns                    |
| 2                     | Lorey                    |
| 3                     | New Ross.                |

#### Mulcrankin Castle

Under date 20<sup>th</sup> December 1905, (letter No. P.16141/5) the following



letter was read from the Estates Commissioners' Office  
 I am directed by the Estates  
 Commissioners to request that you will be good enough  
 to state, for their information, whether the Council will  
 consent to have vested in them, under section 14 of  
 the Irish Land Act, 1903, the following ruins.

Mulrankin castle. Dowlund, Mulrankin,  
 Barony, Bargo, Parish, Mulrankin.

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

That this matter be postponed till next  
 meeting, that our Solicitor look into it, and that our  
 Secretary ask the Estates Commissioners if the Board  
 of Works have refused to have this ancient monument  
 vested in them.

#### Road Maintenance Inquiry

The following letter under date 22 December, 1905, (No 76,783)  
 from the Local Government Board was read:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland  
 desire me to acknowledge the receipt of the resolution of  
 the County Council of Wexford of the 12<sup>th</sup> inst., requesting  
 that an inquiry on oath might be held with regard  
 to the present system of road maintenance in the  
 County, and I am to inform the County Council that  
 the Board have instructed their Chief Engineering  
 Inspector, Mr. P. F. Fowan, M. Inst. C.E., to hold a local  
 inquiry into the matter at the Court House, Wexford,  
 on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> January, proximo, at the hour of  
 11 O'clock. Due notice of the Inquiry will be published  
 and any person interested may attend and give  
 evidence on the subject. The date of the inquiry  
 should be intimated by you to all the members of  
 the County Council, to the County and Assistant  
 Surveyors, and to any person who may be interested in  
 the matter.

The following recommendation of the Finance  
 Committee was laid before the meeting

That the findings of the Local Government Board



in connection with the Roads' Inquiry as to Road maintenance in the county be considered by a special Meeting of the county council, said meeting to be fixed after consultation with the Vice-Chairman. That a précis of the findings be submitted to each member of the county council and be prepared by the Acting Secretary in conjunction with the Vice-Chairman.

The above recommendation was confirmed on the motion of Mr Seacocke, seconded by Mr Kehoe.

On the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr Seacocke, the following resolution was adopted:-

That the findings of the Local Government Board, and the report of the Finance Committee thereon be considered at the meeting of the 26<sup>th</sup> inst called for the election of secretary to the council.

### Galbally Postal Arrangements

Under date 16<sup>th</sup> November 1905, the following letter, (No. 470035) was read from the General Post Office, London:-

"With reference to your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> ultimo, I am directed by the Postmaster General to state for the information of the Wexford county council the question of improving the arrangements in the Galbally, Enniscorthy district, has been carefully considered, but it is found with regret that the circumstances do not warrant the provisional additional facilities.

On the motion of Mr Staple, seconded by Mr. Guinness, the following resolution was adopted:-

That our members of parliament be requested to urge this matter on the Postmaster-General, and that our Acting Secretary submit to our members statement prepared by Mr. Staple on this matter.

### Wall Letter Box.

Under date 2 January 1906, the following letter was read from Major Mahon, Surveyor G. P. O.

It is proposed to erect a wall Letter box at Ballydaniel Bridge near Camolin.



for the benefit of the inhabitants of the surrounding district. The east end of the wall, at the north side of the bridge, is considered to be the most suitable site, and perhaps permission will be given by the County Council to fix the box in the wall at that point.

On the motion of Mr. J. Bolger seconded by the chairman the following resolution was adopted:-

That permission be given to the Post Office authorities to erect a wall letter box at Ballydaniel Bridge.

### Southern Piers.

The following letter under date 15 December, 1905, was read from the Secretary to the Waterford Harbour Commissioners in reply to a letter from the Secretary of the Wexford County Council:-

The total amount of dues including pilotage and light dues paid by vessels utilising the piers at Ballyhack, Arthurstown and Suncannon for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 1904 was £13:15:10. Pray excuse my having overlooked your previous letter.

In connection with the same matter the following letter under date 25<sup>th</sup> January 1906, was read from the Secretary of the Waterford Harbour Board:-

"The Commissioners would be prepared to hire to your Board the Priestman Dredger at £10 (Ten Pounds) per week, you paying insurance and all working expenses."

On the motion of the chairman seconded by Mr. Cummins the following resolution was adopted:-

That we instruct our Secretary to communicate with the Secretary of the Waterford Harbour Board, and point out that his Board has received for the year 1904, a sum of £13:15:10 and that they have been receiving similar sums from these harbours since 1846. In these circumstances are they prepared to join with the Wexford County Council in the necessary expenditure for



dredging, and putting these harbours in proper repair, and in future to hand over to the Wexford County Council any dues they may receive in order to keep these harbours in an efficient condition.

In connection with the dredging the following recommendation of the Finance Committee was laid before the Council:-

That the Secretary of the Waterford Harbour Commissioners be asked to state the inclusive charges per week for the hire of the Dredger.

The recommendation of the Finance Committee in reference to the dredging was confirmed on the motion of Mr Peacocke seconded by Mr Cummins.

#### Error in Road Contract.

Under date 11<sup>th</sup> November, 1905, the following letter was read from James Howell, Ballinellard Blackwater:-

"Will you kindly bring the following before the next meeting of your Council, viz., I contracted to keep in repair the road between the cross roads of Crosshue, and Fourbelough cross roads at 3 per perch. Through some miscalculation on the part of the person who filled my tender, in putting in the amount he entered £15:9:2, as the annual amount, instead of £15:19:2, the correct amount. Although the amount per perch is correct I am now at the loss of 10% per annum which means a great lot to a contractor. Hoping the Council will see their way to amend my Tender."

The following recommendation was made in this matter by the Finance Committee.

That we suggest to the Local Government Board that James Howell be allowed a sum of 10% per annum in his road contract as we are satisfied a genuine mistake was made in the filling of the Tender, and that the amount be made retrospective.

This recommendation was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Peacocke.

#### Rate Collectors' Duties



Mr. John J. Sullivan Rate collector wrote asking that the name of Thomas Rafter, Scroughmore, Ballindaggin be substituted as one of his sureties for Mr. Mark Fodd Greenmeadow Deceased.

Mr. Jas Barron Rate collector offered the name of Mr. Patrick J. A. Delaney, New Ross as one of his sureties vice Bryan Hennessy deceased.

On the motion of Mr. Fummins seconded by Mr. Fodd the Council approved of the new sureties, being satisfied as to their solvency.

### Advertising

The following motion was moved by Councillor Shaddens Bolger, of which he had given previous notice:-

"That an arrangement be entered into with the 'People's Free Press' and 'Echo', to insert <sup>the</sup> advertisements of the County Council and all its Committees, also the advertisements of the Offices of the Clerk of the Crown and Peace, and the County Surveyor, at the sum of £70 per annum in each case from the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1906, to the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1908; or otherwise that some alternative arrangement be made, that the aforesaid advertisements receive publicity in the three papers referred to above for the period from the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1906 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 1908."

In reply to the chairman, Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, said he considered the County Council could not enter into a contract with the newspapers except by application and proposal.

Mr. O'Connor, Solicitor, for the papers mentioned in the notice of motion handed in the opinion of Mr. Maloney K. C. stating that the Council could enter into a contract with the papers without any application or proposal from a Committee.

Mr. Store moved and Mr. Kinsella seconded the following:

That our Acting Secretary read the case submitted to, and the opinion of Mr. Maloney.

On this question a poll was taken with



the following result:-

For hearing the case and opinion:-

Messrs, Jas Sinnott, John Sinnott, John Bolger, Browne, Store, Peacocke, Kehoe, Donohoe, Kinsella  
J. Bolger and the chairman. - 11

Against:-

Messrs Jas Fodd, Murphy, Asple, J.A. Doyle,  
Cummins, Stickey, Cleary, and M. Doyle. - 8

Did not vote:-

Messrs Kavanagh, M. Fodd and Dempsey. - 3

The Chairman declared the motion carried, and the Acting Secretary then read the case and opinion of Council.

A poll was then taken as to whether the Notice of motion would be entertained by the Council and the following was the Result:-

For:- Messrs Jas Sinnott, John Sinnott, J. Fodd, J. Bolger, Browne, Store, Kehoe, Donohoe, Kinsella, Kavanagh, M. Fodd and J. Bolger. - 12

Against:- Messrs Peacocke, Murphy, Asple, J.A. Doyle, Cummins, Stickey, Cleary, M. Doyle, Dempsey, and the chairman. - 10

The chairman having declared the motion carried, Mr. J. Bolger moved his notice of motion, leaving out all words from "Or otherwise that some alternative arrangement be made" to the end

Mr Kinsella seconded

After a long discussion the following was the result of the poll:-

In favour of the notice of motion:-

Messrs Jas Sinnott, John Sinnott, J. Bolger, Browne, Store, Kehoe, Donohoe, Kinsella, J. Bolger - 9

Against:-

Messrs J. Fodd, F. H. Peacocke, Murphy, Asple, J.A. Doyle, Cummins, Cleary, M. Doyle, Kavanagh, M. Fodd, Dempsey and Stickey - 12

The chairman did not vote.

The notice of motion was accordingly declared lost.



Acknowledgments of resolutions

The following acknowledgments of resolutions were read —  
 From Hon. W. Long. re teaching of Irish, Department of  
 Agriculture re dredging harbours, National Education Office,  
 re teaching of Irish.

Resolution "Puss King"

The following resolution received from New-Koss Rural  
 District Council was considered with notice of motion by  
 Mr. J. Bolger on the question of advertising

Ford of Lyng

The following resolution from the Wexford District Council  
 was laid before the meeting.

That we recommend the County Council  
 to take such action as they deem advisable to have the  
 Pill of the Ford of Lyng cleaned up, in order to prevent  
 the flooding of the road at the bridge there: and that  
 Messrs Doyle, Roice, and P Walsh attend the next meeting  
 of the County Council in reference to same.

After a long discussion a resolution  
 was adopted on the motion of the Chairman that the  
 matter be referred back to the District Council.

Bonds of Officers

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee  
 was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Beacocke seconded  
 by Mr. Donohoe:— That at the Finance Committee meeting  
 preceeding the annual meeting of the County Council  
 in June the bonds of all the officers who have to  
 give security to the Council be produced for examination  
 and that the report of the Finance Committee thereon  
 be considered in Committee by the County Council

Finger Posts on Roads

The following resolution was received from the County  
 Committee, Gaelic League:—

That the County Council be requested  
 to have the names on the finger posts of the County put



up in Irish as well as in English and that we offer our assistance to the Surveyor"

On the motion of Mr Peacocke seconded by the chairman it was decided to adopt the suggestion of the Gaelic League and the Acting Secretary was directed to send a copy of the resolution to the County Surveyor

#### Road Limit of Expenditure

The following Resolution of the New Ross District Council passed on the 20<sup>th</sup> January, 1906, was laid before the meeting:-

"That we consider it is advisable to request the attention of the County Council to the necessity of representing to the Local Government Board that the limit of expenditure specified under 27(2) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898 is too low, and that it should be raised.

For instance the limit for New Ross District is £5741:5 while the County Surveyors Estimate of Expenditure for the year ending the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1907, is £5741 that is only five shillings less than the prescribed limit. Therefore if the District Council find it necessary or advisable to get roads steam-rolled or to improve the condition of the roads generally, they must be powerless to carry out such improvements as they consider necessary through want of a larger margin of expenditure.

We request the County Council to take this matter into consideration and make an application to the Local Government Board on the lines indicated.

On the motion of Mr Cummins seconded by Mr Hickey the following resolution was adopted - (Mr Browne dissenting).

That we request the Local Government Board to raise generally the limit of expenditure on roads etc, in the New Ross district by £500

#### Artificial Drainage Commission

Communications on the question of submitting evidence on the condition of drainage works in the County were received from the Secretary of the Artificial



### Drainage Commission.

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee on this subject was adopted:-

That as the drainage works in the County are on a comparatively small scale and as the present drainage boards appear to be working satisfactorily: furthermore as no representations on the matter have been made to the County Council, we consider it unnecessary to offer any evidence before the Commission either through a representative, or through our County Surveyor.

### Immediate Lessors names in Rate Book.

The following resolution was received from the Enniscorthy Rural District Council:-

That in future we respectfully request that the Immediate lessors be inserted in the Rate Books, same as heretofore, as it is found very inconvenient when promoting Labourers Act schemes to find that the immediate lessors are not in the Rate Book.

The Acting Secretary said that provision for the insertion of the names of the Immediate Lessors had been made in the Rate Books which were now in course of preparation.

### Contribution Culvert Enniscorthy Urban

The following resolution was received from the Enniscorthy Urban Council:-

That a culvert be constructed across the Millpark Road, between Lett's Brewery and Manor Mills, at a cost of £18 and we respectfully request the County Council to contribute half the cost of same, this being a main road.

Mr Peacocke proposed, and Mr. Gummens seconded. That the application be refused.

Mr. Donohue proposed, and Mr. M. Doyle seconded that the County Council agree to pay half the cost of the work, amount not to exceed £9. On a show of hands, the resolution that application be not entertained, was carried.



### Coals for fourhouses

Mr fourth clerk, petty sessions, Duncormack, and Tighmon, wrote asking for the usual supply of coals - three tons.

The magistrates of Terna petty sessions wrote pointing out that the Courthouse was in a very bad state owing to dampness. The statute books are almost falling asunder owing to the want of the place being thoroughly heated from time to time. There should be a fire in it at least twice a week. The magistrates suggested that a grant of coals be given to the caretaker for this purpose.

On the motion of Mr Staple seconded by Mr Browne, a resolution was adopted agreeing to allow one ton of coals in the case of Terna, and three tons in the cases of Tighmon and Duncormack.

### Proposals for Payment

On the motion of the chairman seconded by Mr Peacocke the following resolution was adopted:-

That the several proposals for payment added by the County Surveyor to his report, and those sent up by the Proposal Committee, and the District Councils of the county be adopted, subject to the orders noted thereon and initialled by the chairman.

### Finance.

The Acting Secretary reported that the following amounts had been received outside the ordinary receipts since last meeting of the Council.

From the Department of Agriculture £300 portion of grant for repairs, Kilmore Pier; £298:1:0, recompment Diseases of Animals Act expenses, and £245 from the G. S. and W. Railway their contribution for the making of the "Bog" road.

### Irish County Councils' General Council

The following resolution adopted by the General



Journal, at a meeting held at the City Hall Dublin on the 8<sup>th</sup> December, 1905, were passed on the motion of Mr Donohoe, seconded by the Chairman

### The National Board of Education

Resolved:- "That in view of the present unsettled and unsatisfactory condition of education in Ireland, due, we believe, to the non-representative constitution of the National Board, we consider that the time has now arrived when the people of Ireland should demand that the present Board, shall be replaced by a representative Board, in close touch with the classes who use the primary schools, and are conversant with the educational needs, and wishes of the country generally. But while desirous that the present effete Board should be abolished, we shall strenuously oppose any attempt which may be made to override the wishes of the Irish people by the establishment of a Department of Education, which could only result in even still greater disorganisation and dissatisfaction than exists at present. That we are of opinion that the National Board of Education should be nominated by this General Council of the County Councils of Ireland."

### Higher Education

"That the provisions for Higher Education in Ireland are wholly inadequate to the wants of the people; that the present distribution of public educational funds is wasteful and unjust and that it is essential to the interests of the country that there should be at once introduced into Parliament such a measure as will remedy existing grievances and establish, under conditions of equal justice to all, a system of Higher Education suited to the requirements and satisfying the just claims of the Irish people."

### Rural District Drainage Schemes

"That the attention of the Local Government Board



be called to the difficulty which local authorities in various parts of the country experience in providing sewerage for their districts, owing to the fact that urban districts in many cases lie between these districts and the natural outfall. As there is no provision in the Public Health Act, 1848, to enable Rural Districts under such circumstances to have their sewerage taken into the drainage systems of such Urban Councils, that the Local Government Board be requested to assist this Council in obtaining power for Rural Councils to utilise sewers where necessary, subject only to the approval of, and on the terms, to be settled by the Local Government Board Arbitrators."

Labourers and Land Act of 1903.

"That we the General Council of Irish County Councils, would desire specially to bring under the notice of the Estates Commissioners the urgent necessity which exists for the Estates Commissioners to exercise their plenary powers under the Land Act of 1903 in favour of the Labourers, in order to give them allotments of land and to provide them with houses, on the same terms of repayment and proprietorship as that given to tenant-farmers who purchase their holdings. To give a concrete case where such powers should be advantageously employed, we would mention the case of the labourers of the Baginbun estate, situate at Ballygarra Co. Galway, where convenient land is available for the purpose of giving recognition to the principle that the labourers' claim should be favourably entertained."

The control of fourhouses and the levying of the extra Police Rate.

"That this Council approves of the action about to be taken by the Tipperary (South Riding) County Council in vindication of the claims of County Councils to the control of the fourhouses; and also of the struggle of the County Council of the North Riding of Tipperary against the imposition of the Extra Police Tax."



Resolution regarding Scholarships in Secondary Schools unanimously adopted by the Irish County Councils General Council at a meeting held at the City Hall Dublin, on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 1905.

Resolved:- "That where county councils adopt a scheme of Scholarships to Secondary schools, Irish be made a compulsory subject in the qualifying and further examinations to be held in connection with such Scholarships"

Note:- Both male and female students will be eligible for these scholarships at the discretion of the county council awarding them.

Draft scheme for the creation of University Scholarships by county councils, approved by the Irish county councils General Council, at a meeting held at the City Hall Dublin, on December 8<sup>th</sup> 1905

"That the adoption of a scheme for the promotion of Technical Education in the county of Wexford be is hereby declared to be necessary.

And furthermore for this object we the county council of county Wexford during the next three years hereby establish each year, two scholarships of the value of £40 each, tenable for three years, by two students from the county, who, in the judgment of this council shall have made the best record in the Experimental Science group of the Intermediate programme, provided they have also passed in Irish and in such other subjects as may be required to qualify them for admission to an University or an University college

The subjects of study for which these scholarships will be granted will be the following (in no less than two of which the students must present themselves for examination, in three successive years, at a yearly examination of the institution at which they hold their scholarships)  
Viz:- Mathematics, mathematical physics, Chemistry



Electric Technology, Agriculture, Botany, Geology, Zoology and the students must also present themselves for examination in Irish.

These scholarships will be tenable at an institution of university standing, which undertakes to give instructions in the subjects aforesaid, to be determined by this Council when the scholarships are awarded.

Reports of the Students' progress shall be regularly furnished to this Council by the authorities of the institution at which they hold their scholarships; and the Council reserves to itself the right of withdrawing these scholarships at any time should these reports prove unsatisfactory.

That the adoption of this scheme is required by the circumstances of County of Wexford  
Note:- Both Male and Female students will be eligible for these scholarships at the discretion of the County Council awarding them.

The above resolutions were adopted on the motion of Mr. Donohoe seconded by the Chairman.

#### Dates of Meetings

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Seacocke, the following dates of half-yearly meetings were agreed to:-

|                          |                                      |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Enniscorthy R. District, | Thursday 12 April 1906 at 11 O'Clock |
| New Ross R. District     | Saturday 14 " " " 12 O'Clock         |
| Gorey R. District        | Tuesday 17 " " " 11.30 O'Clock       |
| Wexford "                | Saturday 21 " " " 10.30 "            |
| Proposal Committee       | Friday 20 " " " 2 "                  |
| County Council meeting   | Tuesday 15 May                       |

#### Fourtown Harbour.

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

That the County Council seal be affixed to the leases with Lord Fourtown in connection with premises at Fourtown Harbour.



Wexford Prison Premises

The following orders were made:-

That the Prison Committee to consider what might be done as to the utilisation of the prison premises meet on Saturday.

That the Prison Committee deal with the question of the Insurance of the prison at Saturdays Meeting.

Vice President - Department of Agriculture

"That we enter our most emphatic protest against the proposal now being made to retain Sir Storace Plunkett as working head of the Department of Agriculture, and Technical Instruction, and we express our great surprise that the new Government should for a moment seriously entertain it; that the retention of Sir Storace Plunkett a convinced Unionist, in a Liberal Government, while indefensible in any circumstances, is calculated to aggravate the majority of the Irish People, who regard him as one of the most insidious and dangerous enemies of the Irish National claims, that in any case there is no special reason why he shall not resign with the Government of which he is a member, and no justification from any point of view for including him in the new Government; that, in any case a change of headship of the Department is needed, if public confidence in that body is to be restored; that Sir Storace Plunkett's administration has been marked with extravagance and waste; that no results of a tangible or compensating character have accrued to the public for all the expenditure, departmental and local, that has been incurred for the past five years, giving the general public the impression, that, the work of the Department is inefficient and worthless, and that local aid is purely money wasted; and taking these facts into consideration, we hope that Sir Storace Plunkett shall be immediately called upon to resign the post of Vice President  
marked - Read"



Rate collection

The following resolution was received from the Roscommon County Council:-

Resolved:- "That we the County Council of Roscommon, having experienced since the passing of the Local Government Board Act the inability of the Rate collectors to comply with the resolutions of the Local Government Board, as to the closing of their collections within the time specified by the Local Government Board, viz- The 30<sup>th</sup> September, and the 31<sup>st</sup> March, we ask the Local Government Board to arrange the Financial year so that the closing of the rate collection would be on the 31<sup>st</sup> December and the 30<sup>th</sup> June respectively. We are convinced that these periods are more suitable for the Rate collectors to have the rates collected, and we feel confident that the change suggested will be to the general satisfaction of all concerned

The above resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Donohoe seconded by the Chairman.

Penny Postal System.

The following resolution was received from the Armagh County Council:-

"That the Armagh County Council, fully appreciating the great advantage to commerce, international concord, and social intercourse which would result from the extension of the Penny Postal system, desires to express its hearty support of the movement now being organised to secure its future universal adoption, and further, expresses its earnest hope that His Majesty's Government will take into its favourable consideration the best means of accomplishing an object so well calculated to promote the best interests of the Empire

Adopted on the motion of Mr Donohoe seconded by the Chairman.



### Irish-made Goods

The following resolution was received from the Cork Industrial Development Association, 13 Marlboro St, Cork;

(a) "That this conference earnestly urge all Irish Public Bodies, to give a decided preference to Irish made goods, since such a use of public moneys will encourage Irish industry, provide occupation in Ireland for our people, and thus lessen the burden upon the ratepayers in more than one way."

(b) "That in order to prevent the possibility of imported goods being supplied as Irish, all public bodies be requested to adopt Irish standard samples, and not to accept supplies from the manufacturers, except in cases where such is not practicable."

The above resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Donohoe, seconded by the Chairman.

### Irish in National Schools.

The following resolution was received from the Dublin County Council:-

Resolved:- "That the interference of the Treasury in the question of the teaching of Irish in National Schools is an unwarrantable infringement of right, and that, the Commissioners of National Education have failed in their duty in allowing their functions to be thus usurped. That the Board as at present constituted has by various measures completely forfeited the confidence of the public, and should be replaced by a Board appointed under a representative basis. Copies to be sent to the Lord Lieutenant, Chief Secretary, County and Borough, and Urban District Councils in Ireland."

The above resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Donohoe seconded by the Chairman.

### Suors' and Voters' Lists.

The following motion was moved by Councillor Browne of which he had given previous notice:-



"That we consider the expense of the annual preparation of Jurors' and voters' Lists to be excessive, amounting in the county to over £1,100, and, as we understand, the part of this work done by the clerks of the Unions, and the emoluments connected therewith, supposed to be from £500, to £600, will eventually fall in to the Secretary of the county council; and as this expenditure comes altogether out of the local rates, we hereby request our Parliamentary representatives to endeavour (should any amendment of the Local Government Act come before Parliament) to have the law altered, so that when the work falls into the county council office, the county council may be entitled to fix the remuneration, instead of as at present having it fixed by statutory fee. That this resolution be sent to Sir Thomas St. G. Esmonde, M.P. French and the Chief Secretary for Ireland"

Mr Pierce seconded the motion which was adopted.

On the motion of Mr Cummins seconded by Mr M. Doyle it was decided that a copy of the resolution be sent (also) to Mr J. C. Redmond, M.P. and Mr. J. M. Stealy M.P.

#### Veterinary Dispensary.

On the motion of Mr Donohoe seconded by the chairman the following resolution received from the General Council of the Irish county councils was referred to the district councils for their opinion:-

That in the opinion of this Council a Veterinary Dispensary system to provide Veterinary attendance at a low charge for labourers and small farmers, would be useful in the public interest.

#### Income Tax.

The following resolution was received from the Urban District of Blackrock:-

"That this Council do present a memorial to the



Chancellor of the Exchequer asking him to have a Royal Commission appointed to inquire into and report upon the principles and practice of Income Tax as at present levied, and that meantime a simplification of the forms for Returns of Income Tax be introduced"

The above resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Donohoe seconded by the Chairman.

### Confirmation of Minutes

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Seacoke the various minutes of the Proposal Committee, Finance Committee, Diseases (of Animals) Acts Committee, and Committees of Foursown Harbour, and Kilmore Harbour were confirmed.

### Foreign Cattle

On the motion of Mr. J. Bolger seconded by Mr. Seacoke the following resolution was adopted.

That we request our Parliamentary Representatives to oppose any measure in Parliament which would remove the restrictions which at present prevent the importation of Canadian or other foreign cattle into England, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the M. P.'s for Wexford County, The Chief Secretary for Ireland, The Prime Minister, Mr. J. E. Redmond M.P., the Department of Agriculture, and the President of the English Board of Agriculture.

City Laboratory

17 Castle St

Dublin 29 Jan 1906

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C.B., M.D., Public Analyst for the County Wexford, on articles submitted to him for Analysis during the quarter ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 1905.



24 articles were received from the food Inspectors R I C as follows:-

| <u>Article</u> | <u>Number</u> |
|----------------|---------------|
| Butter         | 16            |
| Whiskey        | 5             |
| Cheese         | 2             |
| Milk           | 1             |
| Total          | <u>24</u>     |

Two certificates sent to Supt Farrell, Wexford, for specimens of butter containing an excess of water, namely 19.3 and 21.5 per cent respectively.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union fifteen drugs, and four specimens of tea were analysed. The drugs were correct. The specimens of tea were of good quality.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union nine drugs were analysed. They were correct.

Three specimens of water analysed for New Ross Urban District Council had the following compositions:-

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

|                      | <u>no. 1.</u> | <u>no. 2</u> | <u>no. 3.</u> |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| Total solid matters, | 18.200        | 24.500       | 19.600        |
| Including            |               |              |               |
| Albuminoid Ammonia   | 0.005         | 0.009        | 0.007         |
| Saline Ammonia       | 0.005         | 0.010        | 0.005         |
| Nitric Acid          | 5.610         | 4.750        | 4.560         |
| Chlorine             | 3.081         | 3.081        | 4.075         |
| Sulphuric Acid       | 4.3236        | 5.7648       | 4.3236        |
| Equal to calcium     |               |              |               |
| Sulphate.            | 6.0000        | 8.0000       | 6.0000        |

All good or fairly good waters



There were twelve specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, Upper Merion St Dublin, which were taken up in the County Wexford. One contained an excess of water namely, 19.3 per cent.

For the County Committee of Agriculture one fertilizer was analysed, and was up to the guarantee.

One specimen of water analysed for Mrs Lawler Skilcormack had the following composition:

One imperial gallon contained in grains

|                           |        |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Total Solid matters,      | 17.500 |
| Including                 |        |
| Albuminoid Ammonia        | 0.011  |
| Saline Ammonia            |        |
| Nitric Acid               | 0.019  |
| Chlorine                  | 2.670  |
| Sulphuric Acid            | 3.479  |
|                           | 4.3236 |
| Equal to calcium Sulphate | 6.0000 |

A very inferior water.

For Shillelagh Union, which is partly situated in the County Wexford, fourteen drugs were analysed. One of them, namely, Liniment of Turpentine was low in gravity.

More detailed reports on the waters above referred to were made and those who sent them, but the main points in their composition are given in the present report.

Total Analysis - 83

J. A. Cameron.

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## Special Meeting, - 26th February 1906.

A Special Meeting of the County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 26th Feby 1906.

The following were present:- In the Chair:- Sir J. H. Grattan-  
Esmonde, Bart, M.P.

Other members:- Edmond Hore, Daniel Dempsey, James E. Mayler, Michael Browne, James Donohoe, John Bolger, John Cummins, Alexander Kinsella, Thomas Asple, Mark Bodd, Denis Kavanagh, J.B. Hearne, James Sinnott, James A. Doyle, E.H. Peacocke, Patrick Cleary, Matthew Doyle, John J. Kehoe, N. C. Murphy, Michael Hickey, Thaddeus Bolger, John Sinnott, M. A. Ennis, and James Bodd.

The Acting Secretary, the County Surveyor, and the Solicitor to the Council - W.R.W. Elgee, were in attendance.

### Election of County Secretary

The following letter from the Local Government Board - under date 14th February 1906. (No. 9431-1906) was read:-

"With reference to your letter of the 12th inst., and your telegram of this day's date, relative to the salary fixed by the Wexford County Council for the Office of Secretary, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to state, in confirmation of their telegram of today, that they have approved of the sum proposed to be paid to the person who may be appointed to that office, viz. £262 per annum as <sup>Secretary</sup> clerk to the County Council, ~~Executive Committee~~ and £48. per annum as clerk to the County Council Executive Committee, entrusted with the management of the business under the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Acts."

The Department of Agriculture, under date 14th Feby 1906, (Letter No. 786-06) wrote as follows:-

"In reply to your letter of yesterday's date respecting the contemplated appointment of a County Secretary to the Wexford County Council, who it is intended should also act as clerk to the Local Authority, under the Diseases of Animals Acts, I am directed by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland to acquaint you



that there is no objection, so far as they are concerned, to the rate of salary (£48 per annum) proposed to be attached to the latter office.

I am at the same time to point out that the Department's approval in regard to the appointment to such office will be required, under the terms of the existing Officers of Local Authorities (Ireland) Order.

The chairman proposed Mr N. J. Frizelle, Assistant Secretary to the council, as county Secretary at a salary of £262 per annum as Secretary to the county council, and £48 per annum as clerk to the county council Executive Committee entrusted with the management of the business under the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Acts.

Mr Ennis, Vice Chairman, seconded.

Mr Cummins proposed Mr Nicholas J. Cosgrave, for the position, Mr M. Doyle, seconded.

On a poll the following was the voting:-

For Mr Frizelle:- Messrs Hearne, John Bolger, Kinsella, Mayler, Browne, Hore, Peacocke, Ennis, Murphy, Dempsey, Jas Bodd, Donohoe, M. Bodd, James Sinnott, Hickey, Asple, J. Bolger, John Sinnott, J. A. Doyle, and the chairman. - 20.

For Mr Cosgrave:- Messrs John J. Kehoe, Cummins, and M. Doyle. - 3.

Messrs Kavanagh, and Cleary did not vote.

The chairman declared Mr Frizelle elected.

The successful candidate returned thanks.

The following is the application of Mr N. J. Frizelle, and his testimonials:-

Courthouse, Wexford.  
23rd Feby, 1906.

To.

The chairman and members of the Wexford Co. Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to apply for the position of Secretary to your council as per advertised terms.

I have been your Assistant Secretary for



seven years, and can fairly claim that since my appointment I have given satisfaction in the discharge of my duties.

I have already lodged references as to personal character from Most Rev. D. Browne, Lord Bishop of Ferns; Rev. P. O'Connor, Church of the Assumption, Wexford, (in whose Parish I reside); Very Rev. Canon O'Neill P.P. Killanerin Gorey; Very Rev. Canon Doyle P.P. Taggart; Very Rev. N. J. Sheridan, P.P. Ramsgrange.

If elected I will use every effort to perform my duties faithfully and conscientiously, and will spare no pains to meet the wishes of the Council individually and collectively.

I submit the name of the London and Lancashire Insurance Company, for Surety.

Your obedient servant

N. J. Frizelle

Asst. Secretary to Council.

St Mary's, Taggart,  
Wexford.

20th Feby. 1906.

Dear Mr Frizelle

It is with pleasure I reply to your letter in which you ask for an expression of my opinion as to the manner in which you have discharged your duties in connection with the Committee of Agriculture, and of course in so far only, as it has come under my observation. During the last five years I have been in constant communication with you in reference to Agricultural and other lectures for this district.

I always found you most courteous, prompt in reply, accurate about appointments, and most anxious to make the arrangements so as to be most convenient for the people.

You seemed to me to be moved more by philanthropic enthusiasm than by the formal interest of a paid official.



Whatever good results - and I am sure there have been many - which have arisen from the lectures and experiments, are in no small measure due to your zeal in the work and to your powers as an organizer.

I wish you success.

Yours faithfully  
Luke Doyle P.P.

"I beg to state that I have known Mr N.J. Frizelle, for many years and I have never heard anything of him but what redounded to his credit. He has been so long in the public service and is so well and widely known, that I consider it superfluous to say any more in his favour

+ James Browne  
Bishop of Ferns.

Wexford. Feby 1st. 1906.

As Priest of the the District of the Parish of Wexford, in which N.J. Frizelle resides, I have the greatest pleasure in bearing witness to his being a gentleman of excellent character, devoted to his religious duties, etc., total abstainer for the past six years. In my opinion he is thoroughly well qualified to occupy any position of trust.

P. O'Connor, C.C. Church of Assumption

Jan 31st. 1906.

"Since his appointment to his present position, I have had a great deal of correspondence, and several interviews, on business matters, with Mr Frizelle, and I am bound to say I always found him punctual, painstaking, and most satisfactory in every way. He is evidently a gentleman of more than ordinary ability, and seems to have acquired a perfect



knowledge of the details of his office. I hope and trust the county council will unanimously appoint him to the office of secretary, which he now seeks, the duties of which he is so capable of discharging, and which, I am sure, he will discharge with credit to himself, and to the satisfaction of the Council and the public

William Canon O'Neill P. P.  
Killanerin, Gorey

Feby. 16th 1906.

Very Rev. Canon Sheridan P. P. Ramsgrange wrote:-  
"I am very pleased to hear that you are a candidate for the position of Secretary to the county council of Wexford, and wish you every success in your effort.

Your well recognised ability, your courtesy, your attention to your work, and especially the great industry you have already devoted to the service of the county, are qualifications which must ensure your success with the Members of the county council."

16th February 1906.

On the motion of Mr Eanis, seconded by Mr Browne the following resolution was adopted nem. con:-  
"That this council express their sanction to Mr Trizelle continuing to hold the Secretaryship of the county committee of Agriculture, and Technical Instruction."

### Roads Inquiry Report.

In reference to the recent sworn inquiry held by Mr J. C. Cowan, M. Inst. C. E. Chief Engineering Inspector of the Local Government Board the following letter was read from the Local Government Board:-



No. 11003: 1906

Wexford County.

Local Government Board,

Dublin, 23rd February, 1906.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the report of their Chief Engineering Inspector, Mr. P. B. Cowan, together with the Minutes of Evidence, relating to the Inquiry held on the 8th and 9th ultimo in regard to the administration of road maintenance in County Wexford.

The Inquiry was the outcome of investigations by the Roads Committee of the County Council, from which it appeared that on eleven contract roads in Enniscorthy Rural District, and five such roads in Gorey Rural District there were shortages of road material to the extent of 15 per cent. and 40 per cent., respectively, as compared with the returns made by the two Assistant Surveyors in charge of those Districts.

Exhaustive evidence given by members of the Roads Committee, as well as by the County Surveyor and Messrs Murphy and Leary, established the substantial accuracy of the serious allegations advanced by the Roads Committee. The County Surveyor admitted that he had never furnished his subordinate officers with any instructions in regard to measuring road material, that he had taken no steps to ascertain their methods of measurement, and that he only intervened in cases of dispute between the Assistant Surveyors and Contractors.

Mr. Murphy made the almost incredible statement that his measurements were made "by the eye". He admitted having on one occasion recommended a payment to a contractor without looking at the terms of the contract. Mr. Leary appears to have adopted more accurate methods, using a tape and two-foot rule, with the result that the deficiency



found by the Roads Committee in his district amounted to 15 per cent. as compared with 40 per cent in the other case, but his acknowledged acceptance of two-thirds of the specified quantity of stones on Martha Brien's contract proves the unreliable character of his returns. His plea of inability to cope with the work in the allotted period might have carried some weight, had it been presented at the proper time or to the proper quarter. But such an excuse cannot be accepted from either Mr Murphy or Mr Leary seeing that at the Inquiry in 1901 when their claims for additional remuneration were dealt with, their duties were recognised to include the exact measurement of road material.

The primary responsibility for the irregularities disclosed at the Inquiry cannot be placed elsewhere than on the County Surveyor. A County Surveyor must necessarily rely to a considerable extent on the accuracy and diligence of the Assistant Surveyors, but at the same time being the officer of the Council upon whose certificate large sums of public money are yearly disbursed to Road Contractors, the County Surveyor should have been able to show that he took reasonable precautions to satisfy himself from time to time as to the reliability of the measurements of his subordinates. If he had done so, and in addition could point to explicit instructions given for the guidance of the Assistant Surveyors, he might have been relieved of much of the responsibility that now rests with him.

The absence of express instructions does not, however exonerate the Assistant Surveyors. The measurement of material in Mr Murphy's district was no better than guess work, and in Mr Leary's district was very imperfectly done.

On the question of the loss of ratepayer's money resulting from the officer's negligence, the evidence was inconclusive. The Roads Committee by a



proportional estimate arrived at a sum of £1,852 a year. Yet having regard to the low cost per mile of road maintenance in county Wexford it is almost certain that in the tenders of contractors allowance was made for the expectation that the supply of the specified quantities of road metal would not be strictly enforced.

The general result of the evidence did not establish the fact of any widespread deterioration of the roads in recent years.

But whether or not the county council were on the whole obtaining a return commensurate with their actual expenditure on the roads, the practice of disregarding the terms of road contracts relating to quantities of metal, is obviously vicious and demoralising to all directly concerned, and the county council are rightly advised in their endeavour to remedy the abuse and in seeking for an improved system of road administration.

The Board think it well to refer to a misapprehension which appears to have existed in regard to the council's powers of control over "existing officers". The Board are of opinion that under Sections 83 and 115 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, and under the provisions of the Procedure of Councils Order the officers are bound to carry out any reasonable directions of the county council as to their duties and the manner in which they should be performed.

In regard to the county surveyor the county council would be entitled to assume that he is familiar with the nature of the duties devolving on him, and they would probably find it impracticable or inexpedient to do more than frame regulations for his guidance in general terms. It is, however, desirable, that the duties of subordinate officers should be defined clearly, and in considerable detail, with



precise directions as to the manner and times of performance.

The Board are not empowered to prescribe rules for such a purpose, and the matter rests with the County Council acting with the advice of the County Surveyor. The County Council would probably be assisted in this task, if they were to ascertain the manner in which the duties of Assistant Surveyors are regulated in other Counties.

In drawing up a list of Assistant Surveyor's duties, the following points should, in the Board's opinion, be provided for:—

The Assistant Surveyors should inspect the roads to see that the depots or places for measurement are cleaned up and levelled before materials are deposited; and after measurement has been done, should see that the materials are properly applied to road maintenance. They should be provided with diary forms on which their work on each day should be set out, and with measurement sheets or books in which the detailed measurements of each pile of material should be entered. These forms should be regularly sent to the office of the County Surveyor and retained by him.

A reasonable time should be allowed for the measurement of materials. On account of unfavourable weather and the calls of other duties an Assistant Surveyor cannot be expected to measure materials without intermission in the Autumn, but with a district of moderate size the measurements should be completed in a month. No second measurement should be allowed except in very exceptional cases, and never until it has been ascertained that the quantity first supplied has been spread out.

Experience in other Counties shows that an Assistant Surveyor cannot fully discharge



his duties in a district so large as the Gorey and Enniscorthy Districts, and, whether the existing Assistant Surveyors in these districts are retained in office or not, the County Council would be well advised in providing additional Assistants and re-arranging the districts.

The specifications for road maintenance contracts should be more carefully prepared to provide exactly for what is intended to be supplied. The practice, which was shown to exist, of specifying for broken stones and accepting gravel is most unsatisfactory.

The Board desire to add that they take a very serious view of the conduct of the County Surveyor and Messrs Leary and Murphy. The latter have shown themselves to be culpably negligent in the discharge of their duties, while the County Surveyor has proved to be very inefficient in the supervision of his subordinates, and has failed to realise the responsibilities of his position. The Board observe from the statement of Counsel that the County Council do not wish to go to the extreme step of dismissing their officers, their main object being to secure a proper working method which would result in the road maintenance of their County being improved, and the duties of the County and Assistant Surveyors being discharged in an efficient manner.

The Board trust that the full investigation conducted by their Inspector may have the desired effect, but they consider it only right that the officers involved should be made aware that, if the County Council had pressed for their resignation, the Board, in view of the facts elicited at the Inquiry, would have felt it difficult to maintain that such a decision was unmerited.

If after a year's experience of working under such new arrangements as the County



council may think fit to direct, they are of opinion that a further Inquiry should be held in order to ascertain whether the anticipation of improvement on the part of the County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors Murphy and Leary has been fulfilled, the Board will be prepared to comply with the Council's wishes

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. R. Barlas,  
Secretary.

The Secretary,

Wexford County Council.

Mr Webster County Surveyor referring to the second paragraph of the letter of the Local Government Board, said that there had been eight cases of roads which he had measured irrespective of any disputes between the Assistant Surveyors and the contractors.

There were ten roads which he had measured and it was only in two of these there had been a dispute between the Assistant Surveyors and the contractors. The numbers of the ten roads were:— Gorey- 67 and 94; Enniscorthy, 40 and 34; Wexford, 38 and 16a; New Ross, 1. 4. 24. and 25.

Chairman:— Better write to the Local Government Board and draw their attention to the matter.

The Chairman then proposed the following resolution:—

"That a committee consisting of 12 Members of this Council, four to form a quorum, be appointed to consider in full detail the questions raised by (a) The Report of the Roads Committee of the Council. (b) The report of the Local Government Board thereon. and in the light of these documents and



of any further evidence upon the matters raised therein which the Committee may procure or may find available to formulate and submit to the Council at a future Meeting, a detailed scheme providing for an improved system of Road Maintenance on lines of efficiency and economy, and for more effective control by the Council of the officers charged with the administration of this and kindred services."

### Committee

Messrs John Bolger, John Sinnott, Edmund Hore, M. Browne, James Donohoe, N. B. Murphy, J. Bolger, M. Hickey, A. Kinsella, M. A. Ennis, B. H. Peacocke, and J. Asple.

M. Ennis to act as Hon. Secretary to the Committee.

M. Kinsella seconded the resolution which was passed.

### County Council Staff.

The following letters were read from Members of the County Council Staff:-

To the Wexford County Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to apply to the County Council for an increase in my salary, owing to extra duties which shall devolve on my position as Accountant in consequence of the abolition of office of Assistant Secretary.

I have been an official of the Council since its inception (nearly seven years) and I claim that since my appointment, I have performed my work in a manner that deserves recognition when an opportunity for promotion in the Council's Staff has arisen.

Yours obediently  
Patrick Donohoe



To the Chairman, & Gentlemen of the  
Wexford County Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to apply for an increase  
in my salary.

During to the Public Bodies Order  
of the Local Government Board, the duties of  
your staff have considerably increased, and  
I desire to draw your attention to the small  
salary I am at present receiving.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours obediently  
E. H. Richards.

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Mr Ennis gave notice of motion that he  
would move at next Meeting of the Council,  
that Mr Donohoe be granted an increase in his  
salary of £26 per annum, and Mr Richards £13  
per annum. Amounts to date from present Meet-  
ing.

#### New Ross School Attendance Committee

The following letter under date 7th July 1906,  
was read from the Office of National Education:-

"As the period of service of the school  
attendance committee for New Ross Rural Dist-  
rict will terminate on the 30th April next,-  
I am to request that you will have the  
goodness to furnish on the enclosed form,  
at your earliest convenience, particulars  
as to the persons appointed by the Co.  
Wexford Co. Council acting as the Local Author-  
ity under the Irish Education Act, 1892, to be  
members of a new committee from 1st May 1906.

The required particulars should be  
supplied before 31st March next."

On the motion of Mr Dempsey, seconded



by W Cummins the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the following be appointed by the Wexford County Council acting as local authority under the Irish Education Act 1892, to be the representatives of the Council on the New Ross Rural District School Attendance Committee, these names having been recommended by the New Ross Rural District Council:- Messrs E. Neville D.C. Bawnmore, New Ross; Wm Thorpe, D.C. Knockroe, Palace; Denis Cummins, D.C. Raheenduff, Adamstown; John J. Egan, Boley, Ballycullane, Wexford; James Ahearne, Bloonagh, Gusserrane."

#### Advertising on County Roads

Under date the 19th February 1906 the following letter was read from Mr G. Redmond Cycle Works, Commercial Quay, Wexford:-

"I want advertising space through the country to fix enamelled Plates; a friend me to apply to the County Council for permission to fix one on the bridge at Bridgetown.

Kindly say would they allow me to do so, and if they make a charge what it be per year or permanently, the Plates are 5ft 6" x 3 feet."

Mr Browne proposed and Mr Ennis seconded:-  
"That Mr Redmond be given permission to erect advertising plate as referred to in his letter at Bridgetown bridge."

After some discussion it was agreed that the matter be adjourned till next meeting of the Council.

#### Waterford Bridge.

The following letter under date 24th Feb 1906, was read from the Town Clerk, Wexford:-

"It appears that the Corporation of Waterford are endeavouring to obtain a Special Act of Parliament to enable them to construct a Bridge across the river Suir, and are seeking powers to compel the



Ratepayers of the County Wexford (including, of course, the town of Wexford) to contribute towards the repayment of a Loan to be raised to allow of the bridge being erected.

This question is one that has been brought under the notice of the Corporation of Wexford, and they consider it unfair and inequitable that Wexford Town should be saddled with any share of the cost of providing a Bridge for the City of Waterford.

I have been directed, therefore, to draw the attention of the County Council to the matter, and to request that they will be good enough to see that the interests of Ratepayers of Wexford will in no way suffer by the proposed legislation."

Mr Elgee Solicitor explained that under the provisions of the Bill which the promoters of the project were bringing before Parliament, power was given to the local bodies to agree or refuse, to make any contribution for the new structure. No tax could be levied in Wexford without the consent of the County Council.

The Chairman moved - That directions be given to Mr Elgee to communicate with the Parliamentary Representatives of County Wexford, if at any time he has reason to apprehend any likelihood of any tax being imposed on the County, in connection with the Waterford Bridge project." Passed.

### Courtown Harbour

The following was read:-

Courtown Harbour Improvement  
Committee

21st February 1906.

I beg to state I am directed by my Committee to submit subjoined Resolutions passed at a largely attended Meeting of fishermen etc., held at Courtown, on 17th inst., at which



Rev F. E. O'Rourke C. C. presided.

b Riordan, Hon. Sec.

" 1.- That we consider the decision of the County Council to defer action with regard to the repairs of the pier at Courtown Harbour to be most unsatisfactory to the fishermen of the place and ruinous to their interests; and we hereby appeal to the Council to take the work of repair in hands immediately, as otherwise when the time for trawl fishing arrives, the bar and harbour will most certainly be found in a dangerous and unsatisfactory condition.

2.- That owing to the fearful depletion of our fishing population caused chiefly by the inefficient condition of the Harbour at Courtown, we call upon Government to give a grant in aid for the extension of the existing pier heads; and we are clearly of opinion that the harbour will not be in an efficient condition until these extensions are carried out."

On the motion of Mr Eavis, seconded by Mr Peacocke, the above communication was referred to the Courtown Harbour Committee of the Council.

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

" That we draw the attention of the Chief Secretary for Ireland and the Department of Agriculture, to the condition of Courtown Harbour, a condition which is a positive disgrace to the Country at the present period. That we desire to point out that at Courtown, a very large section of the people are entirely dependent on the fishing industry. Notwithstanding the great natural facilities existing at Courtown for prosecuting this industry, the fishing population of Courtown is rapidly diminishing, owing to emigration caused by



through insufficient harbour accommodation.

That we re-iterate our request to the Government to take immediate steps to deal with the question."

### Gorey Post Office

The following was read from Mr Lomeroy, Superintending Engineer, Post Office, Dublin:-

"I shall feel obliged if you will kindly authorise and return to me as early as possible enclosed wayleave; (To erect telegraph line along the public road between the bridge over the Railway, south of Railway Station, Gorey, and the new Post Office, Gorey)

My Sectional Engineer has seen and obtained from the Assistant County Surveyor provisional permission to proceed with the work, which is of an urgent nature, pending the receipt of the formal authority from his Council."

The required permission was given on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Kinsella.

### Amendment of Local Government Act 1898.

On the motion of Mr Ennis, seconded by the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:- "That we request the General Council of the Irish County Councils, to hold a meeting at an early date to consider the question of drafting amendments to the Local Government Act."

Mr Peacocke moved, Mr Hore seconded and it was passed:- "That in any contemplated amendments to the Local Government Act, a provision should be made to have representatives of the people on the Local Government Board."

### Inquiry into the Working of the Department of Agriculture

Mr Ennis moved, Mr Peacocke seconded and it was passed:-

"That the Government be requested to include on the Commission of Inquiry into the working



of the Department of Agriculture, the names of persons who have served on County Committees of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, or who are intimate with the working of such committees."

Acknowledgments of Resolutions.

The following were read:-

"I have the copies of the various resolutions you sent me by direction of the County Council from their last Meeting.

With regard to the postal arrangements at Galbally - the district is not in my constituency; but it will give me much pleasure to help my colleague, Mr Peter French M.P., in any way in which he considers that I can be of service.

With regard to the questions of the importation of Canadian <sup>battle</sup> and of the expenses of the preparation of the Voters lists - the importance of both of which I recognise - I will take every occasion that presents itself of furthering the views of the Council regarding them

Yours truly

J. H. Grattan Esmonde "

"I am in receipt of your communication of the 14th. and will attend to the various matters contained in it as soon as possible. I am sending the Galbally statement with reference to the wretched postal arrangements in that neighbourhood to the Postmaster General tonight.

Yours faithfully

Peter French. "

"I am favoured by the resolution of the Wexford County Council and have always felt that it was wrong to make the preparation of Voters and Jurors lists a local instead of an Imperial charge. I think the entire system needs to be remodelled, but few persons take an interest in, or feel any thanks, for



small reforms. Hence the neglect they receive.

Truly Yours

J. M. Healy

"I am directed by the Prime Minister to acknowledge the receipt of the Resolution which you have forwarded to him on the subject of Imported Canadian cattle.

I am Sir

Your obedient servant

Arthur Ponsonby.

"The Chief Secretary for Ireland, directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of Feb'y 14th. conveying the terms of a Resolution adopted by the Wexford County Council, with reference to the expenses incurred in the annual preparation of Jurors' and Voters' Lists

Yours faithfully  
W. M. Davies.

"The Chief Secretary for Ireland directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of Feb'y 14th. conveying the terms of a Resolution adopted by the Wexford County Council, with reference to the importation of Canadian or other foreign cattle into England.

Yours faithfully  
W. M. Davies

From the Department of Agriculture, under date 16th February '06.

"I have to acknowledge with thanks, the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst., stating that the County Council have appointed Messrs Peacocks and Donohoe, to be members of the Council of Agriculture for the period of three years from the 1st April 1906."

From the Department of Agriculture, under date 16th February '06.

"I am directed by the Department to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 14th inst. transmitting a copy of a



resolution adopted by the Wexford County Council at their meeting on the 12th inst, in favour of a continuance of the existing restrictions on the importation of cattle from abroad."

Canadian & Foreign Cattle

From the Board of Agriculture & Fisheries, London.

"I am directed by the Board of Agriculture, & Fisheries to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst, and to state that it is receiving attention."

Veterinary Dispensaries.

The following was read from the Secretary of the Irish Councils General Council, under date 18th February 1906.

"I beg to inform you that at the last Meeting of the General Council the following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"That in the opinion of this Council, a Veterinary Dispensary system, to provide veterinary attendance at a low charge for labourers and small farmers, would be useful in the public interest."

At the request of the General Council the Department of Agriculture etc. is collecting information as to the probable cost etc. of such a system.

Since the above resolution was adopted resolutions from County Councils and Rural District Councils have reached me favoring the establishment of Veterinary Dispensaries, and pointing out that the money at present expended on Veterinary Inspection might be utilised towards the expenses of the proposed system.

I am directed by my Executive Committee to ask that you will be so good as to bring this letter before the next meeting of your Council with a view to eliciting an expression of their opinion as to the desirability, or otherwise of establishing Veterinary Dispensaries."



Ordered:- Postponed until the opinion of the Rural District Councils on this point asked for at last Meeting of the Co. Council be received.

McEnnis

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Special Meeting — 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1906

A Special Meeting of the County Council, was held in the County Council, Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford; on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1906.

Present:- In the chair - Mr. M. A. Ennis Vice-Chairman.

Other Members:- Messrs D. Dempsey, M. Hickey, M. Codd, James Codd, Thaddens Bolger, J. E. Mayler, N. C. Murphy, James Donohoe, C. H. Pearcocks, M. Browne, C. More, and Mr. Doyle.

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

Appointment of Secretary.

Under date 10<sup>th</sup> March 1906, (letter no. 12,654-1906 Wexford County) the following was read from the Local Government Board:-

"With reference to the Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council, on the 26<sup>th</sup> ultimo, relative to the appointment of Mr. N. J. Trizell as Secretary to the County Council, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state, for the information of the County Council, ~~and~~ that the Board have approved of Mr. Trizell's appointment to that Office."

"Under date 13<sup>th</sup> March 1906 (letter no. 1324/06) the Department of Agriculture, wrote:-

"With reference to your letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> Instant, I am directed by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, hereby to express their approval of your recent appointment by the Wexford County Council as Clerk to the Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts, at a salary of £48 per annum, such appointment to take effect from the same date as your separate appointment as Secretary to the Wexford Council Council."

Relative to the bond to be entered into by the Secretary, the following letter (no. 16412-1906 Wexford Co.) was read from the Local Government Board:-



"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> instant relative to your security as Secretary to the Wexford County Council; and I am to return, herewith, the draft bond submitted by you, and to state that the Board see no objection to its acceptance by the County Council."

Mr Elger said he had perused the draft bond, and had initialed it on behalf of the Council.

### New Telegraphic Line

Under date 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1906, the Secretary of the Post Office wrote asking for the consent of the Wexford County Council to the placing of an over-ground telegraphic line along the public road between Oylegate Post Office, and Edermine Ferry Railway Station.

"On the motion of Mr Donohoe, seconded by Mr Bolger, it was decided that the Council agree to allow the telegraphic line, as applied for, to be erected on the public road."

### Auditors' Reports.

The Reports of Local Government Auditors in connection with the accounts of the following bodies in respect of the half-year ended 30th September 1905, were read for the Meeting:- County Council; County Committee of Agriculture, and Technical Instruction; Wexford, Gorey, Enniscorthy, and New Ross, Guardians; and Rural District Councils; District Lunatic Asylum.

With reference to the Auditor's report of Enniscorthy Rural District Council, Mr J. Bolger moved and the Chairman seconded:- That Mr Connolly, Clerk, be requested to call the attention of the R. D. Council to the necessity of having Collector Doran enter into a new bond in connection with collection of Rents of Cottages, as pointed out by the Auditor



### Road Maintenance Inquiry.

Under date 5<sup>th</sup> March 1906 (letter no. 12415-1906 Wexford Co) the Local Government Board wrote:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to forward, herewith, for the information of the Wexford County Council, a copy of a letter received from the County Surveyor in regard to the inquiry recently held into the system of road maintenance in County Wexford; and I am to state that the Board regret that in the third paragraph of their letter of the 23<sup>rd</sup> ultimo the words "The County Surveyor admitted" were by an inadvertance in drafting the letter made to apply to the final clause of that paragraph without qualification, and they are of opinion that the words "except in a few instances" should have been added to the paragraph.

While the Board are glad to have an opportunity of rectifying the clerical slip in their letter, which the County Surveyor has pointed out, it in no way modifies the general effect of the evidence or their conclusions arrived at thereon."

The following is the copy of the letter of the County Surveyor referred to in the letter of the Local Government Board:-

"With reference to the communication from your Board to the County Council, re the<sup>st</sup> Sworn Inquiry (recent<sup>st</sup>) in this County, when the matter came before the County Council today, I drew attention to an inaccuracy which occurs at the end of the third paragraph

It is stated there that with reference to checking the measurements of road metalling made by my assistants, I admitted that I "only intervened in cases of dispute between the Assistant Surveyors and Contractors.

If you turn to page 109 of the transcript of the Short-hand notes taken at the Inquiry you will see that I made no such admission, but on the contrary, I stated that I had measured myself, to check the Assistants, the material on ten different roads



prior to the 4<sup>th</sup> of November, of which only two measurements were made on account of disputes between the Assistants and Contractors

I shall feel obliged if your Board will be good enough to have the matter made right with the least possible delay.

### Estimate of Rate

Under date the 14<sup>th</sup> February 1906, the Local Government Board wrote (letter no. 9701-1906 Wexford County) acknowledging with thanks the receipt of copy of Estimate and Demand of the County Council for the service of the ensuing financial year

### Assistant Surveyors

Under date 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1906 the Local Government Board wrote that an examination of candidates for qualification as Assistant Surveyors would be held under the direction of the Board at their Offices, Custom House, Dublin, at 10 o'clock a.m. on Wednesday and Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 1906.

### Error in Road Contract.

Under date 10<sup>th</sup> March 1906 (letter no. 9702-1906) the Local Government Board wrote:-

"With reference to the entry in the Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 12<sup>th</sup> ultimo, relative to an error in a road contract entered into by Mr. James Howell; I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that under the circumstances they will raise no objection to the proposal of the Council to grant an additional sum of Ten Shillings per annum to Mr Howell in respect of this contract.

At the same time, the Board think it well to point out to the County Council the advisability of obtaining tenders in the manner proposed in the form of tender recently issued by the Board, which was drawn up with a view to avoiding the occurrence



of difficulties and possible litigation which might arise in connection with the acceptance of tenders at a specified price per perch."

### Fowtown Harbour.

Under date 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1906 (Letter No. 1233/06 F.B.) the Department of Agriculture, Etc. wrote:-

"Adverting to your communication of the 27<sup>th</sup> ultimo, embodying a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Wexford Council on the previous day, in reference to Fowtown Harbour, I have to state for the information of your Council, that, in view of the condition of the funds at their disposal, the Department regret that they cannot at present entertain the consideration of any scheme of improvements at Fowtown that would involve serious expenditure

The Department will, however, obtain a report from their Engineer as to the state of the entrance to the Harbour in order that they may be in a position to consider the question of clearing it by dredging"

On the motion of Mr Donohoe, seconded by Mr. J. Bolger the following resolution was adopted:-

"That this Council desires to express the hope that the Department may see its way to give favourable consideration to the question of a grant for the improvement of Fowtown Harbour as soon as possible.

The Council would be glad to receive from the Department a copy of their Engineer's Report, and as the Council will be under the necessity of carrying out (owing to damage caused by a recent storm) repairs to the outer pier within a month or six weeks, they would be glad to have the views of the Department on the subject of the dredging of the harbour before them, when the question of the repairs will be under consideration"



### Food and Drugs Inspector.

"On the motion of Mr N. C. Murphy seconded by the Chairman, Sergeant Christopher Bready R. I. C. Killenick, was appointed ex-officio Inspector under Food and Drugs Acts, vice Sergeant Farrell R. I. C. transferred"

### Contribution for Millpark Road Culvert

The following letter under date 13<sup>th</sup> March 1906 was read from the Clerk of the Enniscorthy Urban Council:

"With reference to your letter re above informing the Urban Council, that the County Council had refused a motion to contribute towards same.

I have been directed by the Council to request that the County Council reconsider their decision in this matter, considering that Enniscorthy has to contribute its share of £678.10.0 towards the repairs of Bridges throughout the County, not considering that they have also to contribute to Piers, Harbours, etc."

The Secretary said that the amount of the Contribution asked for by the Urban Council was £9

On the motion of Mr Donohoe seconded by the Chairman it was decided to refer the legality of a Contribution for this purpose to Mr Elgee, the County Council having decided that the main roads scheme should cease as from 31<sup>st</sup> March 1906.

### Special Meeting of the Council

On the motion of Mr J. Bolger, seconded by Mr Dempsey, the following resolution was adopted.

"That a special meeting of the Council be held on 20<sup>th</sup> April immediately after the disposal of the business of the Proposal Committee for the purpose of considering the report of the Roads Maintenance Inquiry Committee and of striking the Rate for the current financial year."



### Substitution of Security

The following letter from John Murphy, Road Contractor Ballygarraon Kilmuckridge, under date 26<sup>th</sup> March 1906 was read:-

"With reference to my contract no. 80 Gorey Rural District, for the maintenance of 492 perches of road between the bounds of the barony of Coolroe and Kilmuckridge, I would be glad if you would give permission to substitute as one of my sureties the name of Mr. John White Ballylurkin, Kilmuckridge to replace the name of Mr. William Ransome Ballygarraon.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Dempsey, it was decided that John White Ballylurkin Kilmuckridge be accepted as surety for John Murphy, Ballygarraon, for road no. 80. Gorey Rural District.

### Mulrankin - Castle

Under date 26 February 1906, (letter no 3276-06) the following letter re Mulrankin Castle was read from the Secretary of the Estate Commissioners:-

"With reference to your letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> inst, I am directed by the Estates Commissioners to inform you that the Board of Works have declined to have Mulrankin Castle vested in them, but, as the preservation of the ruins may be a matter of local interest, they have suggested that the County Council be approached to take over the vesting."

On the motion of Mr. Browne, seconded by the Chairman it was decided that this letter be held over until Sir Thomas. H. G. Esmonde Chairman of the Council be able to attend. The Secretary was directed to forward a copy of the letter from the Estates Commissioners to Sir Thomas Esmonde.

### Compulsory Dipping of Sheep

Circular no. 1342/06 from the Department of Agriculture etc., (Veterinary Branch - March) was read. The circular pointed out that sheep dipping had been



taken up with great activity by local authorities in Great Britain and that failure on this side of the channel to adopt similar means for the suppression of sheep scab cannot but, in the end react prejudicially on the large Irish export trade in sheep.

"On the motion of Mr Seacocks, seconded by Mr Shore the following resolution was adopted:- That we approve of the principle of compulsory dipping of sheep.- When this matter was previously before the County Council, one of the strongest reasons for their refusal to put the order in motion, was the fear of exorbitant expenses for inspection. The County Council would be satisfied to provide sheep dipping apparatus if the Government would place at their disposal the services of the Constabulary free, for inspection purposes. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded the Chief Secretary for Ireland, Sir Anthony McDonnell, and the County Wexford Parliamentary representatives

### Cloneranny Lane

"On the motion of Mr Seacocks seconded by Mr Murphy it was decided that the amount of compensation given owners for compulsory acquisition of land and costs incurred at the hearing of the petition for the widening of Cloneranny Lane. £77.13.10 be a charge on Gorey Rural District"

### Criminal Injury Application

Under date 20<sup>th</sup> March Mr. R. W. Elgee wrote that at the Wexford Assizes, Mr. Justice Gibson had reduced the amount of the decree in the criminal injury application of Messrs McAlpine v. The County Council from £128:12:5 to £81:1:8 but gave the claimants £11:19:10 for their costs, and witnesses expenses in the Court below, and £20. costs, and witnesses expenses on appeal being in all £113:1:6, which is to be levied off the County-at large.



### Acknowledgments of Resolutions

Mr Connolly Clerk of the Enniscorthy Rural District, wrote that his Council had approved of the principle of the resolution of the County Council for the establishment of Veterinary Dispensaries."

The Under Secretary Dublin wrote acknowledging the resolution of the Council on the subject of the Inquiry to be held into the working of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction"

### The Rate Collection.

The Secretary reported that all the collectors had closed their collections on the 31<sup>st</sup> Inst., except the following:-

Mr. John J. Sullivan who was late for the bank with the balance of his collection, but, who, had lodged on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April leaving only a sum of twopence outstanding; Mr. John Walsh had still outstanding £20:10:0  
Mr. James Gogley who only received his warrant on the 15<sup>th</sup> September 1905, and had then two moieties to collect had outstanding to complete his warrant £187:13:7.

At previous Meeting of the Finance Committee had granted a month's extension to Mr Gogley.

The following resolution was adopted at the meeting of Finance Committee.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Donohoe:-

"That the Local Government Board be asked to agree to the extension of one week for the close of the collections of Messrs Sullivan and Walsh; and an extension of one month in the case of Collector Gogley who had only received his warrant on the 15<sup>th</sup> September 1905, for the collection of two moieties"

### Transfer of Funds to County Bodies

At the meeting of the Finance Committee, the following resolution was adopted:-

On the motion of Mr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Beacocke  
"That a sum of £15,368:8:0 be transferred to the County bodies as follows:-  
Guardians - Enniscorthy £2316:12:8;  
Grey £1485:3:3; New Ross £2067:0:11; Wexford £1789:10:0



District Councils—Enniscorthy £1500:6:2; Gorey £634:5:0  
 New Ross £719:10:0; Wexford £1226:0:0;  
 District Asylum—£3630:0:0

The above recommendation was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Bolger

### Office Furniture.

Mr Elgee solicitor for the Representatives of the late Capt Pigott wrote, that if the Council wished to take over the Furniture in the County Council Office belonging to the late Capt Pigott they could do so at the valuation of Mr John J. Walsh auctioneer.

At the meeting of the Finance Committee a recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr. Donohoe, seconded by Mr Peacocke that the furniture be taken over on the terms of Mr. Elgee's letter.

This recommendation was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Dempsey

### Co. Committee of Agriculture

On the motion of Mr Bolger seconded by the Chairman the following resolution was adopted (on notice of motions)

"That the name of Mr. James Donohoe, County Councillor be added to the County Committee of Agriculture. Mr. Donohoe was recently appointed one of the Representatives of the County Council on the Council of Agriculture and in order that the Council should derive full benefit from his services on this Council, it is necessary he should be in close touch with the working of the various schemes of the County. And it is only by Membership of the County Committee, this knowledge can be satisfactorily obtained

### Increase of Salary - Office Staff

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocke the following resolution (for which notice had been served on 26<sup>th</sup> February 1906.) was unanimously adopted:-



"That Mr. P. Donohoe County Council Office, be granted an increase in his salary of £26 per annum, and Mr. C. H. Richards of the County Council Office, an increase in his salary of £13 per annum, both amounts to date from 26<sup>th</sup> February 1906.

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On the motion of Mr. Stickey seconded by the Chairman the question of the powers of the County Council as regards the establishment of new fairs for live stock etc., was referred to Mr. R. W. Elgee Solicitor, who is to report to next meeting of the Council.

M. J. Morris

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A Special Meeting of the County Council was held in the Council Chamber Courthouse, Wexford, on 20th April 1906, for transaction of the following business:-

1. To strike the Rate for General and Separate Charges for the Financial Year 1906-7.
2. To consider report of Roads Maintenance Inquiry Committee.

Sir Thomas H. Grattan Esmonde Bart. M. P. Chairman (and subsequently Mr. M. A. Cunnis vice-Chairman) presided.

Also present:- Messrs Edmond Gore, David Dempsey, J. E. Mayler, Mr. Browne, James Donoghue, John Bolger, Thomas Cople, Denis Karanagh, C. H. Peacocke, Matthew Doyle, John J. Kehoe, R. C. Murphy, Michael Kickey, Thaddeus Bolger, John Sinnott, and James Coad.

The Secretary, Mr. R. W. Elgie Solicitor, Mr. Webster Esq. Surveyor, and Messrs Ready Kehoe, and Jones Assistant Surveyors were in attendance.

### The Rates.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman:- "That we hereby strike the rates for General and Separate Charges as agreed to at the meeting of the Council on 12th February, and allow and make same as assessed in the Rate Books, said rates being in conformity with the valuation in force for the time being. That the allowance for said rates as entered at the foot of each Rate Book, and signed by the Chairman of the meeting, and two Members of the Council present at this meeting be adopted, attested by the Seal of the Council, and countersigned by the Secretary. That the warrants of the Rate Collectors to collect the said Rates be sealed and signed in



the same manner as the Rate Books.

That the demands on the Urban Districts of Ennisworthy, New Ross and Wexford, be duly sealed and signed, the Amounts demanded for above Urban Councils (after allowance for credit items in Form 51) being

|             | <u>County</u> | <u>Union</u> | <u>Separate</u> |
|-------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Ennisworthy | £ 378. 9. 2   | £ 534. 10. 6 |                 |
| New Ross    | 292. 9. 3     | 554. 8. 4    | - £ 19. 19. 3   |
| Wexford     | 831. 16. 0    | 905. 8. 1    |                 |

### Roads Committee

The following Report of the Roads Maintenance Inquiry Committee was read for the meeting.

Wexford County Council

#### Report of Committee.

Appointed by Resolution of Council dated 26 February 1906, viz:

Proposed by Sir Thomas Esmonde Bart M.P.  
Seconded by Alexander Kinsella.

"That a Committee consisting of twelve members of the Council, four to form a quorum, be appointed to consider in full detail the questions raised by

(a) The Report of the Roads Committee of the Council,

(b) The Reports of the Local Government Board thereon.

And in the light of these documents, and of any further evidence upon the matters raised therein which the Committee may procure, or may find available, to formulate and submit to the Council at a future meeting a detailed scheme providing for an improved system of Road Maintenance on lines of efficiency and economy, and for more effective control of the Officers charged with the administration of this and kindred services"



## Committee

Messrs John Bolger, John Linnott, Edmond Horl, Michael Browne, James Donohoe, R. C. Murphy, J. Bolger, M. Hickey, A. Kinsella, M. A. Ennis, C. H. Peasocke, and J. Asple.

Mr. Ennis to act as Hon. Secretary to Committee.

"We the Committee constituted in accordance with the foregoing Resolution of the Wexford County Council having given the matters intrusted to us most careful and mature consideration, embody our unanimous conclusions in the following recommendations, which if carried into effect, would in our judgment provide an efficient and practical system of road maintenance, and supervision at reasonable and moderate cost.

### County Surveyor

1. - As the system of quarterly payments to Road Contractors will completely terminate in June 1906, we recommend that the Salary of the Co. Surveyor as from September 30<sup>th</sup> 1906, be restored to the amount at which it stood on date of transfer of his service to the County Council, viz: a salary of £600 per annum, with in addition an annual Allowance of £50 for a Clerk.

2. - In view of the persistently unsatisfactory manner in which the County Surveyor has hitherto performed his duties, in spite of repeated warnings and censure, this Committee would, under ordinary circumstances, recommend the Council to call for his immediate resignation, but regarding the findings of the Local Government Board on the recent Inquiry, as a suggestion that Mr. Webster, should be given one year further wherein to realise the grave responsibility imposed upon him by virtue of his office, and to endeavour to fulfil his duties, to the entire satisfaction of the Council



the Committee are disposed to recommend the Council, to fall in with this suggestion, subject however to its being distinctly understood, that the question of the County Surveyor's retention of office or otherwise, remains to be dealt with by the Council, at the conclusion of this probationary term or at any future period

3. — We recommend the Council to require the County Surveyor to exercise efficient supervision in future over the measurement of road metalling quantities, by personally checking the measurements of his Assistants, in regard to at least ten per cent of the total quantity contained in the annual report furnished to the Council and that he should indicate by asterisks, for the information of the Council, the quantities which he has personally measured, and in the event of discrepancies between his measurements, and those of his Assistants that same should be indicated in the Report.

4. — That the County Surveyor be called upon to frame regulations defining the duties of the Assistant Surveyors, for their guidance, and that these regulations be submitted to the County Council for their approval.

### Assistant Surveyors

5. — We recommend the Council to re-applot the County into five Assistant Surveyors' districts averaging 400 miles each in lieu of the existing arrangement of four district, averaging 500 miles each.

6. — We consider that the Council should call for the resignations of Messrs Murphy, and Leary, Assistant Surveyors, and we recommend that each be granted a superannuation allowance of £40 per annum.

7. — We recommend that the salary of Mr Jones, Assistant Surveyor be reduced as from the 30<sup>th</sup> September 1906 to £100 per annum.

8. — As Mr Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor has given four years' satisfactory service, we recommend that his salary be increased as from the 30<sup>th</sup> September 1906 to £100, in lieu of the present figure of £80 per annum.

9. — We recommend the Council to appoint three duly qualified Assistant Surveyors at salaries of £80 per annum each rising



by yearly increments of £5, conditional upon good service to £100. per annum.

10. - We recommend the County Council to give to the Assistant Surveyors any reasonable period for measuring road metalling which the County Surveyor may consider essential.

### General.

11. - We recommend that the County and Assistant Surveyors be regarded as whole time officers precluded from undertaking other duties save by express permission of the Council.

Signed M. A. Ennis      C. H. Peacock

James Donohoe      C. Hore.

Thomas Asple.      J. Bolger.

W. Browne      J. Bolger.

John Sinnott.

Mr. J. Bolger raised the question as to the explanation to be offered by the County Surveyor as to deferring and striking off money from Road Contractors where in one case they had the admission of an Assistant Surveyor that he had not measured the material in the depots.

The Chairman said the Council could not go into this matter as it was not on the Agenda paper, moreover he had consented to receive a deputation of the Gorey Road Contractors, on Sunday next, and in the circumstances it would be better if the question was adjourned until the next Meeting of the Council on the 15<sup>th</sup> May.

Mr. J. R. Brennan Solicitor, who appeared for the Gorey Road Contractors, promised to prepare a statement of the views of the Road Contractors and send it to the Secretary of the Council, who was directed on the motion of the Chairman to have it printed and circulated amongst the Members of the Council previous to next Meeting.

Mr. M. J. O'Connor Solicitor for Mr. Webster County Surveyor, asked to have the Meeting resolved into Committee, as he had a proposal to make to the Council.

The Chairman proposed that the meeting resolve itself into Committee. Passed.

Mr. O'Connor then stated that as Mr. Webster was anxious to meet the Council and to allow by-gones to be by-gones he



would be prepared to accept a salary of £700 per annum Mr. Webster confirmed Mr. O'Connor's offer, and said that although the Council were about having half-yearly payments his duties would be considerably increased over what he had to do under the Grand Jury. He had to pay for a clerk, and could not take private practice and his travelling expenses and responsibilities were greatly increased.

Mr. Ennis moved and Mr. Bolger seconded the adoption of the report of the Committee.

Mr. Doyle moved as an amendment that Messrs. Murphy and Leary, Assistant Surveyors be given a salary of £100 per annum, and allowed to remain in office.

Mr. Kavanagh seconded but after further discussion said he would be in favour of a motion allowing Mr. Leary a superannuation allowance of £60 per annum.

Mr. O'Connor Solicitor, said that Mr. Leary would be satisfied to accept this amount.

Subsequently the Report was agreed to paragraph by paragraph Mr. O'Connor Solicitor said he should be taken as objecting to paragraphs 1 and 2. He respectfully submitted that the County Council had no power to pass these paragraphs unless with the sanction of the Local Government Board.

Mr. Doyle moved the rejection of paragraph 6.

A vote was taken with the following result:-

For retaining the paragraph in the report:- Messrs J. Bolger, J. Bolger, Codd, Browne, Hore, Maylor, Sinnott, Asple, Peacocke, Donohoe, Ennis, Murphy, Kehoe, Hickey, and the Chairman. (Sir Thomas Esmonde.) 15

For deleting paragraph 6:- Messrs. Doyle, Kavanagh, and Dempsey:- 3

The Chairman declared the amendment lost and the paragraph was retained.

In connection with paragraph 7. Mr. Jones said he would be satisfied to meet the Council Half-way, and would be satisfied to accept a salary of £120 per annum.

The paragraph was retained.

Mr. Jones said he protested against this paragraph being



agreed to

The remainder of the report was agreed to, and on the suggestion of Mr. Peacocke paragraph 4 was referred to the Roads.

Maintenance Inquiry Committee

Department of Agriculture, and Technical Instruction  
Inquiry Committee

Under date 14<sup>th</sup> April, the following letter was read from Mr. John J. Taylor, Secretary of Department of Agriculture: and Technical Instruction Inquiry Committee.

I am instructed to transmit to you for the information of the County Council of Wexford, the accompanying copy of the warrant of the Lords Justices constituting the Committee under the Chairmanship of Sir Kenelm Digby, K. C. B., to inquire into and report upon the matters set forth in the Warrant. I have to state that the Departmental Committee will be much obliged for any observations in writing which your Council may wish to offer upon the questions referred to the Committee, and I am to add, that it would facilitate the business of the Committee if you could arrange to communicate these observations to me, for their information at as early a date as practicable."

It was decided that the following should be appointed a Committee to draw up suggestions for the adoption of the Council at the meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> May:-

Messrs J. Bolger, Ennis, Hone, Codd, and Peacocke, to meet on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April 1906. at 2.0'clock, p.m.

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Statutable Half-Yearly meeting- 15<sup>th</sup> May 1906.

The statutable meeting of the county council was held in the council chamber, courthouse, Wexford; on 15<sup>th</sup> May 1906.

Present :- Mr. M. A. Ennis, vice chairman, presiding.  
Other members :- Messrs Edmond Hore, Daniel Dempsey, James E. Mayler, Michael Browne, John Bolger, John Cummins, Alexander Kinsella, Thomas Asple, Mark Codd, Denis Kavanagh, James B. Hearn, James Sinnott, James A. Doyle, Matthew Doyle, John J. Kehoe, R. C. Murphy, Michael Hickey, Thaddeus Bolger, John Sinnott, and James Codd.

The county surveyor, county secretary, and Mr. Elgee, solicitor, were in attendance.

Confirmation of minutes.

The minutes of statutable meeting of the 12<sup>th</sup> February, and of special meetings on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> April, and 20<sup>th</sup> April; were read and confirmed.

Absence from meeting

Mr. C. H. Peacocke wrote regretting his inability to attend the meeting owing to having to be present at the Council of Agriculture.

Lease Courtown Harbour Boathouse.

On the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Dempsey, the following resolution was adopted :- "That the lease of Courtown Harbour Boat-House from the county council to the admiralty be sealed and signed."

Alteration of Boundaries.

Under date 28<sup>th</sup> April 1906 (letter No. 40603) the Commissioner of Valuation wrote :-



"It is directed by the 10<sup>th</sup> section of the Boundary Survey (Ireland) act, 17 vic Cap 17, that "in all cases in which it is proposed to make any alteration of the boundary of any county or barony, the boundary surveyor shall submit to the Grand jury of such county for approval a report setting forth the detail of the proposed alterations in such boundaries, the grounds for making the same, accompanied by a map showing the boundary or boundaries as originally laid down on the Ordnance plans of such county."

Since the passing of the Local Government (Ireland) act 1898, this duty of the Grand jury has devolved on the county council.

In compliance with the above enactment I beg to submit, for the approval of the county council of the county of Wexford, a report in detail of the alterations proposed to be made in the revised Ordnance survey plans, relating to certain boundaries between the county of Wexford, and the counties of Wicklow and Carlow.

The alterations were caused by the former boundaries having been defaced on the ground and new lines adopted by proprietors which it is necessary to include in the revised survey.

Mr. Thomas Talbot, Chief Valuer of this Department, will wait upon the county council on the 1<sup>st</sup> proximo, to afford any additional information that may be required and to produce the maps and reports.

On the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:

"We approve certain alterations in Ordnance sheets Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 13, 23, of county Wexford in the boundaries between said county and counties of Wicklow and Carlow, as set forth in a Report



and accompanying maps submitted to us by Sir John G. Barton, C. B., Chief Boundary Surveyor under the acts recited above."

Securities of Rate Collectors

Under date 18<sup>th</sup> April 1906, the Local Government Board (No 20904) wrote forwarding copy of correspondence with Mr John Mullett, Rate collector, Bree:-

The following are the letters:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to forward, herewith, for the information of the Wexford County Council, a copy of a letter received from Mr John Mullett, collector of Poor Rate, relative to the security of the collectors in the County together with a copy of the Board's reply."

"On behalf of the Rate collectors under the Wexford County Council, who have to pay Guarantee Society at the rate of from 10/- to 15/- per hundred pounds security required, I wish to lay our grievances before your Honourable Board for your kind consideration, hoping for you to see justice done in our cases, by making the County Council either pay Premium for us or to relieve us from Guarantee Society to that of private security same as our fellow collectors."

Our first grievance is that when we became collectors of Poor Rate we then did not know that we would be compelled to lodge the full amount of our warrants, and also lose all money on derelict lands and old Hill commons, besides all bad debts of which we meet many.

Second, when we began we had only 6/- per cent, to pay, now we have 15/- and 10/-, and the men who pay 10/- had to give private security or else they would not have got it for that price.

We have on different occasions laid our case



before the County Council, but all to no avail, but now that our premiums are again becoming due we would like the opinion of your Honourable Board before paying same, as we believe that by law we could not be compelled to pay more nor the 6/- of which we had to pay when we became collectors.

The most of collectors who have to pay Guarantee Society Security have only 6<sup>d</sup> in the £ for collections and again they pay the premiums of £6. 15/- annually it takes from their poundage another 1<sup>d</sup> and in some cases 1½<sup>d</sup>. We also are of opinion that the security required £900 is altogether too large as a collector with only £700 every half year could not collect the full amount of his warrant in one slap so as to defraud the County Council.

We sincerely place ourselves at the mercy of your honourable Board for their kind consideration as we consider the County Council did not do us justice on any of the occasions on which we laid our application before them.

I am Sir, on behalf of collectors  
paying Guarantee Society  
John Mullett, Hon Sec.

"In reply to your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> instant, relative to the security of the collectors of Poor Rate in County Wexford, I am directed by the Local Government Board, for Ireland, to state that they can only refer you to their letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> June 1905. (No 36,085/1905) in regard to this matter."

The following is a copy of letter of Local Government Board, (No. 36,685-1905) under date 9<sup>th</sup> June 1905, referred to in the correspondence:-

The Local Government Board for Ireland direct me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> instant, relative to the security of collectors of Poor Rate in County Wexford, and they desire



to state that the question whether the security of Poor Rate collectors shall take the form of a Guarantee of an Insurance Society or the bond of personal sureties is a matter for the determination of the county council.

I am to suggest that the collectors concerned should lay their case before the Wexford Co. Council.

I am to add that in some counties the council pay the premiums on collectors' bonds, while in others they make a contribution towards the cost."

"On the motion of Mr. Hearn, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the following resolution was adopted:

"That the Finance Committee take into consideration the proportion of the amounts of the bonds of the Rate collectors to the amounts of their Warrants and report to next meeting."

#### Liability for Half-Rent.

Mr. Mullett Rate collector, wrote enclosing letter from Mr. J. A. Sinnott, Solicitor in reference to refusal by Mr. Wm. D. Pouden, Lisburn, to pay the rates on half rent for Sweetfarm, Enniscorthy; and asking the county council to guarantee his expenses in the event of not being able to obtain a decree against Mr. Pouden at Quarter Sessions. "after a long discussion, Mr. Elgee advised that the county council could not comply with Mr. Mullett's request, as the latter had lodged the full amount of his warrant, and the amount due was now a personal debt to Mr. Mullett.

It was decided to take no action."

#### Proposed Transfer of Contract

Under date 13<sup>th</sup> May the following letter was read from Mr. Thomas J. Ryan, Coolnaboy, Cyllegate:-



"I beg to apply to the County Council for a transfer of the contract of the Deeps Bridge to my Father, Michael Ryan; his sureties are the same persons who acted for me, Mr. James O'Farrell, Wexford and Mr. Patrick Kelly, Wexford."

Mr. Dempsey proposed: "That the transfer of the contract for maintenance of the Deeps Bridge, from Mr. Thomas J. Ryan, to his father, Michael Ryan, be agreed to."

Mr. Cummins seconded.

Mr. Elger considered that it was not legal to agree to the resolution.

After discussion the Chairman said he refused to put the motion, as he considered it was not legal to entertain it. The following was then handed in by Mr. Cummins: "That the transfer of contract from Mr. Thomas J. Ryan, to his father, Michael Ryan, for Deeps Bridge be agreed to."

(Signed) John Cummins  
Matthew Doyle  
Denis Kavanagh  
D. Dempsey

### Road Contractors

The following statements on behalf of the Road Contractors of Gorey and Wexford were laid before the meeting:-

#### Statement

on behalf of the Gorey Road Contractors Association for submission to the County Council.

The Gorey Road Contractors wish to lay before the County Council the following facts for the consideration of the County Council with reference to their contracts.

It has been the principle during many years past that provided the Road Contractor kept his road in a good and sufficient state of repair, his money was paid to him irrespective of the



fact that the full quantity of stones specified to be put out on the road was put out or not.

In many instances by careful tending of the road it is possible for the contractor to keep the road in a good condition without putting out the full quantity of stones or without putting out as great a quantity as if the road were not carefully tended.

Acting on this assumption the contractors have been in the habit of tendering for the roads at a less rate than they would have tendered had the full quantity been insisted upon.

It may perhaps be well in this connection to point out that it was only since the present county surveyor took over control of the roads that the quantities were specified for any but the main roads and this may easily account for the system which has existed.

Though the principle is undoubtedly a bad one and as such cannot be defended, still, the fact that it has existed and that contractors have acted upon it, cannot be denied, and the working of it does not involve such serious loss to the county council as may at first glance appear, because the county council although they are intitled to expect that a certain quantity should be expended on each road, nevertheless they do not in fact pay for this quantity, inasmuch as the contractors tendered in accordance with the idea, that as long as the road was kept in repair they would be paid, which idea they were allowed to hold for a great number of years.

If the county council now insist on each contractor putting on the road his full quantity of stones, it will mean a considerable loss to that contractor, and this is instanced by the fact that several of the contractors who claim to have put out the full quantity of stones on each road,



have in every instance done so at a personal loss.

Money has been deferred from and struck off from the contractors in this District, some of whom claim to have put out their full quantity even at personal loss to themselves and these men state that they were entitled to the full payment in respect of their contracts and that no portion should have been struck off.

The contractors say that owing to the loose way in which the work has been done up to the present it is impossible for the County Council to say definitely in what cases a shortage has taken place, and that being so the contractors do not think it equitable that payment should be struck off until a definite system of measurement has been arrived at and the measurements first accurately ascertained.

Having shown the system which has up to the present existed with regard to the road maintenance in this County, the contractors wish to put before the County Council, now that they have taken the matter in hand, that the County Council cannot remodel one portion of the system and not touch the remainder. If one portion of the system is remodelled it is almost bound to work hardship unless the other portions of the system are remodelled accordingly, and the contractors therefore suggest that the contracts entered into by them as forming perhaps the most important portion of the whole system require to be reviewed.

Owing to the way the matters stand at present it seems to be an impossibility for the County Council to arrive at any definite estimate of how matters really stand between the contractors and their payments and in many instances where money has been struck off, the roads are admittedly in a first rate state of repair, and great hardship has been worked on the contractors.

What the contractors therefore wish to



respectfully put before the Council is, that in view of the facts that the full tonnage will in every instance be now required, and that the contractors by reason of the circumstances mentioned have tendered at such a price that would render it impossible for them to perform this, the Council may be pleased to annul the contracts at present existing and that fresh contracts be entered into on the basis that every ounce of stones specified by the County Surveyor be expended on the roads, and that the contractor must fulfil the full letter of his contract.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 1906.

Signed on behalf of the contractors.  
Huggard & Brennan  
Solicitors, Gorey.

We the members of the Wexford Road Contractors Association, respectfully ask you to bring the following resolutions before the County Council at the next half-yearly proposal meeting:-

1.- We respectfully request the County Council to re-arrange the quantity on the different roads as it is proved beyond doubt that in many cases the full price allowed by the County Surveyor would not be sufficient to put the full amount of tonnage on the roads, apart from spreading cleaning water-tables, scraping, etc..

2.- To revise the tonnage on all existing contracts at the rate of 30 per cent as it is a well known fact that the full tonnage was never expected to be put out, failing this, to break all existing contracts, and let them be tendered for again or done by direct labour as it is impossible to put out the <sup>full</sup> tonnage.

3.- To extend the time of putting out the tonnage from the 1<sup>st</sup> September to the 1<sup>st</sup> October, as August and September are the two busiest



months in the year.

4.- The County Council may rest assured that if the full pound of flesh, is insisted on, it will effect the ruin of fifty per cent of the contractors.

5.- Therefore we respectfully ask the County Council to direct their Surveyor to take an account of such contractors, as may wish their contracts broken or revised, and fix the tonnage in accordance with the price; - of course it is to be understood that we only refer to existing contracts.

6.- That we think it is only fair to state that we will not ask for any concessions for those contractors who may enter into contracts in future.

7.- That in view of the decision of the Local Government Board, re measurements etc., we are compelled to ask the respective Councils to bear the cost of preparing the depots and putting existing ones in repair, we believe that the councillors will admit that it would be most unfair to expect the poor contractors to do such extra work, as in many or most cases it would require a contractors whole salary to do so.

8.- That as it is an understood fact that all stones will be accurately measured in the coming autumn, the contractors are bound to suffer grave injustice, as it is well known that in most places, the depots are eaten away from one to two feet beneath the road surface, by the continual shovelling of broken stones off the bottoms, and in many cases there is no proper receptacle for stones, as they are thrown into every hole, and bit of waste or unused portion of the road.

George Brosbie, Hon Sec., Wexford Road  
Contractors Association.



Road Contract in Farns District

The following letter from Mr. J. B. Moffat Solicitor, Enniscorthy, on behalf of Martin Dunbar, Road Contractor, and under date 19<sup>th</sup> April, which had been referred to Mr. Murphy Assistant County Surveyor for explanation; was read:-

"I have been instructed by Mr. Martin Dunbar of Farns to bring under the notice of the County Council what he regards as a grievance in connection with the stoppage to the extent of £7, in respect of his contract between Farns and Brooy.

Mr. Dunbar informs me that Mr. Murphy the Deputy Surveyor, was written to by him and asked to state how much additional stones should be put out. Mr. Murphy, I am instructed, called and stated after inspecting the road material, that 20 additional loads were required.

This amount was put out by Mr. Dunbar within ten days after Mr. Murphy's inspection, which I am instructed was about the middle of March. Mr. Murphy was then asked to again inspect, which he did. On the date of his inspection portion of the 20 loads were not broken; inasmuch as there was no time for doing so, but Mr. Dunbar complains that after he had placed the full amount of road material required by Mr. Webster, £7 was stopped from the payment to him of his contract. and further, that this was done within three weeks of Mr. Murphy's inspection and after the full amount had been placed out; the only complaint being that some portion of the last 20 loads of material was not sufficiently broken. Mr. Dunbar thinks that under the circumstances he has been dealt with very severely.

The full amount of material was placed as required by Mr. Murphy, and the £7 was stopped because some portion of the last 20 loads was not broken within a week of its being put out.



I would be much obliged if you would draw the attention of the Council at next meeting to the matter.

Mr Dunbar instructs me, that Mr Murphy was written to in November and again in December with a view to ascertaining the amount of stones still required, and no reply was given to these letters. Under the circumstances Mr Dunbar certainly seems to have a grievance."

Mr Murphy wrote on a Postcard as follows:-  
 Fernville, Gorey  
 April 23<sup>rd</sup> '06

Dear Sir,

In reply to your of 21<sup>st</sup> my observations re 26 Enniscorthy, Martin Dunbar, are in the County Surveyor's office, where you can see them.

Truly yours

J. P. Murphy.

The following from the County Surveyor (under date 25<sup>th</sup> April '06) in reply to a letter from the Secretary; was read:-

Contract No. 26. Enniscorthy

Dear Mr Frizelle,

In reply to yours of the 24<sup>th</sup> inst., I beg to state that the following are Mr Murphy's observations, re Mr Dunbar's contract.

"26. 2. Quantity spread. Generally untidy work done."  
 "28. 3. Contractor writes he has the deficient quantity out."  
 "Ap<sup>l</sup>. 2 I found 20 loads of stone out unbroken. (only about 2 loads broken)"

I may add that on the 17<sup>th</sup> March last I made a special inspection of this road myself, and could only find one heap of extra material. It was unbroken and was 15 yards long 3' 6" wide, and I estimated that when broken it would only be 10 inches deep. The total quantity, when broken,



would therefore be a little less than 5 cubic yards.

I observed several faults with the road including old scrapings not removed. I inspected this road yesterday and observed the same faults.

Yours truly

Henry Webster

County Surveyor

P.S. The deficiency of quantity which Mr. Dunbar should have made up was 35 cubic yards. H.W.

Mr. M. Reddy writing on behalf of his son, James Reddy, Rahen, Camolin; stated that his son took the contract for the road No. 58. in Gorey District in March 1903. He had the quantity out and broken, and water tables cleaned, and still in September of the same year £1. was struck off. In the Spring of 1904 he put out 25 tons extra; in Spring '05 32 tons extra; and no credit was ever given for this extra tonnage, but instead £3 had been struck off. Mr. Webster according to Mr. Reddy when asked why this amount had been struck off, said the stones were soft. Mr. Reddy said they were as hard as could be procured in the district, and Mr. Murphy Assistant Surveyor could certify that this statement was correct. Mr. Reddy considered that Mr. Webster had acted very unjustly in this case."

The following testimonial on behalf of Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant County Surveyor, was forwarded by Mr. Denis Murphy, Town Clerk, Gorey, from the Gorey Town Commissioners:-

"We the Town Commissioners of Gorey, wish to certify to the efficiency and energy which Mr. James P. Murphy has at all times displayed as a



public official in his capacity as a Deputy Surveyor.

We have personal knowledge of the manner in which he carried out his duties in connection with contracts in and around the Town of Gorey, and we can say that at no time have we found him lacking in any of the qualities or qualifications which should be possessed by any public officer in the position occupied by Mr. Murphy.

We consider that he has at all times, and in all respects faithfully performed the duties appertaining to his office, and with due regard to the divergent interests of the different public bodies and parties with whom he was concerned."

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 1906.

James Whittiers Esq.  
Alex<sup>r</sup> Kinsella  
John Byrne  
Myles Webb  
W<sup>m</sup> Cooke

Thos. J. Doran  
Patrick Doyle  
John Doyle  
Patrick Kavanagh  
D. Murphy, Town Clerk.

Mr. J. R. Brennan, and Mr. O'Dempsey, Solicitors, appeared for the Road Contractors:-

"Mr. Kavanagh proposed:- That all existing contracts for the repair of roads be cut down by 40 per cent."

Mr. Elger said it was not legal to alter the terms of the contracts. The proposition was withdrawn.

Mr. Brennan suggested that a circular should be issued to each contractor, asking him if he wished to surrender his contract. Should the contractor do so, the County Council to accept the surrender, and readvertise the contracts.

Mr. Kavanagh proposed:- "That we annul any contracts which the contractors desire to determine."

Mr. John Sinnott seconded.

Mr. Elger considered this course was not legal and the resolution was withdrawn.



The Chairman said he would hold that a contract could only be interfered with under the 54 section and the subject was dropped.

"With reference to No 58 Gorey. James Reddy, contractor. Mr. Webster said, that the amount in question had been struck off, for the reason stated - the unsuitability of the metalling."

"Mr Michael Maquire, Ballinakill, Ferns; wrote complaining that £3 had been struck off his contract."

"Mr. Webster explained that the amount had been deferred, not struck off."

"Joseph Cullen, Kiltrea; Mr. Martha Brien, Milltown, Killann; James Bolger, and P. O'Neill, both of Gorey District; also complained that they had been harshly treated; but after hearing the explanation of Mr. Webster, the Council decided to make no order."

"Mr. Elgee advised that the Council could pay a contractor only on the certificate of the County Surveyor, and that once an amount had been struck off by the County Surveyor; there was no legal machinery by which it could be reinstated."

The Report of Roads Maintenance Inquiry Committee.

Under date 14<sup>th</sup> May 1906 (No. 28,409-1906) the following letter was read from the Local Government Board:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them your letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> instant, and the minutes of the Wexford County Council of the 20<sup>th</sup> ultimo, containing certain recommendations made by the Roads Committee, and adopted by the County Council, with regard to the County and Assistant Surveyors; and, in reply, the Board desire to call attention to the terms of



section 12 (5) of the Local Government (Ireland) act 1902, viz:-

"If by reason of anything done in pursuance of this section, the duties of any officer of a county or District council are increased or diminished, the officer shall be bound to perform those duties, and shall receive such increase or diminution of remuneration in proportion to the increase or diminution of his duties, the Local Government Board may determine, subject, nevertheless, in the case of diminution, to such compensation as is provided by sub-section 19 of section 115 of the principal act, and that sub-section shall apply accordingly to any such officers in like manner as it applies to existing officers affected by the principal act."

Before expressing any definite opinion on No 1:- (the proposed reduction of the County Surveyor's salary), the Board desire to afford Mr. Webster an opportunity of submitting his views on the matter.

As regards the proposed reforms in the methods of working the County Surveyor's department, the Local Government Board, have no comment to make on 2, 3, 4, 5, and 10.

With reference to recommendation No. 6, the Board would be glad to learn whether Messrs Murphy, and O'Leary have resigned their positions as Assistant Surveyors, as, if not, this question will require to be further considered by the Board.

In the event of their vacating office, the question will arise as to whether those officers are qualified for superannuation not only as regards age and length of service, but also on the question as to whether their whole time was devoted to the service of the Council. In the case of officers qualified for pension a calendar month's notice is also necessary before a resolution proposing to grant a super-



annuation allowance can be validly passed by the County Council.

With regard to recommendation No. 7. proposing to reduce the salary of Mr. Jones Assistant Surveyor to £100 per annum from the 30<sup>th</sup> September next, the Board would be glad to be informed whether this proposal is in connection with the change from the quarterly to half-yearly meetings, and whether Mr. Jones has assented to the change.

As regards No. 8. the Board would be glad to be furnished with further particulars respecting the proposed increase in Mr. Kehoe's salary.

With reference to recommendation No. 9. the Board desire to point out that the adoption of this proposal will of course depend upon whether Messrs. Murphy and O'Leary vacate their present positions."

"In reply to the Chairman, the Secretary said that on 21<sup>st</sup> of April, the County and Assistant Surveyors, were furnished with a copy of the Report of the Roads Maintenance Inquiry Committee, and were informed that it had been adopted by the County Council, the previous day."

It was decided that the whole question be postponed. Mr. M. Brown, having intimated that he would give notice of motion to rescind that portion of the road committee report which dealt with Mr. Webster's salary, and to move that Mr. Webster receive in future a salary of £650 with £50 for office rent and clerk, having regard to the fact that Mr. Webster was satisfied to accept this amount in settlement."

### Main Roads

In connection with the adoption by the County Council of the final declaration to have "no main roads" the following letter under date 11<sup>th</sup> May 1906 (No 25,353-1906) was read from the Local Government Board:-



"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> ultimo, relative to the Declaration provisionally adopted by the Wexford County Council, that there be no main roads in the county; and in reply to your inquiry, I am to state that the Board have not been advised, "that the county council must, under the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, have main roads;" but they have recently had before them an opinion by eminent counsel to another County Council in Ireland, in which he expresses a doubt as to whether a no main road declaration is not ultra vires, inasmuch as in his opinion, the statute clearly contemplated that there should be some main roads in every county, and the Board think that the county council would do well to consider this question, as there appears to be a risk in adopting a no main road declaration, even though no opposition may be offered at the time to such a declaration.

The County Council will of course understand that the functions of the Local Government Board in connection with a main road declaration only arise in the event of an appeal being made by a District Council, to the Local Government Board, against a Final Declaration made by the County Council. If the District Councils in the county are satisfied with the Declaration made by a County Council, and no appeal is made to the Board, therefrom, the Board have no power to intervene in the matter, and the Declaration becomes operative forthwith, and could only be set aside by the High Court."

The Secretary said that the opinion in question had been given by Mr. Stephen Ronan, K.C. to the Mayo Co. Council. Mr. Ronan said :- "The statute clearly contemplates that there shall be some main



"roads in every county. The new declaration might possibly take the form that no roads shall be main roads, but I don't think this would be safe. It would certainly be prudent to name one or two of the principal roads as main roads. If the District Council appealed I think the Local Government Board would possibly make the old principal mail and Post Roads "main Roads". The County Council should therefore act with caution in the matter."

The Secretary explained that in view of the importance of the question he had taken on himself, to direct Mr. Elger to take Council's opinion. Mr. Elger had taken the opinion of Mr. M. J. Dunn B. L. who had advised the Council previously in several matters, and Mr. Dunn advised that although the matter was not absolutely free from doubt, he considered the Council would be safe and would be acting within their powers in finally adopting a "no main roads declaration".

The Secretary explained that the result of adopting a "no main Roads Declaration" would be that Ennisconthy Rural District would save annually on present contract figures £29: 13: 11; Gorey Rural District £118: 11: 10; and Wexford Rural District £59: 15: 1; while New Ross Rural District would lose £63: 16: 4; because it had a larger number of main roads, and a very low valuation. The net gain to the Rural Districts would be £144: 4: 6, and this was the amount lost by the Urban Districts - New Ross Urban losing £110: 14: 10; and Ennisconthy £33: 9: 8. Owing to the Financial Relations adjustment Wexford Urban was not affected either way.

Mr. J. Bolger proposed :- "That as the Rural District Councils are against having main roads, we hereby confirm the 'No main Roads Declaration'." - Mr. Kehoe seconded. - Passed. Mr. Hearn dissenting.



Limit of Road Expenditure - New Ross.

Under date 14<sup>th</sup> May 1906, the following letter (No 28,483-'06) was read from the Local Government Board:-

"With reference to your letter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> instant. on the subject of the limit of expenditure on Roads in the New Ross Rural District, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to state that they have assented to the limit of expenditure being increased for 5 years from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 1906, by the yearly sum of £500."

Proposals for Payment

Proposed by Mr. Browne, seconded by the Chairman:  
"That the several proposals for payments from the Rural District Councils, as per forms 22 be and are hereby approved."

Proposed by Mr. Browne, seconded by the Chairman:-  
"That the several proposals for payments for the county at large, as sent up by the Proposal Committee in respect of public works, and for ordinary payments be and are hereby approved."

Proposed by Mr. Browne, seconded by the Chairman:  
"That the several proposals for new works and for maintenance contracts, as sent up by the Rural District Councils of the county, and from the Proposal Committee as per form 20, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon, and initialled by the Chairman be and are hereby approved."

As regards the works referred from the proposal committee the following credits were made:-  
No. 29.- Courtown Harbour; not to exceed £250. Given in charge of the County Surveyor; on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kinsella.  
No. 30.- Kilmore Breakwater repairs. £160. Given in



charge of the County Surveyor; on the motion of Mr. Hore, seconded by Mr. Kehoe.

No. 31.- Flooring New Ross Bridge.- £50.- Given in charge of the County Surveyor; on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kinsella.

No. 32.- New Ross Swing Bridge.- £250.- Given in charge of the County Surveyor; on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kinsella.

No. 40.- To supply chairs for magistrates at Duncormack Petty Sessions.- £3.- Given in charge of the County Surveyor; on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Kinsella.

#### Coals for Courthouse.

Mr. James Bullimore, Quay Wexford; tendered to supply coals to County Courthouse, from Mon & lum bolliers, unscreened at 19/6 per ton; and screened at 22/- per ton. Mr. James J. Stafford at 21/- for Newport coal and 20/- for Standish Wigan. Messrs Marlow & Co., - Powells or Mon & lum at 21/- per ton, for screened and 20/6 per ton for unscreened.

"The Secretary said that the advertisement specified for Powell's or Mon & lum."

"On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Hore, the tender of Messrs Marlow & Co., for screened coal at 21/- per ton was accepted."

#### District Works.

The following orders were made on works untendered for at Rural District Council meetings:  
No. B.- To rebuild retaining wall at Ballyeden, not to exceed £64.

This matter was referred to the County Council from Enniscorthy District Council, on the grounds of alleged collusion between the persons tendering.

The County Council received the following tenders after re-advertising the work.-

Patrick Barty, Rahen, Blonroche; at £54. Michael Stafford, Bridgetown; at £58. Nicholas Fortune,



Barmoney Bree; at £58.

Mr. Browne proposed that Barty's tender be accepted, provided he executes bond within a week. Mr. J. Codd, seconded.

Mr. M. Doyle, proposed that Stafford's tender be accepted as Barty's sureties were not in attendance. Mr. Cummins, seconded.

Barty stated that his tender altho' lodged in time was not read at District Council meeting at which he had his sureties.

Mr. J. Bolger, Chairman of Enniscorthy District Council, stated that Barty's tender was not found till the end of the meeting, and when the business was disposed of.

A poll was taken with the following result:-  
For accepting Barty's tender - Messrs J. Codd, Browne, Hone, Kehoe, Dempsey, James Sinnott, J. Bolger, J. A. Doyle, John Sinnott, and the Chairman - 10  
For Stafford's tender - Messrs Murphy, Kinsella, Karandagh, Cummins, Doyle, M. Codd, & Mayler - 7  
 Mr. Hearn declined voting.

The Chairman declared Barty's tender accepted.

No. 7. - To repair Blonegal Bridge (half to be raised off County Carlow) not to exceed £80 for whole work. Given in charge of the County Surveyor.

No. 11. - To erect a footbridge at Ballybawn, not to exceed £20. (half to be levied off New Ross District) Given in charge of the County Surveyor.

No. 11. - To erect a Bridge at Koulpeasty; not to exceed £24. Denis Gordon, Koulpeasty, Clonroche; tendered at £19: 10/-, and Edward Blancy, Coolnacron at £24.

Gordon was accepted at the District Council, but through a misunderstanding did not complete his bond altho' his tender was accepted.

Blancy in a letter to the County Council claimed that his tender should be accepted owing to Gordon's failure to execute the bond.

"On the motion of Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr.



Kehoe; Gordon's tender was accepted."

No. 318.- To keep in repair 225 perches between Mrs. Foley's, Killanure, and the turn to Mandoran for two years and nine months.

John Foley, Killinure, tendered at £6: 7: 6 per annum; and was accepted on the motion of Mr. J. Bolger, seconded by Mr. John Sinnott. Foley's was the only tender.

Provisional Proposals from Enniscorthy District as follows were laid before the meeting for first reading. No.- K.- Knocknasilloque Lane £81: 12/-  
No. N.- O.- P.- & Q.- (amalgamated). N.- 83 perches Killanure Lane £66: 10/- O.- 76 perches Killanure Lane £66: 10/- P.- Bridge and Gullett Killanure Lane £75. Q.- Craan Lane-238 perches £45.

#### New Ross District.

No.- C.- To widen the end of road at Patrick's Bay. Given in charge of the County Surveyor.

No.- D.- To rebuild a gullet at Mulgarrow. Referred back to District Council.

No. 75.- Bridge at Ballybawn river. £20. (half to be levied off Enniscorthy District). Given in charge of the Co. Surveyor.

The following Provisional Proposals from this district were laid before the meeting for first reading.

No. 69.- 468 perches of lane from forge of Camross. Amount £170: 8/-

A letter was read in connection with above work from Rev. J. Murphy. b. b. who stated he objected to the work, unless the proposed road followed the route of existing lane.

No.- 74.- 446 perches Newtown Lane. Amount £66: 18/-

#### Gorey District

No. 190.- To repair Blonerranny lane, not to exceed £300.



Joseph Murray, Kilpatrick, tendered at the full amount, this was the only tender, and it was accepted on the motion of Mr. John Sinnott, seconded by Mr. Kehoe.

No. B.- To repair share Bridge. £6. Given in charge of the County Surveyor.

No.-160.- 396 perches between Killinor and Gurtien roads. Given in charge of the County Surveyor, for a year. Amount £76. 10/-.

No.-161.- 880 perches from Craanford to Camolin. Given in charge of the County Surveyor, for one year. Amount £55.

#### Wexford District.

No.-45.- 598 perches from Modabeg to Bricketstown. Amount £9. 19. 4. Referred back to District Council.

No.-M.- To build a gullet at Churchlands. Amount £3. Given in charge of the County Surveyor.

#### Bonds.

Proposed by Mr. Browne, seconded by the Chairman. "That the Bonds of contractors in respect of tenders taken by the Rural District Councils of the County and the Proposal Committee, be sealed."

#### Adjourned Meeting.

The remainder of the business was adjourned to 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 10 o'clock, a. m.

M. Ennis

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## Adjourned Statutable Meeting

The adjourned statutable half-yearly Meeting of the County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1906.

Present :- Mr. M. A. Ennis (Vice Chairman) presiding.  
Other members :- Messrs Gore, John Bolger, Browne, Peacocke, M. Doyle, J. J. Kehoe, John Sinnott, A. B. Murphy, James Gadd, and John Cummins.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, and Mr. R. W. Elger, Solicitor to the Council, were in attendance.

### Confirmation of Minutes.

Mr. Peacocke proposed, Mr. Ennis seconded, the confirmation of the minutes of Proposal, Finance and Diseases of Animals Committees, and Kilmori and Courtown Harbour Committees.  
Passed.

### Dates of Meetings

Council meetings for the Quarter ending the 30<sup>th</sup> June 1906.

|                      |                                |                           |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Wexford. R. D.       | Saturday July 7 <sup>th</sup>  | 10.30 o'clock.            |
| Enniscorthy          | Tuesday "                      | 10 <sup>th</sup> 11. "    |
| Gorey                | Thursday "                     | 12 <sup>th</sup> 11.30 "  |
| New Ross             | Saturday "                     | 14 <sup>th</sup> 11.30. " |
| Proposals Committee. | Friday "                       | 13 <sup>th</sup>          |
| County Council.      | Tuesday August 7 <sup>th</sup> |                           |

Council meetings for the Half-year ending 30<sup>th</sup> September '06.

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| New Ross. R. D.      | Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November | 12 o'clock |
| Gorey                | Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>         | " 11.30 "  |
| Enniscorthy          | Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>            | " 11. "    |
| Wexford              | Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>         | " 10.30 "  |
| Proposals Committee. | Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>        | "          |
| County Council.      | Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December  |            |



Sealed Orders - Areas of Charge.

The Local Government Board forwarded sealed orders fixing as the areas of charge for guarantee under the Post Office Act 1891 for telegraph offices at Ramsgrange and Oylegate, the Rural Districts of New Ross, and Enniscorthy, respectively.  
marked "Read".

Irrecoverable Rates.

Under date the 27<sup>th</sup> April 1906 (letter No. 23724) the Local Government Board wrote forwarding their rulings on lists of irrecoverable rates presented by the Rate Collectors of the County.  
marked: "Read."

Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction Inquiry.

In connection with the letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> April '06, from M<sup>r</sup> John J. Taylor, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction Inquiry Committee, asking for the observations in writing of the County Council on the questions referred to the Committee, the following suggestions of the County Council Committee were put forward for adoption:-

Departmental Inquiry Committee

Meeting - 28<sup>th</sup> April 1906.

Present:- Messrs M. A. Ennis, C. H. Peacocke, E. Hore, and James Dodd.

The Secretary was also present.

The Committee consider that the Live Stock and Agricultural schemes are, in a general way, satisfactory.

The consider that the schemes as formulated by committees, and approved of by the Department should be more elastic, in character; and that savings under one head of expenditure set out in the scheme should be made applicable to others in which the needs might be found to be greater



than originally anticipated.

Regarding the question of Agricultural Banks it was decided that the Department should adopt a more comprehensive scheme of providing capital, and that the official in charge of the work of organising agricultural banks should be a Department Official, and have no connection with any other body.

That if County Councils promote a scheme for floating County Stock, they should have as one of their objects (should they desire to do so) the financing of agricultural banks on reasonable terms.

That the County Council should possess a limited form of control over inland fisheries within the areas of their various Counties.

The second meeting of the Committee was held on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 1906.

Present: Messrs M. A. Ennis, C. H. Peacocke, and James Codd.

The following suggestions were agreed to:-

We consider there should be more correlation between the National Education Commissioners and the Department. Instruction in simple cookery and elementary hygiene should form portion of the curriculum in National Schools for girls in Rural Districts; while Instructors in Agriculture, and Horticulture employed by the Department and the County Committee should be allowed to take classes at the schools in country districts.

We consider that the whole system of primary education in rural districts requires revision and should be made more applicable to the after-life of the pupils. We consider the teaching in the National Schools at present is conducive to draw boys from the land in after life. In our opinion provision should be



made for the teaching of Agriculture, Horticulture, and the principles of cottage industries. School gardens should be attached to National Schools outside of towns, and special attention should be given in the training of girls to the cooking of vegetables raised in these gardens.

That further agricultural stations for the teaching of agriculture to boys, and run on similar lines to the station at Glonakilly should be established by the Department. Wexford County is admirably adapted for a station of this character.

We are of opinion that the money allocated for technical instruction in rural districts does not bear a just proportion to the amount contributed by the ratepayers of rural districts in view of the contributions given by the Department to Urban centres.

The question of the establishment of Veterinary dispensaries, is one of the utmost importance to the agricultural community, and should be looked into with the closest and most careful attention.

This Committee is of opinion that the estimates which are stated to have been formed with regard to the cost of these dispensaries would be found to be exaggerations of the probable facts, if the veterinary dispensary system was established.

We believe that before adopting a uniform system for all Ireland, it would be well if the Department made three or four experiments in different counties - say one county in each province. This Committee are prepared to lay before the Department the nucleus of a scheme in respect of which an experiment might be made.

The curriculum of National Schools is not by any means well suited for agricultural districts. Text books for reading classes, and in classes for teaching arithmetic should be made to deal



with subjects connected with agriculture.

We have found the Scholarship Scheme for Day Secondary Schools to work admirably, and a further extension of the system is desirable.

We desire to call attention to the advantages offered by the scheme for university education inaugurated by the Wexford County Council at their meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> November 1905, and subsequently adopted by the General Council of the Irish County Councils. It cannot be alleged that this scheme leads to the subsidizing of denominational education inasmuch as the students of secondary schools of every denomination are eligible for scholarships which, when obtained, may be taken at the option of the student, and with the consent of the County Council at any institution of University standing, not only in the British Isles, but on the continent.

In arriving at the amount to be applied for technical instruction purposes in urban centres (outside the County boroughs) and rural districts the Department act on the advice of the Board of Technical Instruction and the representation of the Borough Councils (which would naturally favour the urban areas) exceeds the representation of all rural Ireland by more than 2 to 1, while the contributions of the Department to technical instruction schemes in the towns exceeds the contributions to technical instruction schemes in the County (taking the condition of things in this County for comparison) in direct ratio to the contribution from the localities by 10 to 1.

Proposed by Mr. Bolger, seconded by Mr. Sinnott:-  
That as we have taxed ourselves in this County to the extent of 1<sup>d</sup> in the £ for the promotion of Agricultural and Technical Instruction schemes



we believe the Department should directly administer the funds at their disposal, and they should not hand over any of these funds to any outside body over which the people have no control. We believe it is the business of the Department to organise Agricultural Industries in Ireland themselves." Passed.

Proposed by Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Peacocke:-  
 "That we consider that the administrative Body of the Department of Agriculture, should be composed of say, four paid commissioners for the technical side. These commissioners should be elected by the county councils, one for each province and hold office for a term of 5 years. The Vice President to be chairman of these commissioners."

Proposed by Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. J. Bolger:-  
 "That everything tending to facilitate and promote tillage in the country, merits the close attention and support of the Department."

The whole report with the above additions, was agreed to, on the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Peacocke."

#### Cashel Excursionists.

Proposed by the chairman, seconded by Mr. Peacocke:- "That the Cashel Excursionists be given every facility to visit Wexford Prison, on the 24<sup>th</sup> June next." Passed.

#### Ford of Lyng.

Correspondence between the clerk of the Wexford District Council, and the Local Government Board in connection with the flooding of the road at the Ford of Lyng was laid before the meeting. In their letter of the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1906 (No 15310-Wexford



county) the Local Government Board pointed out that if the flooding is caused by the act or default of the owners of the canal, or if the adjoining reclaimed lands, the Wexford County Council, would be the proper authority to take proceedings against any parties responsible, if that appeared to be the best course to adopt with a view to preventing the flooding. If the matter could be remedied by raising the road, and if it was decided to follow that course the application and proposal for raising the road should originate with the Rural District Council in the usual manner."

[The Finance Committee recommended that Counsel's opinion be obtained; and this was passed on the motion of Mr. Hore, seconded by Mr. Keacocke."

#### Transfer of Contract.

Mr. Thomas J. Ryan, applied to the Council to transfer his contract of the Deepo Bridge, to his father, Michael Ryan.

"Mr. Elger said from the bond the word 'assigns' was expressly omitted, and he could not see how an assignment could be made, and if the transfer was granted there would legally be no contract at all."

Proposed by Mr. Hore, seconded by Mr. Cummins "That this matter be referred to the Co. Surveyor."

Passed.

#### Poundage Fees.

Under date 25<sup>th</sup> April 1906 (letter No. 23,203-1906) the Local Government Board wrote assenting to the payment of poundage fees to collectors Sullivan J. Walsh and J. Bogley.

marked "Read."



Regulations for Docks - Kilmore Wharf.

Under date 20<sup>th</sup> April '06. H. M. Inspector of Factories wrote that the following should be carried out at Kilmore to comply with the regulations of docks. -

"Fencing required for two sets of steps, one slip, and end of quay. No life belt or means of support at water's edge. No lighting provided. Three lights are required to light this quay efficiently.

"Mr Peacocke proposed - That 3 Life Buoys; Railing for protection of steps, and slip, and end of quay; and 2 lights be procured.

Mr. Kehoe seconded."

Passed.

Food & Drugs Acts.

"The Department of Agriculture, wrote under date 9<sup>th</sup> April '06. (No 7483-06) that 2 samples of butter taken by their Officer, in Ferns, and 4 in Gorey, recently were found to be pure." marked. "Read."

Compulsory Sheep Dipping.

The following letter under date 20<sup>th</sup> April 1906. (No. 8127) was read from the Under Secretary:-

"With reference to your letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> instant, inclosing a copy of a resolution adopted by the Wexford County Council, on the subject of the compulsory Dipping of sheep, I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant, to inform you the question of employing the police in inspecting such compulsory dipping has already been considered, but it has been decided that the duty is not one which could properly be imposed on them."

"The Secretary said he had asked the County Inspector, R. J. C. Wexford, if the services of the constabulary could not be obtained for this purpose, by payment of a small fee. He received the following reply:-



"In reply to your communication of the 21<sup>st</sup> inst., relative to the employment of the Royal Irish Constabulary as officers for the inspection of sheep at dipping.

I have to inform you, that before I could give you any information as to terms on which the proposal might be carried out, the sanction of Government for so employing the Force should be obtained."

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Hore:-

"That we approve of compulsory dipping of sheep, and are satisfied to put it into force when an order has been promulgated for compulsory dipping in respect of all Ireland. That the Authorities in Dublin Castle be asked if they will sanction the employment of the police, for this purpose and on what terms. In the event of a reply being received in the negative, that our Secretary be instructed to forward a statement of the case to our Members of Parliament; as we understand the English Police have acted as Inspectors under these orders in some portions of England. Passed.

#### Extension of time. Road material.

"Under date 25<sup>th</sup> April 1906, a letter was read from Mr. Kehoe, Clerk Wexford District Council, that the County Council be requested to grant the road contractors an extension of a fortnight within which to put out their material in future."

"No order made, as any extension would interfere with the measurement of stones."

#### Direct Labour.

Mr. P. Barry, Shelbaggin Athurstown, Hon Sec of Ramegrange Branch of the Labour Association, forwarded the following resolution which has been



adopted by the Association:

"That we call upon the County and Rural District Councils to adopt the principle of direct labour on roads and other public contracts, as we are of opinion it will lighten the burden on the rate-payers as we find it has done in other Counties.

It will also help to stem the tide of emigration, what each and every good patriotic Irishman is striving for."

"Consideration postponed."

#### New Form of Tender & Bond.

Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor, wrote under date 9<sup>th</sup> May - "that as directed by the Council he had perused the form of Tender, Bond, and contract, for special works; and saw no objection to them, save that it might be difficult, having regard to the Indemnity clause to obtain contractor."

"The Secretary said the suggested form of Tender and Bond, was now being used."

#### Establishment of Fairs.

Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor, wrote as follows, under date 9<sup>th</sup> May 1906:-

"In pursuance of the Resolution of the County Council of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April ult. I beg to report that I have looked into the question of the powers of the Council to establish new Fairs in the County, and I have come to the conclusion that it has no such power.

It appears that no person can acquire the right of franchise Fair market, or 'Free market' unless by grant or patent from the Crown, prescription or Act of Parliament.

The reason the franchise right of having a course of buyers and sellers to dispose of commodities in respect of which the franchise is given, can only be acquired in this manner, would seem to be for the preservation of order and the



prevention of irregular behaviour, by ensuring that the market should only be carried on under proper restrictions and a proper authority.

There is no act of Parliament containing a general power enabling a Public Authority to provide a Fair, not even "the market and Fair clauses act 1847," or "the Public Health (Ireland) act 1878" as extended by the act of 1896, nor does the Local Government (Ireland) act 1898" contain any such power.

In my opinion therefore the Council have no power or jurisdiction to establish a Fair at the place in question or in any other place.

I do not exactly know how a Fair could be established but it would seem it might be done by memorializing the Lord Lieutenant to grant a Patent."

Mr. Cummins proposed:—"That the Lord Lieutenant be requested to accede to the prayer of the memorialists, asking him to grant a patent for the establishment of a fair in Ballycullane."  
Mr. Murphy seconded.

Mr. Browne proposed, Mr. Bolger seconded, as an amendment, "that the matter be postponed till next meeting."

On a poll being taken the following voted for the amendment:—Messrs Browne, Bolger, Horc Peacocke, Kehoe, Codd and the Chairman.—7.  
Against:—Messrs Murphy, Sinnott, Cummins and Doyle.—4.

The amendment was subsequently put as the substantive motion and carried.

#### Advertising on County Roads.

The following letter under date 19<sup>th</sup> February, from Mr. G. Diamond, Cycle Works, Wexford, adjourned



from meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> February, came up for consideration:- "I want advertising space through the country, to fix enamelled Plates, a friend advised me to apply to the County Council for permission to fix one on the Bridge at Bridgetown. Kindly say if they would allow me to do so, and if they make a charge what it would be per year or permanently. The Plates are 5 ft 6" x 3 ft. marked. "Read."

— Change of date - Enniscorthy Sessions. —

Requisition etc., of the Clerk of the Crown & Peace, dealing with the resolution of the Enniscorthy magistrates declaring that in future the Petty Sessions there be held once each fortnight, instead of weekly, was laid before the meeting."

marked. "Read."

— Development Association. —

The following letter under date 25<sup>th</sup> April 1906 from Rev P. Murphy M. S. S., Hon Sec., of the Gaelic League, was read:-

"A conference representative of County Wexford manufacturers of Public Boards, and of all classes, will be held in Enniscorthy on Whit Monday for the purpose of introducing into Co. Wexford, the Irish Development Association.

Kindly ask the County Council to send delegates - as many as can conveniently attend. Mr. Riordan, Secretary of the Cork Industrial Development Association will be present to explain the objects of the association.

Trusting the members of the County Council will heartily support the Industrial movement by their presence at the conference at which the chief manufacturers of the County have promised to attend, and in whose name the conference will be summoned."

[ Mr. Peacocke proposed; Mr. Doyle seconded:-

"That the entire Council be appointed a delegation



to the forthcoming conference in Enniscorthy for the purpose of introducing the Irish Development Association, into the County."

Passed.

Appointment of Official checkers.

On the motion of the Chairman.

Seconded by Mr. Peacocke, the following resolution was adopted:—"That we hereby re-appoint the following as checkers of the accounts of the Rate collectors, for the financial year 1906-7. Messrs N. Kehoe (Wexford District) Owen Connolly (Enniscorthy District) R. Brighton (Gorey District) and M. J. Finn (New Ross District).

The County Surveyor's Salary.

Under date 21<sup>st</sup> February 1906, the following was read from the Clerk, New Ross Urban Council:

"My Council consider that as there will be no main roads in future in Urban Districts, the latter should not be called upon to contribute to the salary of the County Surveyor, since each District has to have its own Surveyor, whose duty it is to look after the maintenance of all public works in the district."

The Secretary said that as the salary of the County Surveyor, was a County at large charge each district was obliged to contribute towards it.

Ordered:—"That a copy of the letter of the Local Government Board to Mr. E. G. O'Connell, Portmagee Kerry, be forwarded to New Ross Urban Council."

County Abstracts.

Mr. Pope Clerk New Ross District Council, wrote under date 18<sup>th</sup> April 1906:-

"My Councillors want to be furnished with copies of the County abstracts of the accounts as well as the printed abstracts of Roads and Works, and Proposals for Payment. Are the County Council



willing to supply the number required; 60 copies of each?"

"Mr. Browne proposed the adoption of the following recommendation of the Finance Committee: That the New Ross District Council be informed that the present printing contract does not contemplate the supplying of a sufficient number of copies to furnish the District Council. That the matter be entered upon the minutes, and be referred to, when next the printing contract is entered into in November 1907." Mr. Hore, seconded.

Mr. Cummins proposed: "That the New Ross District Council be supplied with the County Abstracts and Schedules. There being no seconder, the recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted."

#### Railways.

"Under date 28<sup>th</sup> February, a letter was read from Mr. F. W. Crossley, Secretary Irish Tourist Development Association, asking the County Council to adopt a resolution in favour of the state purchase of Irish Railways."

"Postponed till annual meeting of the Council."

#### Amendments Local Government Act.

"Under date 28<sup>th</sup> April 1906, Mr. Keogh Nolan Secretary to the Irish Councils General Council wrote that a Bill to amend the Local Government Act, had been introduced to Parliament, by the Irish Party, and would be read a first time on the 8<sup>th</sup> June. He wished that such amendments to the act as the Council considered desirable, should be sent to those in charge of the Bill."

"No order was made, as the County Council understood there was no possibility of having an amending act this session."



Canals & Waterways.

Mr. A. Keogh-Nolan, Secretary to the Irish Councils General Council, wrote calling the attention of the Council to the sittings of the Royal Commission on canals and waterways, and asking them if they desired to make any written communication to the Commission on the matter particularly to the question of the expediency of canals being made or acquired by public bodies or trusts, and the methods by which funds for the purpose could be obtained or secured; and what should be the system of control and management of such bodies and trusts. And further to select witnesses to give evidence from the County Council point of view as the Commission would sit in Ireland in October.

Marked. "Read."

Tillage & Untenanted Lands.

The following resolutions were received from Meath County Council, for adoption:-

"That we request the Agricultural Board, and the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, to make a larger allocation of its funds for the encouragement of tillage."

"That this Council call on the Government to amend the Land Act of 1893, by having a clause inserted of compulsory sale of all tenanted land to the occupiers, and of all untenanted lands in Ireland, through the Estate Commissioners, for distribution amongst the farmers' sons, labourers, and artisans, and evicted tenants of this country, which would be a means of stopping the tide of emigration, and provide a means of living for our young Irishmen and women in the land of their birth."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr. Bolger, seconded by Mr. Browne."



Maintenance of Lunatics.

The following resolution was received for adoption, from the Donegal Asylum Committee:-

"That as a new Parliament is now appointed, we, the Ballinasloe Asylum Committee, do hereby bring under the notice of those interested in Parliament for the promotion of remedial legislation in favour of the relief of local taxation, the crying grievance which exists in Ireland for the upkeep of pauper lunatics in our Asylums, and we call on the Government to pass an Act of Parliament to make the charge one payable out of Imperial Funds. This legislation will have the cordial support of the National members of Parliament from Ireland, also the other members from Ireland who are not members of the Irish Party."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by the Chairman."

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Catholic Inebriate Home.

Rev. P. Feeney, Superintendent St. Patrick's Catholic Inebriate Home, Hennessy's Road, Waterford; wrote calling attention to its establishment, and asking the County Council if they would agree to contribute 5/6 weekly for each male committed under section 2 of the Act of 1898.

"Action postponed till August meeting of the Council."

Irish Fisheries.

The following resolution was received for adoption from Cork County Council:-

"That this Council is of opinion that the present Government has, in view of the inquiry into the working of the Agricultural and Technical Instruction Department, an excellent opportunity of placing the Sea Fisheries of Ireland, on a popularly sound and practical



basis, by appointing a representative Fishery Board, as in Scotland, with thoroughly competent and practical experts as Inspectors, and establishing a Government Brand for mackerel, and Herrings, which has proved of such great advantage to Scotland, in its Herring Fishery, and so often asked for by the fishermen and merchants engaged in Fish curing in this country."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr. Peacocke seconded by Mr. Hore."

### Canadian cattle.

"A memorial was received from the Royal Dublin Society, and a resolution from the Dublin County Council, protesting against the removal of restrictions on the importation of foreign cattle."

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Peacocke, the resolutions were adopted."

### Sale of Sheep Dips, etc.,

Mr. Matthew Flanagan, J. P. Donora Dubsk, Co. Roscommon, Secretary of the Roscommon Flock Book Society, wrote asking the County Council to adopt the following resolution:-

"This Council hears, with great regret, that the Government has accepted an amendment excluding Ireland from the benefits of the Bill recently introduced into the House of Lords for removing the restrictions which confines the sale of these commodities to Registered Chemists."

A considerable proportion of the trade in these articles in Ireland is, and always has been, in the hands of non-registered traders, and it would be a calamity to the agricultural interests of Ireland if the farmers were restricted from purchasing them, as they have done in the past."

It would also be a disturbance of the business of hundreds of respectable traders if they were



suddenly deprived of this portion of their business.

They have, without the slightest injury to the public good and to the great benefit of agriculture, been for many years carrying on this trade, which they thoroughly understand. It is suggested that the fact that so large a proportion of the trade being in the hands of unregistered persons, in spite of legal restrictions to the contrary, is presumptive evidence that in many localities, at anyrate, this is the natural channel for such trade.

This Council respectfully suggests that they, or some other public body, should be authorised to grant licences, where, in their opinion, the public interests may require it, and that the amendment excluding Ireland from the benefits of the Bill should be rescinded.

A communication was also received from the Secretary of the Irish cattle Traders' and Stock Owners Association, asking the County Council to adopt a similar resolution.

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke, seconded by the Chairman: "That in so far as the sale of Sheep Dip is concerned, we consider that the Poisons and Pharmacy Bill should extend to Ireland." Passed.

### Reclamation of Waste Lands.

The following resolution was received for adoption from the Kerry County Council:- Resolved:- That the County Councils of Ireland get power to reclaim lands, work and reclaim peat lands, to explore and work coal, and other mines. That Grants and loans be given for these purposes, as we claim them as a right; Ireland being unjustly overtaxed for the last century.

We hope the Government will grant this request, which is of vital necessity, as the



greater number of the working class have to leave this country for want of employment."  
 "Adopted on the motion of Mr Hore, seconded by Mr. Keacocki."

— Contribution - Enniscorthy Urban. —

Mr. R. W. Elgee, Solicitor, wrote under date 4<sup>th</sup> May 1906, that he had considered the application of the Enniscorthy Urban District Council for a contribution towards the cost of constructing a culvert across Millpark Road, and regretted, that he should advise the Council, that as the Main Roads Scheme is at an end, they had no power to comply with the request, neither the Local Government Act 1898, nor any other Act, or Order that he could find enabling the Council to now give such a contribution.

"No order was made."

— Southern Harbours. —

With reference to previous correspondence the following letter under date 15<sup>th</sup> February 1906, from the Secretary of the Harbour Commissioners Waterford, was read:-

"I duly submitted your letters of yesterday to my Commissioners. The sum of £13 : 15 : 10, received for 1904, from vessels using Arthurstown and Duncannon piers, includes all harbour dues paid by these vessels, of which more than one-half the total would represent pilotage and light dues. The Commissioners consider that these piers are reasonably efficient for the amount of traffic they accommodate, and would not be prepared to hand over any of their funds in the manner suggested. If your Council wishes to hire the small dredger previously offered, the inclusive charge would be £15 per week, to cover everything except fresh water for the boiler, which you would have to



arrange to supply. The dredger is not self loading, so that you would have to arrange for the removal of the spoil."

Proposed by Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Ennis, and passed: "That a committee consisting of Messrs. Ennis, Peacocke, N. B. Murphy, Hickey, J. B. Kearne, J. A. Doyle, and John Cummins, be appointed to consult with Mr. Elgee, as to the Waterford Harbour Act, and to inquiry into statements made, as to former repairs and maintenance of the Harbours at Arthurstown, Duncannon, and Ballyhack, by the Waterford Harbour Commissioners, and to consult with the local representatives, as to the improvement of these harbours. That the County Surveyor, and County Secretary accompany the committee when visiting the above Harbours."

#### Land Commissioners.

The following resolution was received for adoption from the Kerry County Council:-

"Resolved. That the Kerry Co. Council unanimously request the Government, when appointing Land Commissioners after the 31<sup>st</sup> March next, when the term of office of the present temporary Commissioners expires, to appoint competent and impartial men, in whom the tenant farmers of Ireland will have confidence. The farmers have no confidence in the Land Commission as at present constituted, the members of which were mainly appointed by landlord influence.

That the Government and the Irish Party be requested to bring forward a Bill, to shorten the judicial term from fifteen to ten years, and to provide that in the fixing of judicial rents, the tenants will be allowed for the full value of their improvements."

"No order made."



Magistrates

The Loughrea District Council forwarded for adoption the following resolution:-

Resolved:- "That we the Loughrea District Council, in view of the numerous hardships inflicted on persons attending local petty sessions courts in this county, through want of sufficient magistrates for attending same, call upon the Government to appoint in each Rural District a certain number of local men to attend these courts. That at present the number of magistrates is quite insufficient, and in the majority of cases unacquainted with the habits of the people, resulting in a miscarriage of justice in numerous cases."

"On the same subject the following resolution was received from the Lismore Rural District Council, for adoption:-

Resolved:- "That in the opinion of this Council the right of nominating magistrates (now enjoyed by Lord Lieutenants of counties) should rest in county councils."

"No action taken"

Maguire v. Cavan Co. Council.

The following resolution in connection with the decision of the Court of Appeal, in the case of Maguire v. Co. Council of Cavan, from the Irish Co. Councils General Council, was brought before the meeting:-

Resolved:- "That as the judgment in the case of Maguire v. Cavan Co. Council goes further than any previous case we are of opinion that the county councils should - as suggested by Messrs D. S. Henry, K.B., Patchell, K.B., and Lawrence Smith, K.B., - consider the question of obtaining the sanction of the Local Government Board to stand in with the Cavan Co. Council, and share the cost of



an appeal to the House of Lords, which the small amount of damages involved would not warrant the Cavan Co. Council to undertake alone."

The Chairman proposed:- "That the Secretary of the Irish Co. Councils General Council be informed that if 20 Co. Councils are satisfied to join with the Cavan Co. Council to take an appeal to the House of Lords, in the case of Maguire v. Cavan Co. Council, the Wexford Co. Council are satisfied to bear its share of the cost, such sum not to exceed £25." "Passed."

#### Piers & Harbours.

The following resolution was forwarded from a meeting in connection with the proposed Marine Works Bill held in Duncannon on 11<sup>th</sup> March:-

"That as our Piers and Harbours require immediate attention, to afford the fishermen an opportunity of proceeding with their avocation we call upon the County Council to take prompt action to carry out the necessary works and repairs, for the protection of the fishermen."

"Postponed till next meeting."

#### Voters & Jurors Lists.

Mr. Peter French, M.P. forwarded a reply received from the Chief Secretary for Ireland, regarding a change in the legislation fixing the remuneration for services under the Voters and Jurors Acts.

"Proposed by the Chairman:- "That the matter be held over pending the introduction of an amending measure of the Local Government Act." "Passed."

#### New Ross School Attendance Committee

The following were appointed by the Commissioners



of National Education, as members of the New Ross School Attendance Committee:-

Rev. D. Bolger, b. b. Rathgarogue, New Ross,

Rev. W<sup>m</sup> Gibson, B. A. Adamstown Rectory, Enniscorthy.

Rev. David Hore, b. b. Terverath, New Ross,

Rev. Patrick Sinnott b. b. Horeswood, New Ross,

Rev. Pierce Power, b. b. Raheen, New Ross.

— Testimonial - Gorey Town Commissioners. —

A testimonial was received from the Gorey Town Commissioners, testifying to the efficiency and energy which Mr. J. P. Murphy, had at all times displayed as a Public Official, in his capacity as a Deputy Surveyor.

The Chairman proposed:- "That our Secretary forward the Town Clerk of Gorey, a copy of the findings of the Local Government Board, on the recent inquiry into the road maintenance of the County, marking the passages referring to Mr. Murphy, therein."

Passed.

— Courtown Harbour. —

Under date 14<sup>th</sup> May 1906, the Department of Agriculture etc., (letter No. 2553/06 F. B.) wrote, forwarding for the information of the County Council a memorandum giving the substance of the report made by the Department's engineer on the recent survey of Courtown Harbour:-

"I have now had a survey of Courtown Harbour completed. The result shows that the Bar has silted up to 1' 6" at low water springs, and 2' 6" at neaps. Opposite the north pier head there is 3' of water, opposite the southern pier 5' and the depth increases beyond this to 10' 8" at 170', shoaling up again to 5' 6" at 330', from which it drops to seaward.

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Both of the pier heads are now in a ruinous state, and the result of any serious dredging work



in their vicinity would be to bring them both down. The real obstruction is due simply to the accumulation of gravel some distance in between the pier heads, the depth of water beyond the pier heads being practically sufficient for the local purposes. The total amount of gravel causing this obstruction does not exceed 200 tons, and could without any extraordinary difficulty be removed by men with shovels working from boats. The provision of a small hand crane and small grab would enable it, perhaps, to be dealt with more efficiently, but I think a still better arrangement would be a spoon and bag worked from the pier, coupled with some kind of scraper to draw the shingle within its reach. This, however, will of course, always involve a more or less continuous, though small expenditure. I am strongly of opinion that the proper solution of the question would consist in a modification of the scouring arrangements. At present the scouring arrangements can only be worked when the river is in fresh. The reason for this is that the whole scouring basin is open to the floating basin, and consequently for the time boats want to go out or in the water accumulated must be allowed to escape. Accordingly the periods during which the gates can be kept shut are insufficient to accumulate water enough to have any effect. If a second set of gates were placed at the upper end of the floating basin a sufficient amount of water would be accumulated in the channel, and the Courtown House ponds to provide a fairly efficient flush, and this could be at all times accumulated and never let away except when required. I have not had an estimate made of the cost of these gates, but do not think it could reach £200. Of course



I cannot say whether Lord Courtown would consent to this arrangement, which would have the effect of more or less permanently keeping up the level of the ponds, but I suppose he would like it; but neither this nor anything else which would have the effect of materially improving the depth can be attempted until the piers are repaired. The removal of the piles is also, probably, more important than the bar."

Proposed by Mr. Bolger, seconded by Mr. Ennis, and passed:- "That the report of the Inspector on Courtown Harbour be brought up for consideration, when the County Surveyor reports that the present work of repairing the Pier has been completed."

— Remuneration - Roads Maintenance Inquiry —

Mr. G. J. O'Ballaghan, applied to the Council, for remuneration for supplying them with a copy of the official report of the Inquiry.

Mr. Browne proposed, Mr. Bolger seconded:- "That Mr. O'Ballaghan be paid a sum of £3:3/- for a copy of the official report supplied."

Passed.

— County Surveyor's Department. —

The following instructions and rules for the Assistant County Surveyors were presented for adoption by the Roads Maintenance Inquiry Committee:-

County Wexford.

Instructions & Rules for the Assistant Co. Surveyors.

1. The Assistant Surveyors will be provided by the County Surveyor with copies of the plans and specifications of all works which it will be their duty to supervise, and they will see that the



specifications for road maintenance and other works are carried out; no deviations from the plans and specifications except those of a trivial nature, to be permitted without the written consent of the County Surveyor.

2. They will be required to attend the half-yearly and adjourned half-yearly meetings of the Rural District Councils in their several districts, and also the half-yearly meetings of the County Council, and any other meetings which the County Council, or the County Surveyor may direct.

3. They shall attend Petty Sessions and Quarter Sessions, as may be directed, in connection with prosecutions of contractors, or any other business of the County Surveyor's department.

4. They shall make at least four thorough inspections of the roads in the year, and in addition they shall make such special inspections of roads and works as the County Surveyor may require.

The Spring inspection should begin about the 1<sup>st</sup> March, and end about 26<sup>th</sup> April.

The Summer inspection should begin about the 15<sup>th</sup> May, and end about 20<sup>th</sup> June.

The Autumn inspection should begin about the 1<sup>st</sup> September, and end the 15<sup>th</sup> October.

The Winter inspection should begin about the 10<sup>th</sup> December, and end the 15<sup>th</sup> January.

The chief points to be noted in these inspections are as follows:-

Spring Inspection:- To see that all material has been spread and the depots cleared out, surfaces of roads kept clean and footpaths gravelled. Great care is to be taken to see that the empty depots are properly levelled to receive next supply of road metal in order that accurate measurement of same may be obtained.

Summer Inspection:- To see that loose stones have



been picked off, and the roads kept tidy and clean, also that progress is being made with the preparation of metalling for the coming winter. Gulleys, bridges, and other works should be carefully examined, and where repairs are needed the County Surveyor should be notified.

Autumn Inspection:- Road metalling to be carefully measured, in manner hereinafter indicated. It should be noted whether the sides of the roads are trimmed, the surface cleaned, weeds cut, and watertables and drains cleared.

Winter Inspection:- To see that the bulk of the material has been carefully spread before Christmas; the surface of the roads kept scraped and clean, and projecting thorns and bushes cut.

5. Special reports are to be sent to the Co. Surveyor, from time to time on the progress of the special works, and in cases of grave negligence of road contractors, and in all other cases in which the County Surveyor may consider a report necessary.

6. Reports and estimates and plans are to be sent to the County Surveyor, on the proposals to be made by councillors when required by the County Surveyor, not later than three days before the first Rural District meeting in each half-year.

7.- The County Surveyor is to be notified in cases of sudden damage and it will be necessary to see that orders are obtained and signed in urgent cases.

8.- Contractors should not be permitted to spread stones until the surface of the road has been carefully scraped or swept, and in general, contractors are to be urged to keep road surfaces constantly scraped or swept, as this part



of road maintenance is almost as important as the supply and spreading of broken stones. In all cases in which surfacemen are specified for, it should be specially noted if this matter is not being attended to.

9. - Great care should be taken to have bushes and branches of trees cut back, where injurious to the roads, between October and March, and where necessary legal steps are to be taken to compel the occupiers to have this work done; occupiers are also to be compelled to have pipe or covered drains placed under the approaches to houses and fields, where otherwise the water-cables would be obstructed.

10. - Care is to be taken to inspect the foundations of all new works, and to see that they are sufficiently sunk before the masonry is commenced.

11. - The County Council shall provide for the use of the Assistant Surveyors:-

- (a) Monthly Diary Report Books.
- (b) Measurement Books.
- (c) Postcard daily measurement Returns.
- (d) Letter Books and carbon.

And the Assistant Surveyors will be required -

(1) - To enter in their monthly diary report books full particulars of their various inspections of the roads and other works in their charge and full details of everything connected therewith except stone measurements which will appear in the measurement books provided for that purpose. The Diaries, however, should, give the dates of such measurements, and the numbers in the schedule of contracts, measured. Monthly Diaries shall be lodged in the County Surveyor's office not later than 10<sup>th</sup> of the month following the period to which they apply, and they shall be examined and signed by the County Surveyor and produced by



him at the next succeeding meeting of the Co. Council, or to any councillor requiring to see them.

(2)- To enter in the measurement Books, provided, the name of each contractor the number of each work, in Road Schedule, the length, breadth, and depth and the contents and number of each depot on each contract, and the total of the contents measured on each individual contract. Such measurement books should be produced for the inspection of the County Surveyor whenever required, and be finally deposited in his office not later than 25<sup>th</sup> October in each year.

(3)- To enter upon the postcards provided for the purpose with respect to each day upon which measurements are taken by the Assistant Surveyors, the number of contract in Road Schedule, the name of the contractor and the total quantity measured in respect of each contract, such postcards to be dispatched forthwith by post to the County Surveyor.

(4)- To use the letter books provided for the following purposes. - To serve immediate notice upon any contractor when any payment with respect to his contract has been deferred, informing him of the cause thereof, and directing him with regard to the work to be done. To inform contractors of the total measurement of road metalling for each contract found by them, such notice to be forwarded not later than a fortnight after measurement. Postage to be paid by County Council.

12. - Great care is to be taken with these measurements of road metalling, so that their accuracy may be deposed to on oath where necessary.

Occasional tests of the heaps are to be made by opening them up to ascertain the depth and



the quality, dimensions, etc., of the stones. always carry a two-inch ring. The material should be obtained from the quarries specified. Only broken stones, or gravel, where the use of the latter is stated in the specification to be permitted by the County Surveyor, shall be measured, and in all cases the material must be on the road side before being measured. In the case of a contractor having more than one contract in one locality an effort should be made to measure all his contracts in the one day. No second measurement is to be made without the special permission of the County Surveyor, and should such permission be given care is to be taken to have all the material already measured, spread before the second supply is banked on the road.

13.- Assistants should do all in their power to have contracts carried out to the letter, by advising and warning contractors, so as to induce them to earn their full salaries, the great object in view is to have every penny voted for a road spent on it; where warnings and threats are of no avail, prosecutions (with the consent of the County Council) and ten days' notices under the 54<sup>th</sup> section must be resorted to. It goes without saying that whereas contractors are to be treated with courtesy and helped with advice, in no case is a favour to be received from them.

The Assistants are not to stop at the houses of Road contractors for the purpose of refreshments, or to make use of their houses or vehicles, in making inspections or measuring materials, and they are not to receive any fee or gratuity from any contractor, or to be in any way connected with or interested in any contract for the repair of Roads, or any Public Works in the County.

In addition to the above list of duties the Assistants



will be required to conform to any other reasonable instructions which the County Council or the County Surveyor may give them from time to time.

"The following was agreed to be added <sup>as</sup> ~~to~~ No. 14. in the regulations of Assistant Surveyors:-

"That in the case of roads depending upon supply of sea gravel for their upkeep, the Assistant Surveyors with the sanction of the County Surveyor be permitted to depart to a reasonable extent from the conditions with regard to dates of inspections and measurements laid down by the foregoing regulations.

Mr. Peacocke proposed, Mr. Kehoe seconded:-

"That the regulations for Assistant Surveyors be passed, subject to any alterations as to dates which may be made later on by the Meeting."

"Passed."

#### Letters from Road Contractors.

Mr. Patrick O'Neill, Ballingarry, Gorey wrote:-

"I regret very much that Mr. Bolger should have interrupted me on last meeting day, as I had made four journeys to Wexford in the hope of being able to obtain a hearing. And when you, Mr. Chairman, did condescend to hear me, I did expect that I would not be interrupted.

However, it is not to complain of this, that I write, but to explain matters that were overlooked by me on the 15<sup>th</sup> inst. The way I took it at the time was that Mr. Bolger was accusing me of publishing a private conversation, and the very idea fairly unhinged me. Yet, I see by the Press that he himself wanted my permission to make public a private conversation. If I had been able to grasp his meaning I surely would have given the permission sought for.

And I assure you Sir, that I would be very sorry to allow either Mr. Webster or Mr. Murphy



to imagine that I would say anything or make any charges behind their backs that I would not say to their faces. And I may mention that it is not to take sides that I have spent my money going to the County Council chambers. I know right well that the task before your Co. Council is not a very pleasant one, and the Co. Council - the premier body of my native county - have my support so far as their endeavour to obtain £1 worth of work for 20 shillings, goes. But at the same time it must be remembered that the County Council, sitting there as my judge and juror ought to have courage enough to see fair play extended to all. It is admitted by all that I have done my work honestly, and I was foolish enough to think that you would see me paid. I frankly admit that I made special preparation last season as I expected a visit from the Roads' Committee, I went along the roads, and cut the piles with a shovel because I knew, of all contractors, I would receive no leniency. Again it is a well known fact that I defended Mr. Webster, and Mr. Murphy, in particular over the Tobergal lane affair. I then believed and events proved, that I was right.

Of course none of these gentlemen asked me to do so. But I say if it was only out of gratitude they could have paid me. It is to be understood that I have no charges to make against either men further than what I have already stated. Most people imagined that it was Mr. Murphy's doings to have the Gorey road contractors combine, but I can assure the County Council that to my knowledge the suspicion is unfounded. Others thought that Mr. Murphy would give me my money for nothing, but I regret that such is not the case. All I asked for is what I earned hard. Yet, this is denied me, and between the Co. Council and



the Surveyors rests the blame.

What I said to Mr. Bolger is this - "That the County Surveyor stated in his evidence before Mr. P. C. Cowan that he (Mr. Webster) would strike off all the contractors' money if the Co Council so desired, and Mr. Cowan told him to do nothing of the kind." Yet I believe it was to please his masters that he did so, and I have reason to believe that some public men approve of his action.

Ninety per cent of the people around here have it that it was because of my being identified with the contractors' association that I was so badly treated. If that was so, I would hold it most unfair. However, I have no proof of it.

And now, with all possible respect I say to you that if there is not something done to encourage men to work, or some guarantee given that when men do work they will be paid, in two years' time (or less) the roads in the County will be ten shillings in the £ on the ratepayers. Now, I am not to be taken as defending every contractor, for I believe that with themselves lies a lot of the blame. I was surprised to hear some gentleman in your Council say - "That this was the first time that money was struck off," as sums of money have been struck off myself at different times for the last four or five years. I may be allowed to mention that whatever way it may end with Mr. Murphy, I always told him not to compromise himself for me, and it's a satisfaction to know that he has not done so.

It's all very well for big Mr. Walsh, and little Mr. Fanning to make speeches at the Gorey Council board, but if they were working in rain or shine in order to meet their creditors perhaps they would not like to lose their money. I don't see many throwing away seven or eight pounds a year.



I have no hesitation in giving Mr. Bolger liberty to repeat anything I said to him. There is one thing I said, and I don't care who hears it; that when there was a position open in North Wexford it was not for me that Mr. Murphy used his influence. I would not trouble you at such length only I was making an endeavour to meet the Co. Council fairly, and to try and arrange things satisfactorily all round.

Well sir, I am beaten and I am not the man to deny it. My roads are good. I won't promise that they will remain so much longer. The Wicklow Gap road wants to be seen to, it's the main road to the Pallas Creamery, it's all covered with loose stones, it's too bad to have large and small ratepayers in danger of breaking their horses' necks on it. And now, I ask you in all seriousness is there any use of going to leave out money on it. You must admit gentlemen that it is a heartless kind of business to work from now until November, and not know but one is working for nothing. If you permit me I may inform you that it is not alone the contractors but the ratepayers in general who are showing signs of uneasiness. And why? Well at the last meeting of the Gorey District Council, there were several roads up for contract and no tender for them, notwithstanding that the price had been raised 350 per cent over late prices (according to Mr. P. Fanning S.B.)

I must stop, as I have trespassed too far already on your valuable time, and I hope you will be able to form some plan whereby the contractors who held contracts on the first of April 1905, will not be ruined.

I have the honour to remain,

Gentlemen

Your very humble servant

Patrick O'Neill



Under date 21<sup>st</sup> May, the following letter was read from Mrs. Anastasia Roche, in reference to Road No. 137. (Wexford District)

"I earnestly appeal to you to use your influence with Mr. Webster, and the County Council in the case of my husband's contract. He is very ill in bed, and I have no one to look after it. I am sorry to trouble you but my circumstances compel me."

"Referred to County Surveyor."

### Lara Hill Quarry.

With reference to the inspection of Lara Hill Quarry, Gorey, with a view to having it acquired by the County Council; the Vice-Chairman explained that the Committee had seen it. There was about 3 acres on the side of the hill which the occupier - Mr. Darcy - who holds in fee simple - offered to sell at £50. Mr. Smith whose land would be required for accommodation offered to allow the Co. Council to obtain this place for £10, and the landlord of the field, Lord Courtown, was willing to give a lease as long as he could, as per conditions of the Estate, at £2. per annum.

The Chairman said that Sir Thomas Comonde Chairman of the Council was very strongly in favour of obtaining the quarry.

The Chairman then moved: - "That the Co. Council acquire Lara Hill Quarry, Gorey, on the terms stated: £50 to James Darcy, £10 to Mr. Smith, and £2 a year for lease, from Lord Courtown. Mr. Redcocks seconded."

The following memorial was read: -

"We the undersigned, desire to enter our protest against the County Council taking over Lara Hill Quarry as a permanent one. By doing so the Road Contractors who heretofore drew road material out of the Gorey Hill Quarry, will now have to go



to Tara Hill Quarry. This will deprive some 20 men of earning a living, who are at the present time working in the Gorey Hill Quarry. We also wish to add that Mr. Webster, County Surveyor, and Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Surveyor, highly approved of the broken stones in the quarry for road metalling."

(The above was numerously signed.)

Mr. Webster said that the stone in Gorey Hill Quarry was not as good as the stone at Tara Hill. The material was mixed and some of it, from a yellow vein ran into mud."

"The motion was then put and passed."

Proposed by the Chairman: "That our Secretary be directed to inform the memorialists of the Gorey Hill Quarry that the Co. Council have decided to purchase the Tara Hill Quarry, and that they are of opinion their action will not in any way interfere with the existing utility of the Gorey Hill Quarry, or the people employed there."

"Passed."

Proposed by Mr. John Bolger, seconded by Mr. Browne and passed: "That the initial expenses in connection with Tara Hill Quarry be a County at Large charge."

#### Breaking Road Contract.

Under date 21<sup>st</sup> November 1905, the following letter was read from Edward Savage, Road Contractor Goreyhill, Gorey:-

"I beg to refer to contract entered into with Gorey Rural District Council on 25<sup>th</sup> October last, namely: "Rural District Roads" No. 170 - 1016 perches between breagh and Grove Mill, not to exceed 8<sup>d</sup> per perch. - for which my tender perfected at 7<sup>d</sup> per perch.

I beg to give notice that I withdraw (and have advised my Sureties to do likewise) from this contract



on the grounds that a certain material - as I am now told by the District Surveyor - must be used; was not described in the specification, as well as other responsibilities which I did not understand.

I register the postage of this notice and hold copy.

Your obedient servant  
Edward Savage.

"Referred to the County Surveyor."

### Analyst's Report.

The following was read for the meeting:-

City Laboratory,  
17 Castle Street,

Dublin. 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1906.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, B. Sc., M. D., Public Analyst, for the County of Wexford on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1906.

23 articles were received from the Food Inspectors R. J. G. as follows:-

| <u>Article</u> | <u>Number</u> |
|----------------|---------------|
| Milk           | 10            |
| Butter         | 7             |
| Whiskey        | 3             |
| Buttermilk     | 2             |
| Ginger wine    | 1             |
| Total          | <u>23.</u>    |

Certificate sent to Sergeant White, Loughmon, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 10 per cent of added water.

Certificate sent to Sergeant Madden, New Ross, for specimen of milk deprived of at least 20 per cent of its fats.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union nine drugs and a specimen of ~~milk deprived of at least 20~~ water had the following composition



One imperial gallon contained in grains.  
Total solid matters, 16.800

Including

albuminoid ammonia 0.010

saline ammonia 0.006

Nitric acid Trace

Chlorine 2.485

Sulphuric acid 2.8824

Equal to calcium sulphate 4.0000

A tolerably good water.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union ten drugs and five specimens of tea were analysed. The drugs were correct.

There were six specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for Ireland, Upper Merion St. Dublin, which were taken up in the county of Wexford. They were pure.

One specimen of butter analysed for Enniscorthy District Lunatic Asylum, was pure.

For the County Committee of Agriculture, four fertilizers and two specimens of paraffin oil were analysed. The fertilizers were up to guarantee. The specimens of oil were identical.

One specimen of linseed oil analysed for Enniscorthy Co-operative Society was pure.

One fertilizer was analysed for Mr. J. Sinnott Enniscorthy.

Two fertilizers were analysed for Mr. M. Cloney Tethard.

For the Ramsgange Co-operative Society, Arthurstown, three fertilizers and two specimens of feeding stuff were pure.

One specimen of feeding stuff analysed for Mr. Wm. Armstrong, Enniscorthy, was pure.

A most careful analysis failed to trace poison in the viscera of a horse, which was sent for analysis by J. R. Webster Esq. T. S. Enniscorthy.



A specimen of water analysed for J. Finnamore Esq. Gorey, had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matters 25.200

Including

|                           |       |
|---------------------------|-------|
| albuminoid ammonia        | 0.010 |
| Saline ammonia            | 0.004 |
| Nitric acid               | Trace |
| Chlorine                  | 2.180 |
| Sulphuric acid            | 2.880 |
| Equal to calcium sulphate | 4.000 |

A very good water.

Two specimens of feeding stuff, and one of separated milk were analysed for Mr. J. B. Hearn New Ross.

For Shillelagh Union which is partly situated in the County of Wexford, thirteen drugs were analysed. They were correct.

Total Analyses... 89.

Charles A. Cameron

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Annual meeting - 11<sup>th</sup> June 1906.

The annual meeting of the County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse Wexford, on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June 1906.

Present :- In the Chair - Mr. M. A. Ennis (Vice Chm.) and subsequently Sir Thomas. H. G. Esmonde Bart M.P. (Chairman)

Other members :- James Codd, J. J. Kehoe, M. Hickey, E. Hore, M. Browne, J. Asple, A. C. Murphy, D. Kavanagh, M. Doyle, J. C. Mayler, D. Dempsey, A. Kinsella, J. Cummins, J. Bolger, Thaddeus Bolger, M. Codd, and C. H. Peacocke.

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the statutable half-yearly meeting, of the 15<sup>th</sup> May, and of adjourned meeting, were read and confirmed.

Election of Chairman

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Hore - Sir T. H. G. Esmonde Bart M.P. was elected Chairman for the year.

Election of Vice-Chairman

On the motion of Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. Asple - Mr. M. A. Ennis was elected Vice-Chairman for the year.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman signed the declarations of acceptance of office.

The following members also subscribed the declarations of acceptance of office :- Messrs J. Bolger, A. C. Murphy, and M. Hickey.

Appointment of Committees

Mr. Peacocke proposed, Mr. Hore seconded :- "That



the Proposal Committee consist of the entire Council." Passed.

Proposed by the Chairman: "That the Finance Committee consist of the following: Sir J. H. G. Esmonde Bart M. P., Edmond Hore, Michael Browne, James Donohoe, John Bolger, Alexander Kinsella, Thomas Asple, C. H. Peacocke, Matthew Doyle, J. J. Kehoe, N. C. Murphy, M. A. Ennis, James Codd, John Cummins, and J. C. Mayler." Passed.

Proposed by the Chairman: "That the Executive Committee under the Diseases of Animals Act consist of the following: Sir J. H. G. Esmonde Bart, M. P. Edmond Hore, Michael Browne, James Donohoe, John Bolger, Alexander Kinsella, Thomas Asple, C. H. Peacocke, Matthew Doyle, J. J. Kehoe, N. C. Murphy, M. A. Ennis, James Codd, James C. Mayler, and John Cummins." Passed.

#### State Purchase of Irish Railways.

On the motion of Mr. Hore, seconded by Mr. J. Bolger the following resolution was adopted:

"That this Council is strongly in favour of the State purchase of Irish Railways, and will do all in their power to facilitate this object." Passed.

#### Road Maintenance Inquiry Committee

The following report was read for the meeting:

A. Meeting of the Roads' Maintenance Inquiry Committee was held in the Courthouse, Wexford on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1906.

Present: In the Chair - Mr. M. A. Ennis, Vice-Chairman Co. Council,

Other members: Messrs John Sinnott, C. Hore, C. H. Peacocke, M. Browne, and John Bolger.

Mr. R. W. Elgee, Solicitor, and the Secretary to the Council were also present.



The question of the right of the County Surveyor to compensation for diminution of his salary was discussed.

Mr. Elgee, gave it as his opinion that Mr. Webster was entitled to such compensation under section 12 (5) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1902.

after discussion the following was adopted.

"That this committee, having considered the claim advanced by Mr. Webster, County Surveyor, that he is entitled to compensation under section 12 sub-section 5 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1902 by reason of the proposed diminution of his salary by the County Council, recommend the County Council, in the event of Mr. Webster agreeing to accept the Council's resolutions with regard to such diminution of salary, to pay him the amount to which they are advised by their solicitor that he is legally entitled to under the above mentioned section, as compensation for such diminution."

This committee also recommend that Mr. Jones Assistant Co. Surveyor should receive similar compensation on similar conditions.

#### Notice of Motion - Proposed Superannuation

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

"That the resolution of the Council offering Mr. O'Leary a superannuation allowance of £40 per annum be rescinded, with a view to having this amount increased."

Mr. Codd seconded.

Mr. Brennan Solicitor (of Huggard & Brennan) on behalf of Mr. O'Leary, said that the latter would be satisfied to take £60 per annum, as superannuation.

On a poll being taken the following voted for the notice of motion:- Messrs Kinsella,



Cummins, M. Doyle, Kavanagh, M. Codd, Hickey. 6.  
 Against:- Messrs J. Bolger, J. Bolger, M. Browne,  
 Hore, Ennis, Peacocke, Murphy, J. Codd, J. J.  
 Kehoe, Asple, Meyler, and the Chairman. 12.  
 Mr. Dempsey did not vote.  
 The motion was declared lost.

Mr. Kinsella moved the following of which he  
 had given previous notice:- "That the recommend-  
 ation of the Roads Committee re superannuation  
 of Mr. J. P. Murphy be rescinded with a view of  
 increasing the amount."

Mr. Cummins seconded.

Mr. Kinsella said - that Mr. Murphy would take  
 a sum of £60 per annum, as superannuation.

On a poll being taken the following voted for  
 the notice of motion:- Messrs Kinsella, Cummins  
 M. Doyle, Kavanagh, Hickey. 5.

Against:- Messrs J. Bolger, J. Bolger, Browne, Hore,  
 Ennis, Peacocke, Murphy, J. Codd, Kehoe, Asple,  
 Meyler, M. Codd. - 12.

Did not vote:- Mr. Dempsey, and Sir J. H. S. Esmonde.  
 The motion was declared lost.

#### Election of Chairman, Etc.; District Councils.

Mr. O. Connolly, Clerk District Council, Enniscorthy  
 wrote that Mr. Thaddeus Bolger, J. P. has been elected  
 as Chairman of the Council.

Mr. N. Kehoe, Clerk Wexford District Council, wrote  
 that Mr. N. C. Murphy, had been elected Chairman  
 of his district Council.

Mr. P. A. Pope, Clerk New Ross District Council;  
 wrote that Mr. M. Hickey, had been elected as the  
 representative of the New Ross District Council, on  
 the County Council; the Chairman of the Council  
 - Mr. John Cummins-J. P. - being elected member of  
 the County Council.

Mr. R. Brighton, Clerk Gorey District Council,  
 wrote:- "In reply to yours, I beg to say that a



sufficient number of councillors to form a quorum did not turn up at our annual meeting, and therefore nothing could be done."

"In a subsequent letter Mr. Brighton wrote that Mr. John Sinnott had been elected under section 8 of the Local Government Act to represent the District Council on the County Council."

### Roads Inquiry Committee

The following letter (No 28,409 : 1906, Wexford County) under date 14<sup>th</sup> May 1906, from the Local Government Board, was again laid before the meeting:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland, have had before them your letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> instant, and the minutes of the Wexford County Council of the 20<sup>th</sup> ultimo, containing certain recommendations made by the Roads Committee, and adopted by the County Council, with regard to the County and Assistant Surveyors; and, in reply, the Board desire to call attention to the terms of Section 12 (5) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1902, viz:-

"If by reason of anything done in pursuance of this Section, the duties of any officer of a County or District Council are increased or diminished, the officer shall be bound to perform those duties, and shall receive such increase or diminution of remuneration, in proportion to the increase or diminution of his duties, as the Local Government Board may determine, subject, nevertheless, in the case of diminution, to such compensation as is provided by sub-section 19 of section 110 of the principal Act, and that sub-section shall apply accordingly to any such officer in like manner as it applies to existing officers affected by the principal Act."



Before expressing any definite opinion on No. 1. (the proposed reduction of the County Surveyor's salary) the Board desire to afford Mr. Webster an opportunity of submitting his views on the matter.

As regards the proposed reforms in the methods of working the County Surveyor's department, the Local Government Board have no comment to make on 2, 3, 4, 5, and 10.

With reference to recommendation No. 6, the Board would be glad to learn whether Messrs Murphy and O'Leary, have resigned their positions as Assistant Surveyors, as, if not, this question will require to be further considered by the Board. In the event of their vacating office, the question will arise as to whether those officers are qualified for superannuation, not only as regards age and length of service, but also on the question as to whether their whole time was devoted to the service of the Council. In the case of officers qualified for pension a calendar month's notice is also necessary before a resolution proposing to grant a superannuation allowance can be validly passed by the County Council.

With regard to recommendation No. 7. proposing to reduce the salary of Mr. Jones Assistant Surveyor, to £100 per annum from the 30<sup>th</sup> September next, the Board would be glad to be informed whether this proposal is in connection with the change from the quarterly to half-yearly meetings and whether Mr. Jones has assented to the change.

As regards No. 8. the Board would be glad to be furnished with further particulars respecting the proposed increase in Mr. Kehoe's salary.

With reference to recommendation No. 9, the Board desire to point out that the adoption of this proposal will of course depend upon whether Messrs Murphy and O'Leary vacate their present positions.



"The chairman moved that the question be discussed in committee."

Mr. Cummins moved: - "That the matter be discussed in public." Mr. Dempsey seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-  
 For committee: - Messrs J. Bolger, J. Bolger, M. Browne, E. Hore, N. C. Murphy and the chairman - 6.  
 Against: - Messrs Kinsella, Ennis, Peacocke, J. Codd, Kehoe, Cummins, M. Doyle, Kavanagh, Asple, Mayler, Dempsey, Hickey, M. Codd. - 13.

The matter was discussed in public.

The following letter from the County Surveyor to Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co. Solicitors, under date 28<sup>th</sup> May 1906 was read:-

Dear Mr. O'Connor,

With further reference to my offer to settle with the County Council. I beg to put the following facts before you. Under the Grand Jury I got £600 per annum and £50 for office expenses. I was allowed to do my own clerking so my office expenses did not amount to more than about £10 per annum. I had therefore a clear £640 per annum. Under the L. G. Act the County Council are bound to pay all my office expenses. I spend the £50 as follows:-

clerk 16/- per week £41 : 12 : 0

{ courtkeeper for cleaning  
 ing office, etc., }

5 : 0 : 0  
 £46 : 12 : 0

leaving a balance of £3 : 8/- which is not sufficient to pay my postage expenses.

I would, sooner than disagree with the Council, be willing to accept £640 per annum and £50 for office expenses, and pay my own postage, and devote my whole time to the County Council work.

Later on as the Co. Council see my work increasing I hope they will see their way to make my salary similar to that of other first class



Counties."

Yours very truly  
Henry Webster

Mr. Ennis proposed, Mr. Peacocke seconded:-  
"That in addition to the salary and allowances of the County Surveyor fixed by resolution of the Council, dated 20<sup>th</sup> April 1906, and of £32:13:4 per annum, compensation for loss of salary, under section 12 sub-section 5 of the Local Government Act of 1902 recommended by Roads Committee to be paid; that the postage &c of the Co. Surveyor be paid by the County Council in the event of the County Surveyor not agreeing to abide by this arrangement."

Mr. Cummins moved:- "That the terms offered by Mr. Webster in his letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> May 1906, be accepted and that in Mr. Ennis's resolution dealing with this matter, in the fourth line "a sum of £7:6:8. for postage be allowed" be inserted."

Mr. Ennis then withdrew his motion.

The Chairman moved:- "That in addition to the salary and allowances of the County Surveyor fixed by resolution of the Council dated 20<sup>th</sup> April 1906. viz:- Salary £600 per annum; allowances for office and clerk £50 per annum; and of £32:13:4, compensation for loss of income under section 12 sub-section 5 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1902, recommended by the Roads Committee, that the postage &c of the County Surveyor be paid by the Co. Council, in the event of the County Surveyor now agreeing to abide by this arrangement."

There voted for the Chairman's amendment:- Messrs M. A. Ennis, James Codd, J. J. Kehoe, M. Hickey, E. Howe, M. Browne, J. Asple, H. B. Murphy, M. Doyle, C. H. Peacocke,



J. E. Mayler, D. Dempsey, A. Kinsella, John Bolger, J. Bolger, M. Codd, and the Chairman. 17

Against:- Messrs Cummins, and Kavanagh. 2.

The amendment was subsequently put as the substantive motion and carried.

Mr. Webster said he was satisfied with the decision of the Council.

Mr. Ennis moved:- "That in addition to the salary of £100 per annum fixed by resolution of 20<sup>th</sup> April 06 Mr. Jones Assistant Surveyor receive a compensation allowance under the Local Government Act 1902 of £6 : 18 : 8 for loss of income."

Mr. Peacocke seconded.

Passed.

Mr. Jones said he had no desire to contest the decision of the Council.

After discussion the following letters were handed in by the Deputy Surveyors Messrs Murphy and O'Leary:-

Seaview, Barntown.  
11<sup>th</sup> June 1906.

To the Wexford Co. Council.  
Gentlemen.

I beg to tender to the Council my resignation as Assistant Surveyor as from the 31<sup>st</sup> August 1906, said resignation being subject to the Local Government Board agreeing to the Council granting me a superannuation allowance of £40 per annum. In the event of the Local Government Board not agreeing to the superannuation, I am still to retain my office.

Yours faithfully  
Patrick Leary.

Fernville, Gorey.  
11<sup>th</sup> June 1906.

To the Wexford Co. Council  
Gentlemen,



I beg to tender to the Council my resignation as Assistant Surveyor, as from the 31<sup>st</sup> August 1906, said resignation being subject to the Local Government Board agreeing to the Council granting me a superannuation allowance of £40 per annum.

Yours faithfully  
J. P. Murphy.

With reference to the letter of the Local Government Board, the County Council desire to point out that they have come to an amicable arrangement with Mr. Webster, County Surveyor and Mr. Jones, Assistant Surveyor.

Regarding Messrs Murphy and O'Leary the County Council wish to state that these Assistant Surveyors have handed in their resignations in the terms already set out, and subject to the Local Government Board sanctioning the superannuation allowances completed at the meeting of the 7<sup>th</sup> August. The Council would be glad if the Local Government Board have any objection to this suggested arrangement, that they should furnish their views to the Council at an early date.

As Mr. John Kehoe has given four years efficient and satisfactory service as Assistant Surveyor, and as the Council now propose to appoint three new Assistant Surveyors and to thoroughly re-model the road system, they consider it only fair to place Mr. Kehoe on equal terms as regards salary, with the other Surveyors in their employment."

Assistant Surveyor Jones's salary

The following resolution was received from the New Ross Rural District Council:-

"We consider the recommendation made by a Committee of the County Council, that Mr. Jones's salary be reduced by £41 a year, should not be



adopted by the Wexford County Council, as we believe Mr. Jones performed his duties to the satisfaction of all concerned, which is proved by the fact that a complaint has never been made against him either by contractors or councillors, and we are of opinion that his work will not be reduced as the quarterly inspections and reports are still to be made."

### New Ross Bridewell

Under date 7<sup>th</sup> June 1906, the following letter No. 6797 was read from the Secretary of the General Prisons Board, Dublin Castle:-

"I am directed to state, for the information of the County Council of Co. Wexford that under section 31 of the Prisons (Ireland) Act 1899, the Bridewell at New Ross which was closed by the order of the Lord Lieutenant dated 31<sup>st</sup> July 1905, will on the 31<sup>st</sup> proximo be transferred to and vest in the Co. Council, and to request that the necessary steps may be taken to have the building taken over by the Co. Council on that date from the caretaker who is at present looking after it on behalf of the Prisons Board." Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

On the motion of Mr. Hore, seconded by Mr. Ennis (Chairman) the following resolution was adopted:-  
"That our Secretary attend at New Ross Bridewell on 31<sup>st</sup> July for the purpose of taking over same from the representative of the General Prisons Board."

### Road Limit Expenditure - New Ross District.

The Local Government Board forwarded copies of sealed orders approving of the raising of the limit of expenditure on roads in New Ross Rural District to £6,241 : 5 : 0d for 5 years."



Dispensary Houses Act.

The Solicitor to the Board of Works notified the intention of his Board to advance to the Conniscorthy Guardians a loan of £1,200 under the Dispensary Houses Act of 1879, repayable in 35 years at an annuity percentage of 5-6-8.

Department of Agriculture & Technical  
Instruction Inquiry Committee

Under date 25<sup>th</sup> May 1906 the following letter was read from Mr. J. J. Taylor, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction Inquiry Committee:-

"I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> Instant, and to state that the Committee are at present considering the question of the arrangements to be made for the examination of representatives of such of the local statutory Bodies as have been good enough to communicate their observations on the matters referred to the Committee.

The Committee will be glad to be informed, as soon as possible whether the Wexford County Council desire to offer oral evidence in support of their views, as communicated by you. If so, they will thank you to forward the names of two or three gentlemen selected for this purpose.

The appointment of a place and date at which such evidence would be taken, would form the subject of a further communication."

Mr. Apple proposed:- "That it be an instruction to the witnesses appointed by the Council to give evidence before the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction Inquiry; that their testimony be based on the lines of the recommendations adopted at the meeting of this Council, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1906."

Mr. Doyle seconded.

Passed.



The following gentlemen were appointed to give evidence before the committee: messrs M. A. Ennis, E. Hore, James Codd, and J. Asple.

### Recommendations of Finance Committee

The following recommendations of the Finance Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr. J. Bolger seconded by Mr. Asple:-

"That having considered the Bonds of Rate collectors who give security by Guarantee Society, we recommend that the bond in John Sinnott's case be reduced from £900 to £750 and that there be no ~~hardship~~ involved change in the other cases, as the committee believe there is no hardship involved, taking into account the amounts of the Bonds with the amount of warrants."

### Wexford Regatta

Proposed by Mr. H. B. Murphy: "That we recommend the county council to give the use of the county council chamber to the Wexford Boat Club for their Regatta on the 5<sup>th</sup> July; the Boat Club to be responsible for any damage that may occur while the council chamber is in their charge."  
Mr. Dempsey seconded. Passed.

### Southern Piers

Proposed by Mr. Cummins: "That the committee appointed by resolution of Co. Council on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May '06 to visit the Southern Piers, attend at Arthurstown at 12 o'clock on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June."  
Passed.

### Ballycullane Fair

Proposed by Mr. Hickey, seconded by Mr. Cummins and passed: "That the Lord Lieutenant be asked to agree to the application by the people of Ballycullane asking for a patent for the establishment of a Fair."

### Fethard Harbour

Under date 1<sup>st</sup> June 1906, the Local Government



Board (letter No. 31,626-1906) wrote forwarding a copy of a letter which they had received from Mr. Geo. L. Bassett, relative to contract for clearing sand from Fethard Harbour, and asking for the observations of the County Council Secretary on the subject:-

The following is a copy of Mr. Bassett's letter:-  
the Secretary,

Local Government Board, Dublin.

Sir

Kindly permit me to bring the following under the notice of the Board through you.

Last Thursday week 15<sup>th</sup> May the Wexford County Council proposal committee sat at Wexford Court house and amongst other work was considered tender for clearing sand from Fethard Harbour not to exceed £120. I tendered £90. Next to me P. O'Brien £98: 10: 0, and another for about £117. With each tender form was to be deposited one pound (evidence of good faith) I complied with this rule and offered two good sureties well known men unquestioned solvency &c. I had not those men with me at the time, thinking that it would do, as it had done before, with myself at any rate, to bring in my sureties at any day the Council or their Secretary would name.

Well although some time ago they passed a resolution to give work to lowest tender. Without a word of a question as to ability or solvency of myself or my bail, it was proposed, seconded and passed, the work to be given to P. O'Brien.

I am not writing this in the hope or expectation of redress, but it might be possible to protect the ratepayers from having the same thing occurring again, as it was a glaring case of giving away by favour £8: 10s of the ratepayers money.

Yours with apologies

Very respectfully

Geo. L. Bassett



under date 2<sup>nd</sup> June the Secretary of the County Council, wrote as follows:-

"I beg to acknowledge your letter (No. 31,626-1906 Wexford Co) enclosing copy of letter from Mr. Geo. L. Bassett, relative to contract for clearing sand from Fethard Harbour.

Mr. Bassett was not in attendance at the meeting of the Proposal Committee at which the tenders were considered altho' the two other intending contractors and their sureties were; but so anxious were my County Council, to secure the lowest tender that the matter was adjourned to the County Council meeting. Mr. Bassett was then present but his sureties were not, and in consequence the tender of P. O'Brien was accepted - as Mr. Bassett states.

It is true that some years ago when Mr. Bassett was accepted as contractor for carrying out improvements at Slade Harbour his tender was accepted, altho' his sureties were not present, but on that occasion I informed Mr. Bassett that this was entirely irregular, and that the Council would certainly not continue the practice.

I might point out that about twelve months ago, a contract for steamrolling and maintenance of an important road in Enniscorthy District was accepted, and the successful contractor was given permission to have his bond perfected before the clerk of the Enniscorthy District Council. The man refused to sign the Bond, and as this information was not conveyed to the Co. Council offices until after the meeting of the Co. Council, no order could be made giving the work in charge of the County Surveyor, and the road remained derelict until a succeeding meeting.

In face of this, and recognising the abuses that were likely to arise by the non-attendance of sureties of contractors to have their bonds perfected in time for sealing at the meeting of



council, it was decided that tenders would not be accepted unless the sureties were in attendance. Mr. Bassett complains because he was not granted a favour that would not be given other contractors.

The work at Fethard Harbour was pressing and as the meetings of the County Council are held on the same day as the adjourned meeting of the Proposal Committee, if Mr. Bassett's securities had afterwards refused to sign the bond the work should have remained over until the December meeting of the Council.

"The Secretary having read the letter which he had sent to the Local Government Board in reply to the letter of Mr. Bassett, the action of the Secretary in this matter was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman."

#### Prosecution of a Road Contractor

On the motion of the Chairman, the Co. Surveyor was given directions to prosecute John Ryan Greenlake, for neglect to carry out the work of making a gullet at Harristown Big.

#### University Education

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Hore the Solicitor to the Council, Mr. Elgee was given instructions to take the opinion of Mr. Michael Dunn, K. C., as to the power of the County Council to strike a rate under the Technical Instruction Acts of 1889 and 1891, for the purpose of founding University scholarships.

#### Labourers Act

On the motion of Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. Asple the following resolution was adopted:-  
"That our members of Parliament be requested to have introduced into the Labourers Bill at



present before the House of Commons a provision by which the rate of interest on existing loans would be revised so that Unions which loyally worked the labourers Acts in the past, would repay the instalments of their loans on the same terms as are provided in the new measure.

### Main Roads Scheme.

Under date 25<sup>th</sup> May 1906, the following resolution adopted at a meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May, by the New Ross Urban Council, was received from the Clerk:-

"That we, the New Ross Urban District Council, desire to protest most strongly against the abolition of the main Roads system, or scheme, by the Wexford County Council."

No order.

### Foreign Beef for the Army.

The following resolution was forwarded for adoption by the Irish cattle Traders and Stockowners' Association:-

"That this meeting protests in the strongest manner against the change recently made in the army meat tender form, under which contractors can supply foreign meat killed at the port of disembarkation instead of native home bred meat which was guaranteed to be used by the late Government some years ago.

We believe the change is a violation of official promises, and most unfair and prejudicial to the agricultural interests of the Three Kingdoms. We also protest against the feeding of Army horses mainly upon foreign oats, straw, and hay, and we call upon the Secretary of State for War to reconsider his decision upon this important question in the interests of the taxpayers, ratepayers, and employers of the Three Kingdoms."



The above resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hone, seconded by Mr. Murphy.

— Importation of Horses. &c. —

The following letter (No 2730/06. V. B.) under date 7<sup>th</sup> June '06 from the Department of Agriculture was read for the meeting:-

"The Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland desire to transmit herewith, for the information of your local authority, copies of an Order made by the Department under the Diseases of Animals Acts, on the 29<sup>th</sup> ultimo, and entitled the "Importation of Horses, asses and mules (Ireland) Order of 1906."

This order will come into operation on the 1<sup>st</sup> proximo; and, in connection therewith, it will, in particular, be observed that the terms of Article 4 require the Local Authority to be notified (by the person having the animal in his possession or under his charge) in every instance where a horse, ass or mule landed under the Order arrives at a place of destination within the District of the Local Authority; who, on receipt of the notification, may cause such veterinary inspection to be made of the imported horse, ass, or mule, as they may deem requisite."

— International Exhibition —

The Enniscorthy Branch of the National Council forwarded the following resolution for adoption:-

"In view of the statement contained in a report of their weekly meeting, furnished to the Press, and which appears in to day's "Freeman Journal" Friday May 18<sup>th</sup> '06; viz:- That they the promoters of the International Exhibition intend to solicit (and we presume obtain if possible) the support of the Irish county councils for their project,



and in view of the fact that this said project; the holding of an International Exhibition in Dublin next year, has been condemned by the "Ard Theis" of the Gaelic League, the General Council of the County Councils, the Irish Parliamentary Party, and the majority of Irish Public Boards, as being detrimental to Irish Trade. We respectfully request the members of the Wexford County Council both collectively and as individuals not to lend themselves to any effort, that may be made, to secure their support for the foisting of this project upon the country."

marked. "Read."

— Food & Drugs Inspectors. —

The following letter was received from Mr. F. Kelly Esq. D. J. R. J. C. Wexford, under date 8<sup>th</sup> June 1906.

"Owing to the transfer of Acting Sgt. Breardon from Killinick, and Sergeant Madden from New Ross. I request that new authorities be issued under Food and Drugs acts, appointing Sergeant Mr. Farrell for Killinick, P. S. District, and Acting Sgt. Christopher Breardon for New Ross. P. S. District."

"On the motion of Mr. Murphy the appointments were agreed to."

— Compulsory Dipping of Sheep. —

Under date 29<sup>th</sup> May 1906 the following letter (No. 11544) was read from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, relative to compulsory dipping of sheep, for the prevention and cure of sheep scab:-

"I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> instant enclosing copy of a resolution adopted by the County Council of the County of Wexford on the subject of the compulsory dipping of sheep, and in reply to inform you



that the police cannot act as Inspectors under the Diseases of animals Acts, but that it is proposed that they should give assistance to local authorities in connection with the compulsory dipping of sheep, and that the extent to which they can do this is at present the subject of correspondence between the Government and the Department of Agriculture."

In connection with this subject circular letter from the Department under date 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1906 (No 2499-V.B.) was read. In this communication the Department pointed out that if the County Council expressed itself in favour of the Department issuing an Order and at the same time undertakes to execute and enforce it, the Department would be prepared to issue it."

Mr. J. H. Norris. V.S. appeared before the meeting, and gave an explanation, as to the various Orders.

Mr. Hore proposed, and Mr. Murphy seconded: "That the Department of Agriculture be requested to hold a meeting of the Council of Agriculture with a view to the adoption of a general order for the compulsory dipping of sheep throughout Ireland, and that they impress upon the Government the necessity of having the services of the police utilized as certificators at sheep dipping centres. That in the event of three-fourths of the representatives of the Counties of Ireland on the Council of Agriculture agreeing to such a General Order being issued that the Department issue same.

That a Committee consisting of the following meet at the Council Chamber, Wexford, at 10.06. a.m. on 18<sup>th</sup> June to consider the drafting of regulations for compulsory dipping of sheep



said regulations to be afterwards considered at a meeting of the co. council to be held on same date: Messrs Keacocke, Browne, J. Codd, J. Bolger, Mark Codd, J. A. Doyle, John Sinnott, J. Asple, M. Hickey, P. Cleary, James Sinnott, Mr. Norris B.S. was requested to attend the meeting."

Maquire v. Cavan Co. Council.

Under date 6<sup>th</sup> June 1906 the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 31,405 Wexford County) as follows:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland, have had before them the resolution contained in the minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford Co. Council, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> ultimo., relative to the proposal to contribute towards the expenses of an appeal to the House of Lords in the case of Maquire v. Cavan County Council; and, in reply, I am to state that the Board cannot find that they have any authority to sanction the proposed course."

Tara Hill Quarry.

The following letter was read from Mr. Thomas Smith, Tara Hill, Gorey, under date 1<sup>st</sup> June:-

"Your note of yesterday to hand. In reply I beg to inform you I will accept the sum of Ten Pounds for tenant right, etc., of small field held by me, adjoining the proposed quarry at Tara Hill."

*L. William Emmond*

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Special meeting.- 18<sup>th</sup> June 1906.

A special meeting of the County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 1906.

Present:- Mr. M. A. Ennis (Vice-Chm.) presiding.  
Other members:- Messrs James Codd, Mr. Broune, E. Hore, C. H. Peacocke, J. J. Kehoe, J. E. Mayler, John Sinnott, J. A. Doyle, Matthew Doyle, and John Cummins.

Mr. R. W. Elgee, Solicitor, Mr. Henry Webster, County Surveyor, Mr. Frizelle, Secretary to the Council, and Mr. J. H. Norris, V. S. were in attendance.

Vote of Condolence.

Proposed by Mr. Broune, seconded by Mr. Kehoe:-  
"That we convey to Mrs. Davitt and family our deep sympathy in the loss she has sustained in the death of her husband, Mr. M. Davitt."

Passed.

Road Contractors.- Specifications.

Mr. John Sinnott, moved the following motion of which he had given previous notice:-  
"That accepted contractors for roads and special works be furnished with a copy of the specification of each contract for which they have been accepted."

Mr. Kehoe seconded.

Passed.

Revision of Valuation

Mr. Ennis moved, Mr. Peacocke seconded:-  
"That we approve of the lists of cases for revision of valuation submitted by the Secretary, being forwarded to the valuation office, and that the Commissioner of valuation be requested to have the Revisions carried out."

Passed.



Compulsory Sheep Dipping.

The following letter, No. 3120-06. under date 16<sup>th</sup> June 1906, from the Department of Agriculture, was read for the meeting:-

"With reference to your letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> Instant I am directed by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, to state that they have brought to the notice of the Irish Government that portion of the resolution in connection with the question of compulsory dipping adopted by your County Council at their meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> Instant, which expresses the view of the Council as to the necessity of having the services of the Police utilised as certifiers at sheep dipping centres; and, when a reply in the matter has been received, the Council will be further communicated with. At present, and pending such further communication, the points on which it seems practicable to count on Police assistance in the working of a Local Authority's Sheep Dipping regulations are as follows:-

1.- Notices given by sheep owners as to the time and place of intended dipping, could be received by the Police.

2.- The police might reasonably and without great difficulty while on patrol satisfy themselves that the dipping is in progress, and report any cases of neglect or failure to carry out the regulations that may come under their notice.

3.- They could also report any illegal movements of sheep from a Sheep Dipping area that might come under their notice.

4.- They could receive declarations which under the terms of a Local Authority's regulations sheep owners might be required to furnish at the conclusion of dipping."

As regards the proposed meeting on Monday



of the committee appointed by your Council to consider the drafting of a compulsory Dipping Regulations for the County. I am to state that Mr. Norris will be instructed to attend this meeting, as desired; and, in the same connection, I am to enclose some copies of a Form which has been generally accepted as the basis of their local Regulations, by various other Co. Councils who have recently decided for compulsory dipping.

The Committee, will no doubt be interested to know that in Wicklow, and the other three Counties adjoining Wexford the Local Authorities have already agreed to put compulsory Dipping Regulations in force."

"On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Codd the following report of Special Committee to consider this matter was agreed to:-

Compulsory Sheep Dipping.

A meeting of the Committee appointed at the meeting of the County Council on the 11<sup>th</sup> June 1906, was held in the County Council Chamber on the 18<sup>th</sup> June 1906.

Present :- Messrs C. A. Peacocke, Michael Browne, James Codd, and John Sinnott.

Mr. J. H. Norris, V. S. of the Department of Agriculture, and the Secretary of the Council were also in attendance.

The following Order was adopted:-

County of Wexford.

Sheep Scab.

Compulsory Dipping of Sheep.

The County Wexford County Council being the local authority of the County of Wexford, by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred on them by the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1903, and the Sheep Scab (Local Regulations) (Ireland) Order of 1905, and of every other power enabling them in this



behalf, do hereby make the following Regulations:-  
Commencement & Extent of Regulations.

1.- These Regulations shall come into operation on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 1906, and shall apply to the County of Wexford, hereinafter called "the County."

Compulsory Dipping of all Sheep in the County.

2.- (1) In each year during which these Regulations are in operation the owner of any sheep which may be in the County between the following dates, viz., 1<sup>st</sup> July and 15<sup>th</sup> September, hereinafter referred to as the "prescribed dipping period," shall cause such sheep to be treated for sheep-scab between such dates by effective dipping in an efficient sheep-dip: provided that sheep shall not be required to be dipped in pursuance of these Regulations when they are moved by railway through the District of the Local Authority, or any part thereof, from a place outside the District, to another place outside the District, without unnecessary delay and without the sheep being untrucked within the District.

(2)- If the owner of any sheep in the County fails to treat such sheep in accordance with this article, the Local Authority may at any time, without prejudice to the recovery of any penalty for such default, cause such sheep to be treated for sheep-scab by effective dipping in any efficient sheep dip, and may recover summarily the expenses of such treatment from such owner.

Notice to Local Authority of Time & Place of

Intended Dipping.

3.- (1) For the purpose of enabling the Local Authority to be represented at the Dipping whenever they think such a course desirable, the owner or person in charge of any sheep required to be dipped under the preceding article, shall give such written notice of his intention to dip his sheep as is hereinafter provided:-



The notice shall be delivered or sent to, the Sergeant in charge of R. I. C. district in which the sheep are located, three clear days, at least, before the intended time of dipping.

The notice shall state the time and place of the intended dipping, and the approximate number of sheep intended to be dipped.

(2) If for any cause the dipping of the sheep on the date specified in a notice becomes impracticable, no further notice shall be required if the sheep are dipped as soon after such date as is practicable.

#### Shearing before Dipping.

4.- A sheep shall not be deemed to have been dipped in accordance with the requirements of Article 2. unless it has been previously shorn prior to the dipping in the year of dipping, but this Regulation shall not apply to lambs less than twelve months old.

#### Declaration after Dipping.

5.- Every owner of sheep to which these Regulations apply or his authorised Agent, shall, within one week after the conclusion of the prescribed dipping period, send by post or deliver to the Clerk of the Local Authority, a Declaration in the Form A. set forth in the Schedule I. hereto, or to the like effect, of his having dipped all sheep owned by him within the county in accordance with these Regulations.

#### Isolation of Sheep.

6.- all sheep after having been dipped as aforesaid during "the prescribed dipping period" shall for the remainder of that period be kept isolated as far as practicable from any other sheep which have not been so dipped.

#### Movement to Market during Dipping Period.

7.- During the prescribed dipping period in any year no sheep shall enter or be exposed for sale in any market, fair, or saleyard within the county.



nor be moved along or across a highway for that purpose unless such sheep has been previously dipped in that year in accordance with these Regulations, or within 28 days prior to the first of July.

### Cleansing of Dipping Places.

8.- The place on any farm or premises which has been used for the dipping shall without unnecessary delay be thoroughly cleansed by the occupier, and all tufts of wool shall be gathered and disinfected or destroyed by him.

### Samples of Dip may be taken.

9.- Every owner or person in charge of sheep being dipped under these Regulations shall permit and give facility to an Inspector, or other authorised officer of the Local Authority to take samples of the dip used.

### Certificates of Dipping.

10.- Where under these Regulations, sheep are dipped in the presence, and to the satisfaction, of an Inspector of the Local Authority or other authorised officer, he shall give the owner or person in charge of the sheep a certificate to that effect, on a form to be provided by the Local Authority.

### Interpretation

11.- In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, "Efficient Sheep-dip" has the same meaning as in the Sheep Scab (Ireland) Order of 1905.

"Owner" includes joint owner.

"Sheep" includes lambs.

"authorised officer" means an officer authorised by the Local Authority for the purposes of Articles 4 and 5 of the Sheep Scab (Ireland) Order of 1905, or of these Regulations.

N. J. Fuzelle

Clerk to the Local Authority

Dated at County Wexford Co. Council Offices.

this 10th day of June 1906



### Notes.

#### Use of dipping places & apparatus provided by Local Authority

Every Owner may have the use of the dipping places and portable apparatus as well as the necessary appliances and materials in connection therewith (upon payment of the charges prescribed by the Local Authority) which have been or may hereafter be provided by the Local Authority, and a list of which are set out in Schedule "I" hereto, and upon such terms and conditions as may be laid down by the Local Authority from time to time.

#### Streams not to be injuriously affected.

No dipping place shall be used as aforesaid if such use will injuriously affect the water in any stream, reservoir, aqueduct, well, pond or place constructed or used for the supply of water for drinking or other domestic purposes.

#### Disposal of used dip material.

The liquid or material which has been used for dipping sheep must be disposed of into a pit or dealt with in some other available way so that all necessary precautions are taken to prevent any animals coming into contact with any such waste liquid or material.

#### Offences.

Any person not complying with any of the above Regulations is guilty of an offence against the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894, s. 52, and is liable to:-

- (i) A fine not exceeding £20.
- (ii) If relating to more than 4 animals, £5 for each animal, and to imprisonment in default of payment.

#### Sheep Dip.

It is important that all owners of sheep should see that the dip to be used is of sufficient strength.



Schedule 1.Form A.(Article 5)Declaration as to Dipping of Sheep.No.

I. \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
do hereby certify that all sheep now in my possession  
or that have been in my possession in County  
Wexford, between the 1<sup>st</sup> July and 15<sup>th</sup> September  
in the current year were thoroughly dipped in  
an efficient sheep-dip during the prescribed  
dipping period, by a thorough immersion in  
a sheep-dip approved or purporting to be  
approved by the Department of Agriculture  
and Technical Instruction for Ireland for  
sheep scab in Ireland, and that all such  
sheep are described below.

(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

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Description of Sheep Dipped

| Description of sheep.                                               | No<br>Dipped | Name & description of the place &<br>premises where they are usually<br>kept, & Parish in which situate. |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Rams<br>Breeding Ewes.<br>Other Sheep one year old & above<br>Lambs |              |                                                                                                          |

The above mentioned sheep were so dipped in my presence  
Signed. \_\_\_\_\_

Inspector of Local Authority

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 190

Schedule II.

List of Dipping Tanks, or Dipping Places provided by the  
Local Authority under Sec 3. of the Diseases of Animals Act 1903.

List of Dipping Places at which the Local Authority have made  
arrangements for the dipping of sheep.

| Name of Occupier | Situation of Premises. |
|------------------|------------------------|
|                  |                        |



The question of the provision of dipping apparatus to be provided by the Local Authority was referred to the Rural District Councils for their opinion; the Secretary being directed to point out that the Co. Council had adopted an order for compulsory dipping of sheep between the 1<sup>st</sup> July and 15<sup>th</sup> September, that fourteen counties had, up to this date, already adopted this Order, which was found necessary by reason of the restrictions placed on the importation of sheep in England, Scotland, and Wales, and the threat of the Board of Agriculture to prevent any sheep entering the ports of Great Britain at anytime during the year which had not been efficiently dipped. The enforcement of the compulsory Sheep Dipping Order for Ireland, is absolutely necessary if the export trade in sheep is to be allowed to continue. The Order adopted by the County Council of Wexford had been framed so as to meet the requirements of the Orders in force in Great Britain.

Unless dipping tanks are provided, owners of sheep will have on their own shoulders the entire responsibility of carrying out the order.

Non compliance with any of the provisions renders the offender liable to a fine not exceeding £20.

The District Councils are to be asked if under the circumstances they consider one portable dipper should be provided for their district-four for the county.

The clerks of the four District Councils, to be asked to give notice that this matter will be considered at the next meetings of their councils.

It was decided that the Secretary ask the County Inspector of the R. I. C. if he would be prepared to ask the police who are at present engaged in compiling statistics of tillage and stock etc., to furnish the names and addresses



of the Owners of sheep in the county, to the County Council.

The Committee recommend the appointment of one Inspector for each Rural District for the present year to carry out the compulsory dipping order which has been adopted by the Council, the amount of remuneration to be £1. per week for ten weeks; the appointment to be made at the next meeting of the Diseases of Animals Acts Committee.

That the Department of Agriculture be requested to furnish the Diseases of Animals Acts Committee for this County, with the result of investigations by their inspector from time to time as to how the work under the Order is progressing.

That the County Inspector R. J. C. be requested to allow the Police to assist the Inspectors of the Co. Council when carrying out the dipping operations, in the matter of preserving order.

Mr. J. A. Doyle moved, Mr. Sinnott seconded, and it was passed: "That if our Secretary considers it advisable that he have published in the Wexford People, Free Press, and Echo, advertisements in connection with the appointments of Inspectors under compulsory Sheep Dipping Order."

Mr. Peacocke moved, Mr. Sinnott seconded, and it was passed: "That a vote of thanks be accorded Mr. J. H. Norris, B. S. for the assistance afforded by him to the Council in reference to the adoption of the compulsory Sheep Dipping Order."

#### County & Assistant Surveyors.

The following letter No. 35138-1906, Wexford County, under date 16<sup>th</sup> June 1906 was read from the Local Government Board:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have



had before them, the resolutions adopted by the county council of Wexford, at their meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> instant, in connection with the re-arrangement of the county Surveyor's Department; and I am to state that the Board approve of the agreements made by the county council and Mr. Webster, County Surveyor, and Mr. Jones assistant Surveyor respecting their future salaries. The Local Government Board also assent to the increase of salary proposed to be allowed to Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor.

With regard to the proposed superannuation allowances to Messrs Leary and Murphy, the Board desire to state, for the information and guidance of the county council, that certain statutory requirements must be fulfilled before the Local Government Board can give their consent to a proposal to superannuate a county officer. These requirements are that the officer must have devoted his whole time to the service of the county. That if he resigns on grounds other than that of old age he must become incapable of discharging the duties of his office with efficiency, by reason of permanent infirmity of mind or body.

This should be verified by medical certificate.

If an officer resigns on ground of old age he must have completed the full age of 60 years and have served as an officer for 20 years at the least.

The chairman gave notice that he would move at next meeting of the council to be held after the expiration of one month from this date (8<sup>th</sup> June 1906) that a superannuation allowance of £40 per annum be granted to Messrs Murphy and Leary in accordance with the county council's resolution of the 20<sup>th</sup> April 1906, on the ground of old age and of infirmity.







Quarterly meeting- 7<sup>th</sup> August 1906.

The Quarterly meeting of the County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford; on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August 1906.

Present:- Sir Thomas A. Grattan Esmonde Bart., M.P. Chairman, (presided)

Other members:- Messrs M. Browne, M. A. Ennis, E. Hore, C. H. Peacocke, James Codd, J. Donohoe, John Sinnott, M. Codd, M. Doyle, J. Bolger, J. Cummins, J. J. Kehoe, and M. Hickey.

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

Confirmation of minutes

The minutes of the meetings of the Council, of 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> June, were read and confirmed.

Vote of Condolence

Mr. Davitt and family wrote returning thanks to the County Council for the vote of condolence passed in reference to the death of her husband Mr. Michael Davitt.

Superannuation of Assistant Surveyors.

Mr. Ennis moved the following resolution of which he had given notice on 18<sup>th</sup> June:-

"That a superannuation allowance of £40 per annum be granted to Messrs J. P. Murphy and Patrick O'Leary, Assistant Surveyors, under section 3-28 and 29 Vic Cap 26, and section 88 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, in accordance with the County Council's resolution of the 20<sup>th</sup> April, 1906."

Under date 18<sup>th</sup> July, the following was read from Dr. Nolans, Mayfield, Gorey:-

"I certify that I have examined Mr. J. P. Murphy's



eyes, and find him suffering from a considerable degree of Presbiopia, and in consequence will find it difficult to do much clerical work."

The following was submitted from Mr. O'Leary from Rev D. W. Redmond P. P. Glynn:-

"In the Registry of Baptisms kept at Glynn, I find that Patrick, son of Patrick Leary and Anne Higgins was duly baptised on the 20<sup>th</sup> February 1836. Glynn. Aug 4<sup>th</sup> 1906. D. W. Redmond P. P.

Mr. Ennis said in addition to the resolution of which he had given notice he would move the following resolutions:-

"That as Mr. J. P. Murphy has 34 years service as an Assistant Surveyor and as he has handed in a medical certificate stating that he is suffering from defective eyesight which would in future prevent him from performing his duties in that efficient and satisfactory manner which the Council will insist upon, he be granted a superannuation allowance of £40 per annum."

"That as Mr. Patrick Leary has 24 years service as an Assistant Surveyor and as he has handed in a baptismal certificate showing his age to be 70 years; he be granted a superannuation allowance of £40 per annum."

Mr. J. Bolger seconded.

Passed.

#### Report of County Surveyor.

The following report from the County Surveyor under date 4<sup>th</sup> August was read:-

"I beg to report that on the 20<sup>th</sup> ult., the S. S. Mayflower of Cardigan collided with New Ross Bridge and damaged it. Messrs R. & D. Jones, 28 Brunswick Street Liverpool are the owners of the ship, Robert Roberts is master, and



Michael Whelan was the pilot. The collision occurred at about 4.30 p.m.; the ship was coming down the river through the bridge against the rising tide about one hour before high water; it first struck the pier on the New Ross side of the swing bridge and then struck the down stream dolphin.

I was wired for by the caretaker of the bridge, and I went over the next morning to inspect the damage. I found that the ornamental screen or moulding was smashed between the top of the cylinder and the capping over the main girder, and also a portion of the moulding under the top of the cylinder; also a panel of the hand-rail near the centre of the swing bridge has been injured.

I estimated that the cost of repairs would be about £150. I at once put the matter into the hands of Mr. Elgee, and, on the 27<sup>th</sup> ult., I had to again go to New Ross to point out the damage to a surveyor sent over by the company or their underwriters; the surveyor said he thought I had over-estimated the damage, but I <sup>am</sup> still of opinion that my estimate was fair. I have gone into the figures as regards the cost and maintenance, and special repairs to Ferry carrig Bridge, and find that the total for the last ten years was £900. 8. 10 which would give an average cost of about £90 per year.

I have made inquiries re dredgers for the harbours of the Waterford river. The Secretary of the Waterford Harbour Board has written to me that his Board have no Bucket dredger available at present, but that later on should any of their plant be disengaged he will write to me again. I have as yet received no reply from the Waterford Harbour Board, but I have



been informed that their bucket dredger is at present engaged.

The caretaker of the jail has pointed out to me a few repairs necessary to slating, eaveshoots and a downpipe in the jail, also a small beam under the gangway leading into the garden which is rotten and hanging down, should be removed. About £3 would be required for the work.

I have written to Arklow and Waterford to inquire if any hulks are to be got in these harbours suitable for the work required at Ballyhack. I am informed that there are none. I have inserted an advertisement in the Wexford Independent re same, but have so far received no reply. I am informed that an advertisement put in the "Shipping Gazette and Lloyd's List", 54 Gracechurch Street London, would elicit a good many replies.

"On the motion of the chairman it was decided that the repairs at the jail be carried out, cost not to exceed £3."

"Regarding the question of hulks, it was decided on the motion of the chairman, that the matter be left in the discretion of Mr Webster, County Surveyor."

"Mr Elger, Solicitor to the Council, stated that he had received a communication dated 31<sup>st</sup> July from Messrs Jones & Co, Solicitors for the Owners of the Steamer Mayflower, offering £150 in settlement of the claim."

The chairman proposed:- "That this amount of compensation be accepted." Passed.

#### New Ross Bridewell

The following was read from the Secretary:-  
"On the 31<sup>st</sup> July 1906, I attended at New Ross



courthouse, and accepted at the Bridewell, from Mr. William Fritton, courtkeeper, and late Bridewell keeper, surrender of the Bridewell, from the General Prisons Board. As Mr. Fritton is an officer of the Co. Council to some extent as courtkeeper I requested him to retain the keys for the present."

"On the motion of the chairman it was decided that on the occasion of the next meeting of the county committee of agriculture at New Ross, the members of the county council who are also members of the county committee should see the Bridewell and report to the subsequent meeting of the county council."

— A scheme of Veterinary Dispensaries. —

The following was read from the Secretary:—  
"The question of the establishment of a system of veterinary dispensaries has engaged the attention of a large number of public bodies recently. It has been discussed by several county councils and county committees, and furnished an interesting debate at a meeting of the Irish Councils' General Council."

Several suggestions were made towards the drafting of a scheme by county committees, and at least one veterinary surgeon drew up a series of proposals which he considered would meet the wishes of the profession.

The utility and necessity of striking out some plan under which poor farmers would be placed in a position to secure veterinary advice is clearly admitted. Numbers of animals die annually, either through lack of advice or delay in seeking it, and, as our live stock is our most valuable national asset, the consequent loss must be enormous.

It is an absolutely wrong principle that doctors



and veterinary surgeons must live by disease; instead of by its prevention, and, if <sup>the</sup> agricultural industry of Ireland was organised as it should be, one would expect that under a national insurance co-operative insurance scheme for live stock the attention of the veterinary surgeons would be directed towards eradicating disease.

This desirable state of affairs is yet in the making, and until there is a brighter prospect of its fulfilment than appears at present, veterinarians must in a very large measure deal with disease pure and simple, and allow hygiene, etc., to take care of itself.

The veterinary dispensary system is apparently the simplest way to hand of attaining this object. And towards the solution of the dispensary veterinary system the County of Wexford has taken a step in advance by the holding of a conference of veterinary surgeons, and representatives of the county council.

The gathering was informal, and was called to ascertain if any scheme was feasible, because some prominent members of the veterinary profession are strongly opposed to it.

It was felt that through a round table conference the representatives of the county council could discover how far the veterinary surgeons were prepared to go to meet the county council, and the veterinary surgeons might be able to outline a scheme to which they would not object.

The meeting was held in the county council chamber, on 31<sup>st</sup> July.

On the part of the county council there were present: Messrs C. H. Peacocke, M. A. Ennis, and the Secretary.

The veterinary surgeons in attendance were: Messrs



James Malone, Gorey; Arthur Doblyn, Waterford; W. J. Doyle, Enniscorthy; F. W. Taylor, New Ross, and J. A. Norris, of the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Peacocke was elected to the chair.

The following conclusions were arrived at:-

1.- That a dispensary veterinary system is necessary in the interests of the county generally, and is urgently needed for small farmers.

2.- That dispensaries be established in certain districts at which the V. S., will attend at stated hours for one day each week, and on which day chronic cases are to be treated. It is expected that animals suffering from chronic affections will be brought to the dispensary. So far as possible the veterinary surgeon will, on dispensary days, arrange for attendance on other cases which cannot be treated at the dispensary. Should his services be required outside dispensary days for any urgent cases he will be bound to attend them.

3.- The following fees are to obtain for all cases treated at the Dispensary, or at the establishment of the Veterinary Surgeon of the district:- Farmers with a valuation up to £20 to pay 2/6. Farmers from £20 to £40 5/-, medicines to be paid for in addition.

Operations at the Dispensary- 5/- for castration of horses, firing and other major operations. 2/6 for minor operations, 1/- per head for inoculating calves against black leg.

4.- The following fees were agreed to for visits at the homes of farmers to cases which cannot be dealt with at the dispensary 5/- for first visit to animals the property of farmers whose valuation does not exceed £15, and 7/6 in cases of farmers up to £40, beyond this figure no one to be entitled to the benefits of the scheme, half above



fees to be paid for each subsequent visit,  
medicines to be paid for by the farmer.

Suggestions as follows were made regarding  
dispensaries:-

For Enniscorthy:- Mr Doyle's establishment at  
Enniscorthy, The Ballagh, and Ballindaggin.

For Gorey:- Mr Malone's establishment in Gorey  
and Ballycanew.

New Ross:- Ramegrange and another centre to be  
selected by Mr Dobblyn.

New Ross:- Mr Taylor's establishment in New Ross,  
also Adamstown, provided it can be included in  
Mr Taylor's district.

With the opening of the new railway between  
Wexford and Waterford it would be a great benefit  
to New Ross farmers if a redistribution of the  
districts of Mr Taylor and Mr Dobblyn could be  
effected. These gentlemen promised to consider  
the matter and to advise the County Council  
if they find themselves able to come to an  
agreement.

At present the veterinary surgeons have roughly  
£70 per annum for duties which are confined  
to the Diseases of Animals Acts.

The following is the financing of this scheme  
which would probably be regarded as equitable  
and which there would be a reasonable  
probability the veterinary surgeons would accept:-  
Five veterinary surgeons at £130 per annum:-

£650

To be contributed as follows:-

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| County Council | £375      |
| Department     | 200       |
| Co. Committee  | <u>75</u> |

£650.

At present the County Council are contributing  
£328 towards veterinary salaries under the Diseases  
of Animals Acts.



The Department of agriculture are to be asked to sanction this scheme as an experiment for the province of Leinster, and are recommended to have experiments on somewhat similar lines carried out in one county in each of the three other provinces, provided the Co. Council, the County Committee, and the local veterinary surgeons support it.

The scheme is to remain in operation for three years, and not to be continued after that period unless it receives the approval of all concerned in its working. Should experience at any time prove that details require alteration the necessary amendments can be made so long as they will not militate in anyway to the prejudice of the veterinary surgeons.

"On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. J. Bolger, the above scheme was approved."

The Chairman moved:—"That a copy of this scheme be sent to the Secretary of the General Council of the Irish County Councils, with a request that the matter be brought up for discussion at next meeting. That our Secretary forward the scheme to the Department for approval." Passed.

#### Assistant Surveyors.

On the motion of the Chairman the following draft advertisement from the Finance Committee was agreed to:-

#### Wexford County Council.

#### Assistant Surveyors Wanted.

Notice is hereby given that the above Council will, at special meeting to be held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August 1906 at 2.10 o'clock. proceed to the appointment of three Assistant Surveyors for the



following Districts:-

No. 1. District (comprising all the Rural District of Gorey) approximate mileage - 385.

No. 2. District - adjoining No. 1. - (new division) approximate mileage 396.

No. 3. District - (new division) approximate mileage - 397.

The appointments will be made under the following regulations prescribed by the Local Government Board (Order dated 9<sup>th</sup> February 1900) for the appointment of Assistant Surveyors for Counties in Ireland.

1.- Every person who is appointed an Assistant Surveyor in any county in Ireland must produce satisfactory evidence to the Local Government Board for Ireland that his health and character are good, and except, in the case of an Existing Surveyor within the meaning of section 109 (1) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, that at the date of the resolution of the County Council appointing him his age was not less than 21 years, or more than 45 years.

2.- Every person appointed as aforesaid who  
(a) has a diploma or degree in Engineering from a University or College of Science in the United Kingdom, or a certificate from his Majesty's Civil Service Commissioners that he is qualified to act as a deputy for a County Surveyor, or

(b) is an associate member of the Institution of Civil Engineers, London, or an associate member of the Institution of Civil Engineers, Ireland, or has a certificate of having passed the Voluntary Examination for candidates for Surveyorships held by the Incorporated Association of Municipal and County Engineers.

(c) was on the first day of April, 1899, an Assistant Surveyor in a county in Ireland, or if appointed



in any such county between the first day of April 1899, and the date of this Order, satisfies the Local Government Board for Ireland, that he is fully qualified to discharge the duties of his office; shall be deemed qualified for the position of Assistant County Surveyor without further examination.

3.- Every person appointed as aforesaid who is not qualified under the provisions of the foregoing Article of this Order, must produce to the Local Government Board for Ireland, satisfactory evidence that he has profited by training in one of the two following ways, that is to say, either

(1)- By service with a County Surveyor, Civil Engineer or Architect for not less than two years;  
or-

(2)- By attendance at an Engineering School of some university or college of science in the United Kingdom for not less than one year, and by having been engaged in practical work in connection with Civil Engineering or Building for one year at the least.

4.- Every person appointed as aforesaid who is not qualified under the provisions of Article 2. of this Order must, in addition to possessing one of the qualifications specified in Article 3, also pass a qualifying examination to the satisfaction of the Local Government Board for Ireland in the following subjects:-

(1) English Composition as tested by writing a business letter from rough notes, or a short essay on some subject connected with his profession.

(2) Arithmetic

(3) Mensuration

(4) Building construction

(5) Construction and maintenance of roads.

(6) Chain surveying and levelling.



Salary £80 per annum rising by annual increments of £5 each, (conditional upon good service) to £100 per annum.

The appointments will be subject to a discretionary power vested in the County Surveyor, with the consent of the County Council, to transfer assistants from one district to another as he considers the needs of the County may require.

A copy of the Instructions and Rules prescribing the duties of the Assistant Surveyors may be had by intending candidates, on application to the undersigned.

A map of the County Wexford setting out the boundaries of the Assistant Surveyors' Districts can be inspected at the County Council offices from this date up to the date of the election.

By the Standing Orders of the Wexford Co. Council testimonials of candidates must be lodged with the Secretary ~~one~~ clear days at least before the day of election. Formal application for the position will be received up to 10 O'clock a.m. on the morning of the above mentioned meeting.

Successful candidates must satisfy the Local Government Board as to their fitness for the position, and be prepared to take up duty prior to 31<sup>st</sup> August 1906.

Successful candidates must reside in the Districts for which they are appointed except by express permission of the Council, under exceptional circumstances.

The Council do not bind themselves to make any appointment at the above meeting.

Candidates must be in attendance on the date of the above meeting.

N. J. Frizelle  
Secretary

Courthouse, Wexford.

7<sup>th</sup> August 1906.



— Main Roads. —

Under date 18<sup>th</sup> June, Mr. P. J. Shaw, Clerk to Enniscorthy Urban Council wrote that the following Order had been made in connection with the resolution of the County Council to have no main roads- "Appeal to be entered on main Roads' question and lodged with Local Government Board."

Under date 18<sup>th</sup> July, the following letter was read from Mr. Shaw:-

"With reference to appeal re main roads at special meeting of the Council (Enniscorthy Urban) the following Order was made thereon:-

That the Council do not take any further action with regard to appeal re main roads declaration."

— Contract for work at Fethard Harbour. —

Under date 11<sup>th</sup> June, 1906, the following letter No. 33,388, was read from the Local Government Board:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> instant, relative to the acceptance of a tender by the Wexford Co. Council for clearing sand from Fethard Harbour, and I am to forward herewith, for your information a copy of a letter addressed to Mr. George H. Bassett on the subject."

The following is copy of the letter addressed to Mr. Bassett, under date 11<sup>th</sup> June:-

"With reference to your letter of the 23<sup>rd</sup> ultimo relative to the acceptance of a tender by the Wexford County Council for clearing sand from Fethard Harbour, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to inform you that they understand that the County Council have made a rule that tenders will not be accepted unless the sureties are in attendance."



I am to add that the Board have no authority to interfere with the decision of the Council, which, however, seems to be justified by the circumstances of the case."

— Proposed Fair at Ballycullane —

Under date 14<sup>th</sup> June, the following letter No. 12780 was read from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle:-

"I am directed by the Lords Justices to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> instant, with accompanying resolution adopted by the Wexford County Council in favour of the proposal to establish a Fair at Ballycullane."

— Irish Development Association & Railways —

Under date 14<sup>th</sup> July, the following letter was read from Mr. M. J. Slattery, Hon Sec Irish Industrial Development Association, Tullamore:-

"At the last meeting of the above Association the following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

That we believe the purchase of the Irish Railways by the County Councils of Ireland would be of immense service to Irish industries, and is a question of a pressing nature. And we request the General Council of County Councils to discuss the matter at their next meeting, with a view to instructing the people as to the danger to Irish industries by the threatened purchase of the railways by the British Government, and also to consider the question of their purchase by the County Councils of Ireland. That copies of this resolution be sent to all the County Councils of Ireland, and to the General Council of County Councils.

Marked. "Redd."

— Southern Harbours & the Waterford Harbour Board —

Under date 26<sup>th</sup> July, the following letter No. 9496.



was read from the assistant Secretary to the Board of Trade.

"I am directed by the Board of Trade to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> instant, enclosing a copy of a resolution adopted by the Wexford County Council on the subject of the up-keep of the harbours of Athurstown, Duncannon, and Ballyhack, and the power of the Waterford Harbour Commissioners with respect to these harbours. In reply I am to refer the Council to the Waterford Harbour Act, 1846, which defines the powers of the Harbour Commissioners within certain specified limits, including the harbours in question. I am to add that the Board are not in a position to express an authoritative opinion on the points raised in the Council's resolution."

The Chairman moved: - "That our Secretary send a copy of the letter of the Board of Trade to the Chief Secretary for Ireland, and point out to him that it is impossible for the County Council to do anything with these harbours in the present indefinite state of the law; that it is not possible for the County Council to collect dues at these harbours, if the Waterford Harbour Commissioners are also to collect them; that in view of the doubt which exists upon the question that the Chief Secretary be requested to submit a case to the law officers of the Crown to ascertain who has the control over these harbours. If it is found that the liability for keeping these harbours in repair rests with the Wexford Co. Council, whether he will see his way to direct his attention to the desirability of promoting a Marine Works Bill next Session for the South Eastern coast."



Army Meat Contracts.

Mr. A. Keogh-Nolan, Secretary to the Irish Councils General Council, forwarded for adoption the following resolution:-

"That this Council calls upon the Secretary of State for War to reconsider the change recently made in the Army meat Tender Form, under which contractors can supply foreign meat killed at the Port of arrival, instead of native home bred meat which the late Government some years ago gave an undertaking to encourage. We further call upon the Government to invite, in future, tenders to supply native agricultural produce, such as Oats, Hay, and Straw for troop horses, and as far as possible to give Irish contractors a chance in the competition for the equipment of troops and horses stationed in this country."

"The above resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. J. J. Kehoe."

Annual Meeting - Irish Co. Councils General Co.

"Mr. Keogh-Nolan, Secretary to the Irish County Councils General Council wrote that the annual meeting would be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> October, and asking if there were any matters which the Wexford Co. Council desired to have discussed at this meeting."

"Postponed to meeting of the 24<sup>th</sup>"

Gorey Road Contractors

Under date 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1906, the following resolution was received from Mr. P. O'Neill, Hon Sec, Gorey Road Contractors' Association:-

"That we the members of the Committee of the Gorey Road Contractors' Association, beg to remind the County Council that they relied on Mr. Elgee's opinion that it was unlawful to give the contractors the money 'struck off'; and they did this contrary to the opinion of Messrs



Brennan and Dempsey. As Mr. Elger's opinion has proved not infallible before the County Court judge, we think it quite possible that he may have been misled regarding the "struck off" money. We further ask the Co. Council to do one of two things, viz: either appoint a committee to inquire into the whole affair, or call on the Local Government Board to hold a sworn inquiry, and, in the event of the Co. Council refusing to do so we shall feel compelled to appeal to the Local Government Board to hold a sworn inquiry into the matter. We are confident that Inspector Cowan never intended the County Surveyor to sweep away the salaries wholesale."

"The following Minute of the Finance Committee was approved:- That we adhere to the advice of our Solicitor in this matter."

— Poulduff Pier. —

Under date 24<sup>th</sup> July, 1906, the following letter No. 3791/06- F. B. was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"Adverting to previous correspondence, I have to request that you will be good enough to state whether any sum was set apart at the last meeting of the Finance Committee of the Wexford Co. Council for lodgment to the credit of this Department, as an instalment of the County contribution towards the cost of repairing and improving Poulduff Harbour. If not, the Department will, immediately before the next meeting of the Finance Committee, (which it is understood will take place early in November next) submit an estimate of the amount of work then accomplished when provision should be made for paying to the Department a proportionate amount of the County contribution."



Proposed by M<sup>r</sup> Peacocke, seconded by M<sup>r</sup> Kehoe, and passed:- "That the attention of the Department of Agriculture be drawn to the cement used for improvements at Coulduff Pier being of foreign manufacture. And we request that in future the cement to be used should be of Irish manufacture, cement of a first class quality being manufactured in County Wexford."

Proposed by the Chairman:- "That we inform the Department we are quite ready to pay over the County contribution for Coulduff Pier improvements on receiving a demand for same from the Departments." Passed.

### Knowledge of Irish.

The following resolution was received from the Guardians of the Oughterard Union:-

"That we, the Board of Guardians of the Oughterard Union, knowing the necessity which exists that the officials of public bodies in Ireland, especially those in the districts in which Irish is spoken, should have a knowledge of the language of the people, call on all the Union, District, and County Boards in Ireland to insist that the Local Government Board make it compulsory that a spoken and literary knowledge of the Irish language be a necessary qualification of all officials to be appointed in future to positions in the gift of Boards, District Councils, and County Councils; and that we call upon the Irish Parliamentary Party to press the urgency of this matter with a view to early legislation."

marked. "Read."

### Sheep Dipping Orders.

Under date 20<sup>th</sup> July, the Department of Agriculture (letter No. 3883) wrote as follows:-

"The Department of Agriculture and Technical



Instruction desire to forward for the information of your Local authority, the accompanying copy of a Poster which the Department have had prepared with the view of drawing the attention of the public, interested in the exportation of sheep to the scope of certain regulations in the above mentioned Orders of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries of Great Britain. Under these regulations it will be observed that during certain specified periods of the year, no sheep, whether British or Irish owned, will be allowed to be exposed for sale in a market, fair or saleyard, within any of the three areas to which the Orders (Sheep Dipping Scotland Orders of 1906, Sheep Dipping North of England Orders of 1906, Sheep Dipping Wales Order of 1906) apply, unless the animals are accompanied by a declaration in the form prescribed in the schedule to the Order relating to that area. As the Poster indicates persons in Ireland who may desire to make declarations in accordance with these regulations will be in a position to obtain forms for the purpose by applying at any Police Barrack. The Department are arranging to have the Poster exhibited at Police Stations, and I have to suggest that it would be advantageous if, in addition, your Local Authority took steps to have it displayed otherwise throughout their district."

Ordered: "That the Orders in question be advertised and posted throughout the County."

— Sealed Orders, Local Government Board. —

Sealed Orders were received from the Local Government Board making rural districts areas of charge for the following:-

Gorey Rural District - Water supply at Hollyfort, repairing well at Blonoe, repairing wall at Rahen.



Enniscorthy Rural District - blonroche telegraph office and pump at Ballyroebuck.

University Scholarships.

The following resolution for the consideration of the County Council was forwarded from the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction:-

"That this Committee having received an instruction from its parent body, the Wexford Co. Council, to include in its technical instruction scheme for session 1906-7. two scholarships tenable at an Institution of University standing, on detailed conditions prescribed by the Council, we the members of the Committee here present, do not feel ourselves justified in agreeing with the Department to any scheme from which these scholarships may be omitted. We refer this most important matter to the County Council for consideration at their meeting to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> August, and we authorise our Secretary should the Council consider it desirable to discontinue connection with the Department, with regard to Technical Instruction, and should they decide in favour of independent action, to take any steps necessary to facilitate the proceedings of the Council."

Proposed by Mr. Ennis:- "That the consideration of this question be adjourned until the 24<sup>th</sup> inst., and that in the meantime we request the Department of Agriculture to favour us with a reply to the queries submitted by the County Committee of Agriculture at their meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> July in order to enable this Council to deal definitely with the matter; and that copies of the resolutions adopted by the County Committee be forwarded to Father Finlay our representative on the Board of Technical Instruction."

Mr. Donohoe seconded. Passed.



The Chairman moved that the Standing Orders be suspended to enable Mr. Donohoe to raise the question of University Education in Ireland."

This having been granted Mr. Donohoe moved the following:- "Resolved. That we the County Council of Wexford having been invited in common with other public bodies in Ireland, by the letter of the Revd. William Delany S. J. in the Freeman of the 6<sup>th</sup> inst., to express an opinion in connection with the Trinity College University proposals now before the public, hereby record our opinion that apart from the Educational merits, the proposal could not be safely entertained unless Catholics had full representation on the governing body, and even then we doubt if the scheme on its working would ensure the harmony necessary to success; and we therefore recommend in preference the proposals outlined by the Robertson Commission, and trust the Government will at last do justice to Catholics by formulating a scheme of University Education that will be as satisfactory to them as Trinity College is to Protestants."

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Ennis, and passed.

#### The Labourers Bill.

Under date 28<sup>th</sup> June, 1906 the following letter was read from Sir J. H. G. Esmonde Bart. M. P.:-

"With reference to the resolution you have sent me from the County Council regarding the extension of the financial advantages of the new labourers acts to those Unions which have made a generous use of the previous acts, I write to state that the question is engaging the serious attention of the Irish Party. Amendments to that effect will be moved when the Bill gets to Committee, and I will not fail



to give the question special attention at subsequent stages of the Bill in the event of the Committee not agreeing to our proposals."

Mr. Peter French, M.P. wrote under date 14<sup>th</sup> June.

"I am in receipt of resolution passed by County Council on the 11<sup>th</sup> inst, which shall have my best attention. Kindly convey my best thanks to the County Council for sending me a copy of Mr. O'Sullivan's pamphlet on the Labourers' Bill, which contains much useful information."

The following resolutions were received from the Wexford District Council for adoption:-

1.- "We consider the financial provisions of the Bill unjust, and, in the event of the Government not making same retrospective as regards existing loans, we strongly urge the Government in the interests of a large number of Rural Districts, where (when there was no inducement of Government aid) the Labourers' Acts were in the past put in force to a large extent, to supplement the Eschequer contribution by such a sum as will relieve in these heavily-taxed districts by at least the difference between the old and new terms of loans.

As an instance applicable to our own district we wish to point out that under the financial clauses of the new Bill the total expenses on the rates would be 10/- to 15/- per house as compared with £2: 15/- which each old house is now costing the rates."

2. - "In case of a scheme a preliminary notice requiring assent or dissent shall be served by the Clerk on the Owners and Occupiers on receipt of the representation.



and in the case of assent the notice required under clause 4 need not be served."

3.- "That when a fair rent has been fixed in respect of any land formerly regarded as demesne land or a home farm, or where advances under the Land Purchase Acts have been made, or are about to be made, in respect of any such land, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Act, parcels of land may be acquired on such lands for the purpose of the Labourers Acts."

4.- "That we are of opinion that sub-clause 5 of clause 11. in allowing persons to proceed against councils for purchase money paid six years previously to the then Owner or Occupier should be eliminated as we consider that the consciousness of being open to litigation for 6 years after purchase money has been paid would make councils slow in exercising the concession in sub-clause 1 of the same section, and thereby retard the acquisition of the land, making the clause practically a "dead letter."

5.- "That in cases where Owners, Occupiers or other persons interested oppose the erection of cottages, such persons should, in the event of being unsuccessful either at the Local Inquiry or on appeal bear their own costs."

6.- "That where inquiries are held under the Acts, Inspectors shall, on the representation of the councils concerned, appoint local reporters to take the shorthand notes of such inquiries."

7.- "That in clause 10 on line 30 after the word "effect" insert. "and the county council be empowered to overdraw with their Treasurer to meet such sums."

8.- In clause 2 on line 13 after the word "enlarge" or to erect a shed or other outhouse in connection with."



9.- That we desire to draw attention to the exorbitant sums awarded by the arbitrators (in many instances 30 per cent over the amount paid for good land in agreement cases) and that in view of the class of persons always appointed as arbitrators not having the confidence of the people, and from whose award there is no appeal, we suggest that the county council a neutral body should have the appointment of the arbitrator."

The resolutions from Wexford Union were marked "read," as the Bill had passed into law."

Mr Peacocke proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Sir Thomas Esmonde, and Mr Peter French, Parliamentary Representatives for Wexford County for their action in connection with the improvement of the Labourers Bill of the Government. Mr Ennis seconded the proposition which was passed.

#### Auditors' Reports

The Local Government Board forwarded for the information of the county council copies of the reports of their auditors in respect of the accounts of the New Ross Rural District Council and Union, and Enniscorthy Lunatic Asylum."

#### Telegraph Office, Killurin.

Under date 16<sup>th</sup> July, the Secretary to the Post Office wrote asking for the consent of the Co. Council to the placing of an overground telegraphic line along the public road from Killurin railway station to Killurin post office.

"On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Ennis, a resolution was adopted giving the desired permission."



Analyst's Report.

The following was read:-

City Laboratory  
17 Castle Street  
Dublin, 31<sup>st</sup> July 1906.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, B. Sc., M. D.,  
Public Analyst for the County Wexford, on  
articles submitted to him for analysis during  
the quarter ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 1906.

22 articles were received from the Food Inspectors  
R. J. G., as follows:-

| <u>Article</u> | <u>Number</u> |
|----------------|---------------|
| Butter         | 16            |
| Whiskey        | 5             |
| Milk           | 1             |
| Total          | <u>22</u>     |

They were pure.

For the Guardians of the Gorey Union, fifteen  
drugs, ten specimens of wine, eight of whiskey  
and one of water, were analysed. One of the  
drugs namely, Cherry Laurel water was  
deficient in hydrocyanic acid.

The specimen of water had the following  
composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains:-

|                           |        |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Total solid matters       | 7.960  |
| including                 |        |
| albuminoid ammonia        | 0.0065 |
| saline ammonia            | 0.005  |
| Nitric acid               | Trace  |
| Chlorine                  | 1.192  |
| Sulphuric acid            | 0.7206 |
| Equal to calcium sulphate | 1.0000 |

A fairly good water.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union, nine  
drugs, twelve specimens of tea, and eleven of port  
wine were analysed. One of the drugs,



namely, compound mixture of Senna was high in gravity.

Two specimens of water analysed for Enniscorthy Urban District had the following compositions:-

One imperial gallon contained in grains-

|                           | <u>No. 1.</u> | <u>No. 2.</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Total solid matters       | 15.400        | 39.760        |
| including                 |               |               |
| albuminoid ammonia        | 0.009         | 0.007         |
| saline ammonia            | 0.0085        | 0.005         |
| Nitric acid               | 1.500         | 1.870         |
| Chlorine                  | 2.087         | 1.590         |
| Sulphuric acid            | None          | Trace         |
| Equal to calcium sulphate | None          | Trace         |
| Tolerably good waters.    |               |               |

For Enniscorthy Asylum four specimens of milk were analysed. One was of poor quality.

Seven specimens of fertilizers analysed for the County Committee of Agriculture were up to the guarantee.

Two fertilizers were analysed for the Ramsgrange Co-operative Society.

One specimen of milk analysed for Mr. H. Scott, Gorey; was of poor quality.

For Shillelagh Union which is partly situated in the County Wexford, three drugs were analysed. They were correct.

Total analyses. 92.  
Charles A. Cameron.

#### Amendment of Public Bodies Order.

Under date 15<sup>th</sup> June the Local Government Board wrote:- (Circular letter No. 76 M. 1906) forwarding copy of Order which the Board had made



amending the Public Bodies Order, 1904, with regard to the qualifications for appointment as collector of Poor Rate."

— Security of collector John Sinnott. —

Under date 23 June, 1906, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 35,138) relative to the security of collector Sinnott:-

"With reference to the entry in the minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 11<sup>th</sup> instant, relative to the security of Mr. John Sinnott, collector of Poor Rate, I am directed by the Local Government for Ireland to state that they concur in the proposal to reduce the amount of this officer's security to £750."

— Salary of County Surveyor. —

Under date 25<sup>th</sup> June, 1906, the Local Government Board wrote, letter No. 36344 (New Ross Urban District) forwarding copy of letter which they had received from the New Ross Urban District Council, relative to the salary of the County Surveyor, together with a copy of their reply.

The following is a copy of the letter written on behalf of the New Ross Urban District:-

"I am directed by my Council to apply to the Local Government Board for Ireland to have this Urban District exempt from contributing to the salary of the County Surveyor of the County of Wexford, inasmuch as that Council has now decided that there shall not be any main roads in future, and the County Surveyor shall not therefore be required to perform any duties in connection with this Urban District."

Under these circumstances my Council considers it very unfair to be required to contribute any portion of his salary."

The following under date 25<sup>th</sup> June is a copy of



the reply of the Local Government Board:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> instant, claiming exemption on behalf of the New Ross Urban District Council from contributing towards the salary of the County Surveyor; and, in reply, I am to state, that the Board see no reason why the Urban District Council should not, as part of the county, bear their proportionate share of this expenditure."

The Department of Agriculture & hire of dredger.

Under date 16<sup>th</sup> July 1906. The following letter No. 3727. F. B., was read from the Department of Agriculture; etc.:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> instant, on the subject of the removal of the mud from the Harbours of Arthurstown, Duncannon, and Ballyhack, I have to state, for the information of the Wexford County Council, that the Department have not control of any dredger other than one of the suction type."

Proposed by the Chairman; seconded by Mr. Peacocke: "That we call the attention of the Chief Secretary for Ireland to the reply received from the Department of Agriculture in reference to Southern Piers. It is seven years ago since this Council first drew the attention of the Government to the condition of the Harbours in this county, and we have been bandied about from Pillar to Post since, and nothing has been done. That this Council desire to know whether there is any chance of attention being ever paid to the resolutions from this Council or any other body regarding the conditions of the Harbours in this county. The Co. Council desire a reply to this resolution"

Passed.



Level Crossings on Railways.

The following letter under date 6<sup>th</sup> inst. was read from Mr. Aspley, County Councillor:-

"Fearing that I would not get to meeting tomorrow I would like you would bring before the meeting the fact that several persons who were going to Bullinstown last week were delayed at the crossing at Wellington Bridge:- in one case for over an hour. This seems to be unnecessary and perhaps it would be well if the Council took some action in the matter.

I was down there myself yesterday and a good many people were complaining of being delayed, particularly those who drove long distances to see their friends."

"On the motion of the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:-

"That a copy of Mr. Aspley's letter be sent to the Secretary, G. S. & W. Railway Co., and that his attention be also directed to the fact that the manner in which the level crossing at Mayglass is being managed has also given rise to complaint."

Zara Hill Quarry.

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Ennis and adopted:- "That Mr. Elger, Solicitor be directed to take the necessary steps to obtain possession of Zara Hill Quarry for the Co. Council."

Templenacrow Quarry.

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the following committee of inspection for Templenacrow Quarry at Palace Railway Station be summoned on a date to be fixed by our Secretary about the 1<sup>st</sup> September to inspect this quarry and furnish a report re same to the County Council:- Messrs Ennis, Aspley, J. A. Doyle,



John Sinnott, A. Kinsella, and the chairman."

Holidays.

"On the motion of the chairman, the Secretary was granted a fortnight's holidays to be taken at his convenience, and the County Surveyor a month's holidays; three weeks to be taken now."

Bye Laws, New Ross Bridge

Under date 30<sup>th</sup> July, the following letter was read from Mr. Finn, Town Clerk, New Ross:-

"I am directed by my Council to send you the enclosed copy of a letter which they have received from their solicitors in reference to the proposed alteration in the existing New Ross Bridge Bye-law, and to request the favour of your Council's observations upon it."

"The following from Messrs Colfer & Gethin, Solicitors, New Ross, is a copy of the communication referred to in the letter of Mr. Finn:-

"Referring to yours of the 15<sup>th</sup> ultimo (June) we have to say that on revising the Bye-laws, which we drafted in accordance with the directions of the Council, we are not satisfied that the Council have power to make a bye-law prohibiting vessels from mooring to the Bridge, or to the warping buoys, and we would not like to make ourselves responsible for the preparation of a bye-law on this point, unless under the advice of Council. Such an important matter is invariably recognised as a fit subject for Council's advice."

The Secretary stated that he had forwarded a copy of the letter of Messrs Colfer & Gethin to the County Solicitor, Mr. Elgee, who had written as follows, under date, 1<sup>st</sup> August:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday enclosing copy of one from Messrs Colfer & Gethin,



to the Town Clerk of New Ross, as to these draft bye-laws, and I quite agree with what Messrs Colfer & Gethin says as to submitting them to counsel, because the bye-law prohibiting vessels mooring to the bridge or to the warping buoys is a most important one, and it is therefore advisable that the Urban Council should be clear on the point as to their power to make it. I think therefore that the County Council ought to pay counsel's fee, along with the costs of the case to him and the other costs, but you should limit the amount of counsel's fee to £2:2/-."

"The Chairman moved that this matter be referred to Mr. J. J. Blancy, Counsel's fee not to exceed £2:2/- and that this Co. Council agree to bear the costs of preparing the bye-laws."

Passed.

#### — Exportation of Sheep. —

On the motion of the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the attention of the public be directed to the fact that they cannot send their sheep to England, Scotland & Wales, unless they are dipped in an efficient dip, and unless the regulations of the Orders governing importation of sheep be carried out."

#### — Confirmation of Minutes —

On the motion of the Chairman the minutes of the Finance, Proposals, and Diseases of Animals Acts, Committees were confirmed.

#### — Payments, etc. —

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

"That the several proposals for Payment sent up



by the Proposal Committee and the various Rural District Councils of the County, be confirmed subject to the several Orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

Mulrankin Castle

The Chairman moved, - that the Estate Commissioners be informed that the County Council is satisfied to take over Mulrankin Castle. Mr. Ennis seconded the motion which was passed.

Explosive License

Mr. Patrick Doran, 26 Main Street, Gorey, applied for an explosive license:-

"On the motion of the Chairman it was decided that Mr. Doran's premises be registered for the keeping of mixed explosives."

Prosecuting a Road Contractor

Mr. Webster, County Surveyor received directions to institute a prosecution against John Roche, the Divv; and his sureties, for neglect of Road No. 137 Wexford District.

M. Ennis

4.12.1906



Special meeting - 24<sup>th</sup> August 1906.

A special meeting of the County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse Wexford; on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August 1906.

Present:- Mr M. A. Ennis, Vice-Chairman (presiding)  
Other Councillors:- Messrs E. Hore, Daniel Dempsey, J. E. Maylor, Michael Browne, James Donohoe, John Bolger, John Cummins, Thomas Aspley, Mark Codd, Denis Kavanagh, James Sinnott, J. A. Doyle, C. H. Peacocke, Patrick Cleary, Matthew Doyle, John J. Kehoe, R. C. Murphy, Thaddeus Bolger, John Sinnott, and James Codd.

The Secretary; and Mr R. W. Elger, Solicitor to the Council, were in attendance.

Election of Assistant Surveyors.

The Secretary having read the advertisement for the appointment of three Assistant Surveyors applications for the positions were read as follows:-

1 Abbey Street, Wexford.  
22<sup>nd</sup> August 1906.

Dear Sir,

I beg to apply for the position of Assistant County Surveyor (District No. 3) under your Council.

The Local Government Board's certificate which I enclose, shows that I am qualified under the terms of the advertisement.

I have already forwarded to your office testimonials as to my character and ability from my present employer, Henry Webster Esq. M. Inst. C. E. County Surveyor; Rev P. Doyle adm., Wexford; Rev J. F. Kennedy C. C. Wexford; and Rev Mark Byrne C. C. Wexford.

If elected I shall do all in my power to give the Council every satisfaction in the discharge



of my duties.

I would be prepared to take up duty immediately when called upon by the Council to do so.

H. J. Frizell Esq.  
Secretary.

Yours faithfully  
Robert Brennan.

Boonaboy Oylegate.  
Enniscorthy. 23/8/06.

To the Chairman & Gentlemen

County Council, Wexford.

Mr. Chairman, & Gentlemen of the Co. Council, I beg to offer myself as a candidate for the position of Assistant County Surveyor for District No. 2. in accordance with your advertisement in the County Wexford Independent. I herewith enclose certificates of qualifications etc.,

Hoping to receive your kind consideration and support by electing me to the position. I trust I will be able to fulfil the duties to the best of my ability, and in every way to the satisfaction of the Council and the Co. Surveyor.

I remain Gentlemen

Yours Respectfully  
Thos. J. Ryan.

Bastlicomer, Co. Kilkenny.  
16<sup>th</sup> August 1906.

To the Chairman of the Wexford Co. Council.  
Mr. Chairman, & Gentlemen;

I beg to offer myself as a candidate for the position of Assistant Surveyor, for one of the vacant districts mentioned in your advertisement in the Wexford Independent of the 11<sup>th</sup> Inst.

I am fully qualified for the position as I hold a "Certificate of qualification" from the Local Government Board.

I have already done temporary duty as Assistant



Surveyor in the counties of Kilkenny, and Kildare and hold testimonials from the County Surveyors of those counties, and these I beg to enclose.

Should you appoint me to the above position, I shall endeavour to the best of my ability to discharge the duties to your satisfaction.

I beg to remain,

Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen  
Your obedient servant  
Thomas Paddle.

Castletown, Berhaven,  
Co. Cork, 18<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1906

Sir,

With reference to the appointment of 8. Assistant Surveyors, which is to be made by your Council on 24<sup>th</sup> inst., I beg to apply as a candidate for one of the posts. My age is 32 years, and the following is an account of my qualifications and experience viz:- With a view to obtaining a good ground-work for my profession, I commenced my career by serving a term of 4 years under a Firm of Builders. Then, I became an Engineering pupil of S. A. Kirkby's, Esq. M.I.C.E. (County Surveyor, Cork) and served under him for a period of 3 years; during that time I superintended the making of roads, bridges, sea-walls, etc. I also acted as Assistant Co. Surveyor (pro tem) and passed the Board of Works Exam. for that position.

On the completion of my pupilage I was employed by the War Department, as Clerk of Works, etc., for a period of 54 years, and superintended the erection of the following works:- The building of a Pier; the laying out and making of new roads; the building of Officers and married Soldiers quarters, Barracks; Store-houses, Fortifications, Water supplies, Drainage Works etc.



I may also mention that I hold a Diploma as an Associate member of the Institution of Civil Engineers, of Ireland, (this Diploma renders me qualified for the position) as well as being a Fellow of the Institute of Sanitary Engineers, and member of the Royal Sanitary Institute.

I have much pleasure in enclosing you copies of my testimonials.

As I am at present engaged in superintending the building of an important Pier for the Cork County Council and Congested Districts Board jointly, I am not quite sure whether I shall be able to attend the meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> inst, but I shall do my best to be present.

I am Sir,

Your obedient servant  
J. F. Blanchard, F.M.S.E.C.I.

The Secretary.

Wexford Co. Council.

44 Mountjoy Square Dublin.  
August 23<sup>rd</sup> '06

Gentlemen,

In reply to your advertisement for three Assistant Surveyors, I respectfully beg to offer myself as a candidate for one of the positions.

I have carefully read your list of rules for Assistant Surveyors, and am fully prepared to carry out the duties in same, and consider I am eligible to fill one of the vacancies, having served my time to the Building trade, and have a certificate for Building Construction and Drawing, and quantity surveying from the Technical schools.

I have for the past 4 years held the position of general Superintendent of Buildings in course of erection, to Mr. B. Millard, Builder & Contractor



Pleasant St, Dublin, I am also Town Surveyor to the Trim Urban Council.

I have already sent you copy of testimonial from Mr. Millard.

If appointed I guarantee that the roads in my district would be kept in a first class manner, being a member of the Irish Industrial Development Association, I would see that all materials for contracts were of Irish manufacture, and that all works were carried out strictly in accordance with the specification.

Hoping to be honoured with one of the appointments.

I beg to remain,  
Gentlemen.

Your obedient servant  
Joseph. P. Macken.

To the Councillors,  
Wexford Co. Council.

Linahely, Co. Wicklow.  
August 24<sup>th</sup> 1906.

Gentlemen,

I beg to make application for the position of assistant Surveyor, for No. 1 District. I am 32 years of age and have a thorough knowledge of the duties to be performed.

Unfortunately my original testimonials are in the hands of the Congested Districts Board, but I append copies and shall guarantee to satisfy the Local Government Board in that respect, should your body feel pleased to favour my appointment.

I am Gentlemen  
Yours obediently  
James C. Traynor.

To the Wexford Co. Council.



Messrs Blanchard, and Traynor, were not in attendance. The latter wried that he had missed his train.

The chairman ruled that the applications of candidates who were not in attendance, could not, under the terms of the advertisement, be considered.

Mr. Peacocke proposed, and Mr. Kehoe seconded the appointment of Mr. J. J. Ryan, as assistant surveyor for No. 2. District.

No other candidate was proposed and the chairman declared Mr. Ryan elected, nem con.

Mr. Browne proposed, the appointment of Mr. Robert Brennan, as assistant surveyor for No. 3. District. Mr. Asple seconded.

There being no other proposal the chairman declared Mr. Brennan elected.

Mr. Cummins, for No. 1 District proposed Mr. Thomas Paddle, as assistant surveyor. Mr. John Sinnott seconded.

Mr. Dempsey proposed, and Mr. J. A. Doyle seconded the appointment of Mr. Macken.

A poll was taken with the following result:-  
For Mr. Paddle:- Messrs E. Hore, J. E. Mayler, M. Browne, J. Donohoe, J. Bolger, J. Cummins, M. Codd, James Sinnott, C. H. Peacocke, P. Cleary, M. Doyle, J. J. Kehoe, N. C. Murphy, J. Bolger, John Sinnott, James Codd, and the chairman, 17.

For Mr. Macken:- Messrs J. A. Doyle, and D. Dempsey-2.

Declined to vote:- Messrs J. Asple, and D. Kavanagh-2.

The chairman declared Mr. Paddle elected.

On the motion of Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, it was decided that Mr. Brennan,



be allowed to live in the Town of Wexford,  
which is about half a mile outside his district.

The following are the testimonials lodged by  
the successful candidates:-

County Surveyor's Office, Wexford.  
August 12<sup>th</sup> 1906.

M<sup>r</sup>. Robert Brennan has been in my Office for  
the past seven years as clerk.

I have much pleasure in testifying that I  
have the highest opinion of his character and  
abilities.

He is applying for the post of Assistant Co.  
Surveyor. I consider him eminently qualified  
for the position; and though I should be very  
sorry to lose his services in my office, I shall  
be very pleased to have him as an Assistant.

Henry Webster, M. Inst. C. E.  
County Surveyor.

M<sup>r</sup>. Robert Brennan, a native of this parish,  
is seeking the position of Deputy Surveyor  
from the County Council. I know him for  
a considerable time, and I can testify that  
he is a young man of excellent character,  
whom I can recommend highly, and who,  
I have every confidence, from his abilities, will  
give satisfaction to the County Council.

Patrick Doyle, Adm.,  
Wexford, Aug 16<sup>th</sup> 1906.

Gentlemen,

I have known M<sup>r</sup>. Robert Brennan,  
intimately, for the last four years, and I have  
much pleasure in bearing testimony to his  
excellent character. He is a young man of  
great ability, industrious, and heartily devoted  
to his duties. I have every reason to hope that  
if you entrust to him the responsible office he



sucks, that he shall prove himself trustworthy and eminently efficient in discharge of his duties.

Yours truly  
J. F. Kennedy. C. C.

The Manse, Wexford.  
Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> 1906.

The Manse, Wexford.  
Aug 18<sup>th</sup> '06

Gentlemen,

It gives me much pleasure to recommend Mr. Robert, for the position of deputy Surveyor. I have known him for several years, and have always found him a most sober, trustworthy and self-respecting young man.

In view of his distinguished career in the Intermediate Examinations, etc., there is no need for me to dwell on his intellectual attainments. There can be no doubt that he is most competent to fulfil all the duties of his office.

I remain  
Yours truly  
M. Byrne C. C.  
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I know the Bearer Thomas Ryan of Boolnaboy. He is a good young man. He is a candidate for the office of deputy Surveyor, and I think that if elected, he would make an excellent one.

James Walsh. P. P.  
August 7<sup>th</sup> 1906.

As I believe Mr. J. J. Ryan to be a well conducted intelligent young man, I have great pleasure in recommending him for the position of Deputy Surveyor.

P. Sheil P. P.

Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> '06



Gallally, Enniscorthy.  
13/6/06.

The bearer Mr. J. J. Ryan, is a young man of excellent general character - honest and trustworthy in every way. If elected I consider he will make a very satisfactory deputy surveyor.  
(Signed) J. M. Ryan C. C.

Edermine Rectory, Enniscorthy.  
Co. Wexford. 8<sup>th</sup> Decr 1902.

I have much pleasure in giving my recommendation of the bearer, Mr. Thomas J. Ryan, in the highest sense, for, having known him for many years and having never heard of anything to his disadvantage, but rather in every way to his credit. I quite believe in the promise that is given by his excellent conduct and character as well as his close application to all such studies as have qualified him to work for a good post.

I am his anxious friend  
J. M. Swift-Dennis. Rector.

The National Bank, L<sup>th</sup> Enniscorthy.  
16<sup>th</sup> August 1906.

I have known Mr. J. J. Ryan for several years, he is a steady energetic young man, and I consider that if he is appointed to the post of Assistant County Surveyor, that he will discharge the duties in a satisfactory manner.

J. J. Lloyd Manager.

County Surveyor's Office  
Wexford, December 6<sup>th</sup> 1902.

Mr. Thomas James Ryan, has worked under me for over three years as contractor for the maintenance of the Deep Bridge, over the river Slaney, in which work he has gained considerable experience in timber work, scarping of piles, etc., and



repairs to the road surface over the bridge.

Henry Webster  
County Surveyor  
Wexford.

Royal College of Science,  
Stephen's Green, East.  
Dublin. Aug 11<sup>th</sup> 1902.

M<sup>r</sup> James Ryan has attended the courses in the College in building construction, Road making, Surveying, and plotting, and drawing. He has worked very steadily and made great progress in his work. Considering all the circumstances of his case, I think he has made remarkable use of his opportunities here, and that he would be well qualified for the post of Assistant Surveyor.

James Lyon  
Professor of Engineering

County Surveyor's Office,  
Kilkenny. 6<sup>th</sup> Sept. '05

M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Paddle, has acted as temporary assistant surveyor in this county for the past twelve months during which time he has carried out the duties to my entire satisfaction.

He is fully qualified for the work and understands it thoroughly.

A. M. Burden  
County Surveyor

County Surveyor's Office, Courthouse,  
Naas, Co. Kildare. 29<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1905.

M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Paddle, was a temporary Assistant Surveyor in this county from 8<sup>th</sup> September 1903, to 30<sup>th</sup> April 1904, during the illness of M<sup>r</sup> H. S. Hurley Assistant Surveyor.

M<sup>r</sup> Paddle is an honest, hardworking conscientious man and is qualified and well fitted to discharge



the duties of an Assistant Surveyor. That is my opinion of Mr. Paddle after seven months' experience of him.

Edward Giver. Co. Surveyor.

The Question of University Scholarships

Under date 11<sup>th</sup> August 1906, the Department of Agriculture, etc, wrote, (letter No. 20293-06) forwarding for the information of the County Council, copy of the following letter which had been forwarded by them to the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction on the subject of University Scholarships having been included in the scheme of Technical Instruction for the session 1906-7:-

"With regard to the proposals for establishing two University Scholarships in the scheme of Technical Instruction for the County Wexford for 1906-7, the Department are advised by the Law Officers of the Crown that expenditure for the purpose of these proposals is not permissible under the Technical Instruction Acts of 1889 and 1891, or under the Agriculture and Technical Instruction Act of 1899.

I have accordingly to request the Committee to be good enough to resubmit the scheme with this provision omitted, and to note that, in the circumstances, it will not be possible for the Department or the Board of Technical Instruction to take these proposals into further consideration.

In reply to the request in the minutes of the meeting of the Committee on the 24<sup>th</sup> ultimo, for details of the system upon which funds are allocated for technical instruction to the various counties, I have to point out that the amounts allocated to each scheme are furnished annually in the appendices to the General Report of the



Department, and to add that the Department intend to issue to the Technical Instruction Committees this year a volume containing fuller details of all the schemes of Technical Instruction in the country, and the funds allocated thereto, which have been considered and approved by the Board of Technical Instruction. These particulars, however, will not be available before the close of the year.

With regard to the queries on pages of the Committee's minutes, the Department regret that they must decline to answer queries of the kind respecting the proceedings of their Advisory Boards.

Regarding the statement as to Mr. Ennis asking to appear personally before the Board of Technical Instruction, it was not understood that Mr. Ennis expressly made such a request, but he was informed that procedure of the kind would not be in accordance with precedent.

Under date 16<sup>th</sup> August the following letter was read from Sir Thomas Esmonde:

"As to the University Scholarship, our answer to the Department is (1) - That we have no less than two legal opinions in our favour - one lawyer is as good as another - Two therefore should be better than one.

(2) - That if there is by any chance anything remotely savouring of illegality in our proposal, they can make the thing legal by confirming it under their act. The settling of the difficulty (if there is any difficulty) is in their hands - as the making of it was theirs. and finally (3) that we have carefully chosen our position - and that we mean to hold it - whether the Crown lawyer approves or not - or whether the Department approves, or not.

We have given them every warning and every opportunity to avoid an irreconcilable attitude



towards us; and if they choose to adopt such an attitude we are equally determined to hold our own."

The Chairman proposed:- "That in view of the fact that this Council are fortified by the opinions of two eminent K. C.'s. that the proposal for the establishment of two University Scholarships embodied in the proposed Technical Instruction Scheme for Session 1906-7 is perfectly legal, and comes within the provisions of the Technical Instruction Acts of 1889 and 1891, and the Agriculture and Technical Instruction Act of 1899, we call upon the Department to furnish us with the text of the statement of the case submitted by them to the Law Officers of the Crown for their opinion, and the text of the reply of the Law Officers of the Crown thereto."

The foregoing resolution was adopted, nem con.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Donohoe, the following resolution was also adopted:- "That we request Mr. Elgee our Solicitor to obtain a further legal opinion from Messrs J. J. Clancy, and M. J. Dunn, K. C.'s. (in consultation) in order to have drafted for us an amended scheme under which it will be necessary for us to proceed if we are forced to break off relations with the Department, on the Technical Instruction side."

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:- "As perfect equality with regard to facilities for higher education is the inherent right of every tax-paying citizen, we call upon the Government to take such steps as may be necessary to confer on all Irishmen irrespective of religious denomination, equal



facilities in the matter of University Education, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of the General Council of Irish County Councils for discussion at Annual Meeting."

### Veterinary Scheme

It was decided that the Secretary furnish a copy of the proposed Veterinary Scheme to the Secretary of the Irish Councils' General Council for discussion at Annual Meeting."

### Auditor's Report.

The following report of Mr. C. D. Barry, Auditor of the Local Government Board, under date 8<sup>th</sup> August 1906, was read:-

"I have the honour to report that I have audited the Accounts of the County Council of Wexford for the half-year ended March last, and I forward herewith a certified Abstract thereof in pursuance of your order.

The accounts were prepared and submitted for audit in a very satisfactory manner."

### The Department & Poulduff Pier.

Under date the 15<sup>th</sup> August the following letter (No. 4149:06 F. B) was read from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, on the subject of Poulduff Pier:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> instant, I have to state that the Department note that the Wexford County Council are quite ready to pay over the County contribution for Poulduff improvements on receiving a demand for the same.

Regarding the question of the cement used, the Department understand that the supply which the contractor has already on the ground will suffice for the completion of the work."

"No Order."



New Ross Bridge & Grand Canal Coy.

Under date the 15<sup>th</sup> August, the following letter was read from the manager of the Grand Canal Company, Dublin:-

"On the 28<sup>th</sup> July our steamer and one of our boats arrived at New Ross bridge at 9 a.m. and the caretaker was asked to turn the bridge, and let them through, but refused to do so until the mail train would pass at 9.40 a.m. consequently the steamer and boat missed a tide and delayed 10 hours.

I shall be glad if you will give instructions to the bridge keeper to prevent this happening again."

"The Secretary said he had furnished a copy of the letter to Mr. Webster, County Surveyor, and to the caretaker of the bridge for his observations."

"Postponed for the attendance of the County Surveyor, who is at present on holidays."

McMinnis

4.12.1906



Special meeting - 17<sup>th</sup> October 1906.

A special meeting of the county council, was held in the council chamber, Courthouse Wexford, on 17<sup>th</sup> October 1906.

Present:- Mr M. A. Ennis, Vice-Chairman, presiding.  
Other members:- Messrs C. H. Peacocke, C. Hore, J. J. Kehoe, James Codd, J. A. Doyle, M. Doyle, J. Cummins, D. Dempsey, J. Asple, and P. Cleary.

The Secretary, and Mr Henry Webster, County Surveyor, were in attendance.

Technical Instruction Scheme.

On the motion of the chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we hereby confirm the resolution of the Co. Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, agreeing to submit to the Department of Agriculture, the Technical Instruction Scheme for session 1906-7, with the provision for two technical scholarships in an institution of University standing eliminated, and with the financial provisions of the scheme altered in accordance with the figures agreed to at the meeting of the Co. Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, held this date."

Assistant Surveyor Paddle

Under date 16<sup>th</sup> October, the following letter was read from Mr Webster, County Surveyor:-

"Mr Paddle, Assistant Surveyor, Gorey, has written to me, asking for permission to act as temporary clerk of works, during the building of the new Town Hall at Gorey. If you could see your way to grant this request, I do not think it would interfere with his duties as Assistant Co. Surveyor."



"On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Dempsey, it was decided that Mr. Paddle be allowed to act as temporary clerk of works for new Town Hall of Gorey."

— Bar at Courtown Harbour. —

Under date 16<sup>th</sup> October, the following letter was read from Mr. Stapleton, Harbour Master, Courtown:-

"I beg to inform you that the bar is badly silted between the piers, in fact it is silted nearly up to the sluice gates, and on this date there is not more than 2½ feet of water at low tide. I got it sluiced several times, but it took no effect, as the body of water inside gates was not sufficient, for want of a fresh in the river, and if there is no fresh soon, I fear nothing larger than a yawl can get to sea for the coming herring fishing."

"It was decided that the letter of the Harbour Master be referred to Mr. Webster, County Surveyor."

— Damage to Ferryarrig Bridge —

The County Surveyor reported that on the 16<sup>th</sup> inst. at three o'clock, a steamer known as the "Enniscorthy steamer," when going up the river from Wexford to Enniscorthy, on a flood tide, and towing a barge, collided with Ferryarrig Bridge. Instead of keeping to the south side, and getting a clear run to the Bridge, the steamer went for the bridge rather askew, running into an outside raking pile, rubbing across the line of piles for the support of the bridge, and bending them to the south side.

Mr. Webster then gave particulars of the damage. - He estimated that the total repairs which it was necessary to carry out on the bridge would cost £33, and of that amount the damage would be represented by £18."



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

"That Mr. Webster be instructed to have the necessary repairs to Ferryarrig Bridge carried out at once, and that Mr. Elgee Solicitor be instructed to write to the owners of the steamer which damaged the bridge demanding from them £18. compensation for injury to the bridge caused by the steamer on the 16<sup>th</sup> October 1906."

#### Irrecoverable Rates.

On the motion of the Chairman, the lists of Irrecoverable Rates, of the Rate Collectors, for the half-year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 1906 were passed.

W. Ennis

4.12.1906



Statutable Half-yearly Meeting - 4<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1906

The Statutable Half-yearly meeting of the Co. Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford on 4<sup>th</sup> December 1906.

Present :- Mr M. A. Ennis, (vice-chairman) presiding.  
Other members present :- Messrs Edmond Hore, D. Dempsey, Michael Browne, James Donohoe, John Bolger, John Cummins, Alexander Kinsella, Thomas Asple, Mark Codd, Denis Kavanagh, James Sinnott, James A. Doyle, C. A. Peacocke, Matthew Doyle, John J. Kehoe, N. C. Murphy, Michael Hickey, J. Bolger, John Sinnott, and James Codd.

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

— Confirmation of minutes. —

The minutes of meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> August, and of special meetings 24<sup>th</sup> August, and 17<sup>th</sup> October, were read and confirmed.

— Tenders for Works from District Councils. —

With reference to work No. 6. Enniscorthy District to repair 498 perches of the lane leading from the public road at Knockmore lime kiln, for which Laurence Bloke, Courtmacuddy, had been accepted contractor at £49 : 16 : 0. Mr M. J. O'Connor and Mr Pettit, Solicitors, appeared to oppose.

A letter was written on behalf of their clients protesting against the acceptance of the contract. If the lane was to be made 14 feet wide it would be necessary to throw down some of their fences and take portion of their land.

Mr Dempsey, Solicitor, appeared in support of the acceptance of the contract.

After hearing witnesses on both sides :-  
Mr Cummins proposed :- "That the proposal of



the District Council be confirmed.  
 Mr Kinsella, seconded.

In reply to the Chairman:- Mr Webster, County Surveyor, said that in the event of the people living on the lane refusing to allow the fences to be interfered with, he would allow the width of the road to remain as it is, and do nothing only put the surface of the lane into proper order.

Mr Hore proposed, that the proposal be rejected, with a view to having it brought on again, in a form that would allow the lane to be of proper width. Mr Dempsey seconded.

Mr Asple suggested that a Committee, should see the lane. He had inspected it, and if allowed as at present, two cars would not be able to pass each other.

A vote was then taken with the following result.

For adopting the proposal of the District Council:- Messrs J. Bolger, Kinsella, Kehoe, Murphy, James Sinnott, Mark Codd, M. Doyle, J. A. Doyle, J. Bolger, J. Cummins, and Kavanagh. - 11.

For Rejection:- Messrs Browne, Hore, Peacocke, Donohoe, Dempsey, James Codd, and the Chairman. 7.

Did not vote:- Messrs Asple, and Hickey. 2.

The Chairman declared the proposal of the District Council carried.

On the motion of Mr J. Bolger, seconded by Mr James Sinnott. Works Nos A & B. in Ennisceorthy District for which no tenders were received were given in charge of the County Surveyor.

Works Nos F. G. and H. were on the motion of Mr Hore, seconded by Mr Kinsella, referred back to the District Council. F. and G. because, on the report of the County Surveyor it was considered they were unnecessary, and H. because the Co.



Surveyor had received a letter from Mr. Moffat Solicitor for Lord Carw, that the latter objected to the gullet being made as it passed through his land, and his consent had not been asked.

The County Surveyor was directed to furnish copy of Mr. Moffat's letter to the clerk of the District Council.

Mr. A. O'Brien, D. C., appeared before the Council and objected to the adoption of a proposal from Enniscorthy District Council to widen and maintain the lane from Knocknasilloque to Blackwater. Mr. O'Brien presented a memorial objecting to the adoption of the work by the County Council.

Mr. Kavanagh proposed, that the proposal of the District Council be confirmed.

Mr. Murphy seconded.

Mr. Dempsey proposed - "That the work be thrown out." This proposal found no seconder, and the work was accordingly passed.

A letter was read from Joseph Cullen, Ballyrannell, that his contract for road No. 307 was 50 perches longer than the amount in specification.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Co. Surveyor.

In Gorey District - Work No. A - grating at gullet at Mr. C. Owen's gate, was referred back to District Council, as Mr. Owen was not satisfied with the proposed position of the gullet.

With reference to works untendered for at Proposal Committee, the following were given in charge of the County Surveyor:- No. 46 (Kilmore Quay) 48 (Arthurstown Pier) 49 (Duncannon Pier) 52 (Courtown Harbour) 53 (Mountgarrett Bridge) and 55 (New Ross Bridge)



Proposed by Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Hore, and adopted:- "That the several proposals for works, adopted by the Proposal Committee, as embodied in Form 20, be approved subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

Proposed by Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Hore, and adopted:- "That the several proposals for works, adopted by the Rural District Councils of the County, as embodied in Forms 20, be approved subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon, and signed by the Chairman."

Proposed by Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Hore, and adopted:- "That the several proposals for payment adopted by the Proposal Committee and Rural District Councils, of the County, be approved subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon, and signed by the Chairman."

#### University Scholarships.

The following letter No. 21490/06, under date 10<sup>th</sup> September 1906, was read; from the Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to the resolution adopted by the Wexford County Council on the 24<sup>th</sup> ultimo, in which the Department are requested to furnish, in connection with the proposal to establish University Scholarships under the County Wexford Scheme of Technical Instruction the text of the statement of the case submitted to the Law Officers of the Crown for their opinion, and the text of the Law Officers reply thereto, I have to state that it is contrary to the practice of the Department to publish the communications which pass between themselves and the Law Officers of the Crown. They regret therefore, that they are not in a position to comply with the request



of the county council."

marked "Read"

M<sup>r</sup> Ennis moved the following resolution; of which he had given previous notice:-

"That the resolution of the 17<sup>th</sup> November 1906, with reference to the establishment of county council scholarships be, and is hereby rescinded. The resolution was adopted unanimously."

— Department of Agriculture & I. A. O. S. —

M<sup>r</sup> Donohoe moved the following resolutions of which he had given previous notice:-

Resolved that:- "We, the county council of Wexford, as representing popular legally constituted authority and officially named to assist the Department in the promotion of agriculture and technical instruction, hereby enter our protest against the action of the council of Agriculture, and the Agricultural Board, in subsidising, with a large sum of money, an organisation known as the Irish Agricultural Organisation Society (I. A. O. S.), which has no legal status, and is subject to no public control, to the prejudice of the authority of the county councils, and their committees, popular elected bodies, in favour of a self-constituted, outside body, dominated by landlord and Unionist views, whose aim is now as ever to divide the people so that they may still control the administration of public business."

That the county committees, constituted as they are of county councillors, and outside representative men, are fully competent to forward the agricultural interests of the county, with the co-operation of the Department."

That the co. councils, through their Finance committees, assisted by Parish committees, which can always include district councillors and



clergymen, are the proper bodies to disburse small loans, to poor agriculturists, and others, from funds to be provided by the Department as they at present finance rural banks, and thus save the poor borrowers the humiliation of appearing before self-elected outsiders.

That the views of the county committees should be concentrated in the hands of a central council, like the county councils' General Council sitting in Dublin, who, associated with Departmental experts, should provide the best possible way of focussing public opinion on the agricultural and industrial interests of the country, and would command an influence and sympathy which only a popular elected body can inspire.

That copies of the foregoing be sent to the Committee enquiring into the working of the Department, to each Member of the Agricultural Board, to Messrs John Redmond, John Dillon, the county Members, and each Co. Council of Ireland."

Mr Dempsey seconded the resolutions.

after a long discussion, a poll was taken with the following result.

For the motion:- Messrs J. Bolger, Kinsella, Hore, Kehoe, Murphy, Donohoe, Dempsey, John Sinnott, James Codd, J. A. Doyle, J. Bolger, John Cummins, M. Hickey, M. Doyle, J. Asple, and the chairman:- 17.

Against:- Messrs Peacocke, M. Codd, and Kavanagh. 3.

Did not vote:- Mr Brown. 1.

The chairman declared the resolutions carried.

#### — Inspection of Proposed Agricultural Stations. —

The following report was read for the meeting:-  
"In pursuance of the resolutions adopted by



the County Committee of Agriculture, the following Committee, consisting of Messrs John Bolger, Mr. Lyons, James Coad, John Sinnott, Thomas Asple, and Rev<sup>d</sup> C. Kehoe, B. C., appointed to visit Camolin Park, and Ballinaslaney, met Mr. Gordon, Chief Agricultural Inspector, of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, at Ferns, on the 30<sup>th</sup> ultimo. They first visited Camolin Park and made a thorough inspection of the house, lands, and garden. The lands here appear to be well adapted for an agricultural school or training college, being of various natures, some of it being very sound and suitable for tillage, other portions of it rather wetish, where experiments could be tried.

The Committee then proceeded to Ballinaslaney, and were met by Mr. Dunn, who is the agent of the property. The same inspection was made of Ballinaslaney house and lands. The house appears to be very fine, only a large portion of it is still unfinished. The lands are rather uneven and inclined to be wet, and in the opinion of some of the Committee, would not be as suitable as Camolin. It was the opinion of the Committee that it would take about the same amount of money to put either house in repair for a school.

The following recommendation was made from the Finance Committee:-

"That we recommend the Council to call the attention of the Department to the importance to the County Wexford of the establishment of an agricultural station or school, and request them to favour us with immediate information as to the report of their Inspector, Mr. Gordon, in reference to the two sites for stations already inspected by him, viz:- Camolin Park, and Ballinaslaney Lodge, the former of which if not immediately secured, may not, in a short



time, be available, it being in the hands of the Estate Commissioners, who may possibly dispose of it.

The recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr. J. Bolger, seconded by the Chairman.

#### Appointment of Assistant Surveyors.

Letter No 50681: 50704; and 50717; Wexford County, under date 31<sup>st</sup> August 1906, from the Local Government, sanctioning the appointments of Messrs Brennan, Paddle, and Ryan, respectively, as assistant county surveyors, were laid before the meeting. Marked - "Read."

#### Scaled Orders - Superannuation allowance.

Scaled Orders approving of the superannuation allowance, granted to Messrs Patrick Leary, and Peter J. Murphy, were received from the Local Government Board. Marked - "Read."

#### Auditors' Reports.

The Reports of Local Government Auditors, on accounts of the following bodies, were laid before the meeting: Enniscorthy Union, and District Council; Gorey Union, and District Council; Wexford Union, and District Council, and Co. Committee of Agriculture. Marked - "Read."

#### Water supply at Kilmyshall.

The Local Government Board forwarded Scaled Order, in connection with water supply at Kilmyshall, and determining the Rural District of Enniscorthy, the area chargeable. Marked - "Read."

#### Veterinary Dispensaries.

The following letter No 22224/06 under date 29<sup>th</sup> October 1906, from the Department of Agriculture, etc., was read:-



"With reference to the proposed scheme for the establishment of Veterinary Dispensaries in the County Wexford, which was discussed at the last Quarterly meeting of your County Council, I have to acquaint you, for the information of the Council, that the Department have been advised that a Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts has no legal power to attach to the appointment of a Veterinary Inspector under those Acts conditions as to the fees that may be charged for cases of illness among animals that may come within the scope of the ordinary private practice of a Veterinary Surgeon.

A scheme of the nature suggested by the County Council could only be carried out with the voluntary co-operation of the Veterinary Inspectors.

The Department further desire to state that they have no funds at their disposal under the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, out of which they could make the suggested additional contribution of £200 a year to the County, while as regards the General cattle Diseases Fund, the County Council, are, no doubt, aware that that fund cannot be made available under existing circumstances for any purpose other than those specifically mentioned in Sections 72 and 73 of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894, and Section 3 of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1903; and that the remuneration of the Veterinary Inspectors must be determined solely in view of the extent of the duties required of them under those Acts.

The attitude of the Veterinary profession generally must necessarily be an important element in the consideration of the question of putting into operation a scheme of the kind, and in this connection I have to state that some time ago the Department received from the President



of the Council of the Veterinary Medical Association of Ireland, a copy of the minutes of the general meeting of the Association held in May last, when the subject of the establishment of Veterinary Dispensaries in Ireland was discussed, and when the following resolution was adopted with only one dissentient:-

"We, the members of the Veterinary Medical Association of Ireland, have carefully considered the various schemes for the establishment of Veterinary Dispensaries throughout Ireland, are of opinion that the establishment of such Dispensaries and the appointment of Veterinary Dispensary Officers in connection with them, who would be expected to afford advice and assistance at fees fixed in accordance with the valuation of the stock owner, is not in our opinion necessary, and even if it were, we consider that the various schemes, based as they are on the Dispensary medical service, would prove unworkable, and could not have the support of our profession."

The Secretary explained that on receipt of this letter he had written to the Department pointing out that the Veterinary Surgeons in this County were most anxious to work the scheme, and that the County Council did not in any way force the matter on the officials. In view of the fact that the local veterinary surgeons are satisfied to put the scheme into operation he (Secty) considered the Wexford County Council would attach but little importance to the minute of the Veterinary Medical Association of Ireland, referred to in the letter of the Department. This minute assumed that



the scheme "could not have the support of our profession". The Wexford County Council had exactly the opposite experience."

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. J. Bolger the following resolution was adopted:

"That we approve of the letter written by our Secretary to the Department of Agriculture on the 30<sup>th</sup> October relative to the Veterinary Dispensary Scheme, promoted by this Council, and seeing that our Veterinary Surgeons are perfectly willing to carry out the scheme, we consider the Department should agree to it. The scheme has the unanimous support of the ratepayers of Wexford County, and attempts to meet one of the most pressing needs of agriculturalists. Taking into account the different experiments promoted or helped by the Department, we are of opinion that it is difficult to select one more deserving, than the Veterinary Scheme. The sum asked from the Department is most reasonable, and we consider should be agreed to without question."

— Recoupment - Diseases of Animals Act. —

The Department of Agriculture, wrote under date 29<sup>th</sup> October 1906, that they had lodged to the credit of the Council, the sum of £106:4:4, recoupment for the half year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June '06 under the provisions of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894." marked - "Read"

— Contribution towards Kilmore Pier. —

Letter No. 4519/06 - F. B. under date 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1906. from the Department of Agriculture, was read:-  
"Adverting to your letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> instant; I have to state for the information of the Wexford County Council, that as the improvement works at Kilmore Harbour appear to have been completed on the 31<sup>st</sup> July, last, payment of the Department's



contribution towards the cost thereof will be made on the 31<sup>st</sup> January, next, if the works be then intact and in sound condition.

marked "Read"

Fethard Coastguard Station

The following letter No 11274-06, under date 3<sup>rd</sup> November 06. from the Board of Works, was read:-

"I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works to state for your information that the Admiralty, having decided to abolish the Coast Guard Station at Fethard, County Wexford, wish to dispose of their interest in the pier and watchhouse shown in red on the sketch forwarded herewith. You are no doubt aware that one side of the pier is already maintained by the Wexford County Council. The Board will be glad to know whether the Council will be prepared to purchase the interest of the Admiralty in the pier and watchhouse and if so, what sum they will offer for it."

The following resolution in connection with Fethard Harbour, was forwarded by D. J. O'Brien, Sol<sup>r</sup> Waterford:-

"That we, the fishermen, ratepayers, and residents, of Fethard, in meeting assembled call upon our District Council to urge upon the County Council the necessity of providing proper accommodation for the fishing industry at Fethard by passing a sufficient grant for the reconstruction of the Harbour at Fethard and for the purpose of carrying this resolution into effect we appoint, the Rev<sup>d</sup> Father Kinsella C. C., Rev Mr. Kellett, Peter Foley, George Bassett, Peter Bird, and D. J. O'Brien, Solicitor; as a deputation to wait on the County Council, at their meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> December."

Rev M. Kinsella, C. C., and Mr. J. D. O'Brien Solicitor, addressed the County Council, as to the necessity of having some improvements made at



Fethard Harbour, if the people were to be allowed to prosecute the fishing industry.

M<sup>r</sup> Peacocke moved:- That the thanks of this Council be conveyed to the Rev M. Kinsella C. C., and M<sup>r</sup> D. J. O'Brien for the very lucid statements made by them in support of the claims of the fishermen of Fethard to improved harbour accommodation. That the matter be referred to the Piers and Harbours Committee of the Council, with a request that they should as soon as possible visit Fethard, to ascertain what can be done to meet the wishes of the fishermen. That the County Surveyor, be instructed to attend with the Committee, and that the Department of Agriculture, be requested to send down an official from the Fisheries Branch to confer with the Piers and Harbours Committee, on the occasion of their visit to Fethard. M<sup>r</sup> Cummins seconded the resolution which was adopted."

"Letter from the Board of Works re Watchhouse was also referred to the Piers and Harbours Committee."

#### Loan - Enniscorthy District Council

Letter from the Board of Works, under date 25<sup>th</sup> October '06, enclosing notices (in duplicate) of their intention to advance to the Enniscorthy District Council loan of £1,300, under the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878. They requested that one of the copies be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Council.

Marked - "Read."

#### Close Season for Hares.

The following circular letter, under date 31<sup>st</sup> Augt '06 from Dublin Castle, was read for the meeting:-

"I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to inform you that His Excellency has received an application from the County Council of Waterford praying that an Order may be made fixing the close



Season for Hares in that County, from March 1<sup>st</sup> to September 20<sup>th</sup> in each year, for the following reasons:-

(1) That the killing of Hares after March 1<sup>st</sup> includes in the majority of cases the destruction of jills bearing young, and often means the loss of four Hares for each one killed.

(2) That no public coursing meetings have been held in that County, for some years owing to the great scarcity of Hares.

(3) That the Hares in the early autumn are unable to run owing to high pastures and cornfields.

(4) That the majority of the Hares killed in August and September are young and unfit for coursing, and that Poachers are very much in evidence at that period, as their task is then easiest.

(5) That the extension of the close season to the 20<sup>th</sup> September would give the Hares a period of five weeks further and thus enable them to be better able to cope with their natural enemies.

The close season prescribed by the Hares Preservation (Ireland) Act, 1879, runs from the 20<sup>th</sup> April to the 12<sup>th</sup> August, but this period has been extended by the Lord Lieutenant in every County but one in Ireland on the application of the Grand Jurors or of the County Councils to whom the initiative rested in the Grand Jurors by the above Act, has been transferred.

No variation has however as yet been made in the date of the termination of the close season which continue to run to the 12<sup>th</sup> August throughout Ireland. The reason now advanced by the Waterford County Council for its extension so as to run from 1<sup>st</sup> March to 20<sup>th</sup> September, seem, if they be valid, to be of general applicability and as it is desirable if possible to secure uniformity His Excellency desires me to request that you will



bring the matter before your County Council at their next meeting in order that they may state whether in their opinion the close season should be generally extended to the dates mentioned in the application of the Waterford County Council, namely to extend from 1<sup>st</sup> March to 20<sup>th</sup> September in each and every year."

Proposed by Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. J. A. Doyle "We consider the close season for Hares should run from 20<sup>th</sup> April to 20<sup>th</sup> September."

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Dempsey: "That we are of opinion the close season for Hares should be from 20<sup>th</sup> March to 20<sup>th</sup> September."

A poll was taken when the following voted in favour of the amendment proposed by Mr. Peacocke: Messrs. Kinsella, Hore, Peacocke, Murphy, Donohoe, Dempsey, John Sinnott, J. Cummins. - 8.

Against: Messrs. Browne, Kehoe, J. Codd, J. A. Doyle, M. Doyle, J. Bolger, and the Chairman - 7.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

#### Mrs. Martha Brien's Contract.

The following letter under date 26<sup>th</sup> November 1906, was read, from Mrs. Martha Brien, Milltown, Killarny.

"I beg to inform you that I am quite willing to surrender my road No 28 Enniscorthy District, - 1114 perches between the bridge of Iomanine and crossroads of Ballinlug. under 54<sup>th</sup> Section of the Grand jury Act. When I took this contract, I was under the impression that it would not be necessary to put out the full quantity of material mentioned in the specification, as it was admitted that the stone which I used for the contract was vastly superior to the ordinary stone of the locality. The members of the Council will recollect that the superior quality of the stone, which I put on the road was mentioned at the recent Local Government Board Inquiry. Now I find that the



practice which prevailed of giving credit for the superiority of the stone has been abandoned, and I am informed that I must put out the full quantity. This would be impossible. I think the members of the county council will recognise that in consequence of the circumstances in connection with this contract, which were brought out by the Roads Committee, and at the Local Government Inquiry, it would be beyond my power to carry out the contract to the surveyors wishes.

I therefore request the county council to ask the county surveyor to take this road up under the 54<sup>th</sup> section of the Grand jury Act. The fact that the county surveyor has deferred money on the contract should be evidence that the 54<sup>th</sup> section can apply, and I sincerely trust that in considering this application the co. council will take into account all the attendant circumstances of my case."

Under date 3<sup>rd</sup> December, a second letter was received from Mrs. Brien, saying she desired to withdraw her application, and accordingly no order was made."

### The Ford of Lyng.

In connection with the flooding of the Ford of Lyng, Mr. R. W. Elgee, read the following letter which he had received from Messrs. Carruthers & Gamble, Solicitors 39 Fleet Street, Dublin:-

"Referring to your letter to Messrs. Little & Dunn, of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst., a copy of which has been forwarded to us, as representing Colonel Mervyn Lynne, and Mr. Arthur A. Gardner. We beg to inform you that the Rental for sale will be settled on the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst., subject to the disposal of certain objections, and that it is our intention to at once bring forward a motion to the Court to declare our clients purchasers at the amount due to them for their mortgage. Other parties will have



notice of that application, and we are not quite certain what may happen on that occasion, but at anyrate it is in the very near future, and the lands will be then disposed of, and there will be someone for your clients to deal with, who will be an indisputable owner, and we therefore suggest that the county council might let the matter lie until the 1<sup>st</sup> January, by which date we expect the court will have conveyed the lands to someone against whom you can enforce the requirements of the county council. Our clients are neither of them gentlemen, who, if satisfied of a legal liability, would attempt to evade it.

Would you be disposed to let us see the case and opinion referred to in your letter.

We think the county council have allowed the level of the road to sink, and by their lacity contributed in some degree to the flooding complained of."

"On the motion of the chairman it was decided to adjourn the consideration of this matter till next meeting." Mr. Elgee to attend to it."

### Irish Railways.

The following resolution was received from the Secretary Irish Co. Councils' General Council:-

Resolved:- 1<sup>st</sup> That we are of opinion that the present system of managing the Irish Railways is detrimental to the interests of Ireland.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> That the placing their management in the hands of the British Government would be detrimental to Ireland.  
 3<sup>rd</sup> That on the other hand, it would be of great advantage to Ireland if all the Irish Railways were put under one management, subject to the control of some body representing the people of Ireland; and that the General Council of Co. Councils



could be made use of as such a representative body, if no other representative body were formed.

4<sup>th</sup> That the necessary legal powers should be given to the General Council, or other representative body, to purchase all the Irish Railways, and to borrow money for that purpose on the security of the rates of the whole of Ireland, which, added to that on the Railways themselves, would make security so perfectly safe, that the necessary money could be borrowed at a reasonable rate of interest."

"Mr Donohoe moved that the recommendations of the General Council of Irish Co. Councils, be approved. Mr Murphy seconded. Passed.

— Vice Regal Commission on Irish Railways. —

The following letter under date 3<sup>rd</sup> October 06 from the Secretary Vice Regal Commission on Irish Railways was read:—

"I am directed by the Commission to transmit, for the information of the County Council, copies of the heads of evidence to be given at the sittings to be held in Dublin on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> October, and subsequent days, and to inquire if your Council wish to give evidence during the Inquiry. If so, I am to request that you will furnish, as early as possible, the names of the representatives of your Council, and an abstract of the evidence which they propose to give."

The Secretary stated, that at a Finance Committee held 20<sup>th</sup> October the following resolution was adopted:— "That the Finance Committee are of opinion that it would be desirable that evidence before the Vice-Regal Commission on Irish Railways should be offered and accordingly request Messrs James Donohoe, John Bolger, and Mr. A. Ennis, to go as their witnesses before the Commission."

"Mr John Bolger proposed:— "That we confirm



the resolution of the Finance Committee, deciding to offer evidence before the Railway Commission; and that Mr. M. A. Ennis, and Mr. Kinsella, be requested to act as our witnesses, as Mr. Donohoe, and Mr. Bolger cannot attend. That Mr. Ennis be requested to deal specially with the delays at level crossings on the new line from Wexford to Waterford. Mr. D. Dempsey seconded. Passed.

### Inebriates' Homes.

The following letter under date 12<sup>th</sup> November 1906 from the Secretary Irish County Councils' General Council, was read:-

"I beg to enclose for the information of your Council copy of report of a Sub-Committee on the subject of Inebriates' Homes, which was submitted to, and approved of by the annual meeting of the Irish County Councils' General Council held on the 18<sup>th</sup> ult., I am to ask you to draw the attention of your Council to the form of resolution suggested in the report with the object of its adoption by them."

The following is the report, and suggested resolution, mentioned in above letter:-

"We the undersigned members of a Sub-Committee appointed for that purpose, visited St. Patrick's Certified Inebriates' Reformatory for male Patients, at Waterford, on June 19<sup>th</sup> 1906, and obtained from Father Feeney, manager, full particulars regarding the Institution which had just received its certificate for 30 patients. We are informed that seven patients have since been admitted from the Counties Dublin, Roscommon, Limerick, and Waterford, and that several other Counties and boroughs have agreed to become contributories.

The foundation of this certified Reformatory on practical lines and under efficient management appears to us to provide Irish County Councils generally with an economical and satisfactory



method of dealing with male Habitual Inebriates of the non-criminal class from their respective localities.

Similar provision yet remains to be made for Female Habitual Inebriates, but we understand that negotiations are in progress with a community of Nuns with that object in view.

We recommend the General Council to suggest to its affiliated county councils the adoption of the following resolution, viz:- "That this Council agrees to become contributory to the St. Patrick's Certified Inebriate Reformatory, Waterford, at the rate of 5/6 per head per week for any male Patients committed thereto from this County.

That we would regard with satisfaction the provision of a similar Reformatory for Female Inebriates."

The following letter under date 20th September '06 from Rev. P. Feaney, St. Patrick's Home, Kennessey's Road, Waterford, was read:-

"I should feel very grateful if you would kindly let me know whether or not your Council has decided in giving any grant for patients from Co. Wexford at this Home.

I have had a private communication to the effect that a patient would be committed were I willing to receive him. Under present regulation I can do so but by doing same would be at a considerable loss, without the aid of your Council viz:- £14. 6/- Hence this inquiry?

Hoping you are progressing with your Home for Women."

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hore seconded by the Chairman:-

"That we recommend the County Council to become Guarantors to St. Patrick's Inebriate Home in Waterford at the rate of 5/6 per head per patient per week."



Grand Canal Co. & New Ross Bridge.  
 Under date 15<sup>th</sup> August 1906, the following letter was read from the Manager of the Grand Canal Co.:-  
 "On the 28<sup>th</sup> July, our Steamer and one of our boats arrived at New Ross Bridge at 9 a.m. and the caretaker was asked to turn the Bridge and let them through, but refused to do so until the mail Train would pass at 9.40 a.m. consequently the steamer and boat missed a tide and delayed 10 hours. I shall be glad if you will give instructions to the bridge keeper to prevent this happening again."

The following reply was read from Mr. John Kough caretaker of the bridge, under date 28<sup>th</sup> August:-

"I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> inst as to the complaint of the Grand Canal Co., and in reply desire to state:-

On the morning mentioned I had arranged to let a steamer that was discharging at Mr. J. B. Kearne's through the Bridge after the mail Train passed to Waterford at 9.40 a.m. and had sent my men to breakfast about 10 minutes to 9 so as to be ready immediately after the mail train passed.

At 9 o'clock the local agent of the Canal Co., called me and asked me to open the Bridge as their steamer wanted to go up to St. Mullins. I explained to him the arrangement I had made, but said if I could get men I would open. I immediately procured men and had the Bridge opened, but when the Canal boat was leaving her hulk after the bridge being opened for about 4 minutes, the mail train was signalled on, and I had to close the Bridge before the Canal boat could go through. She subsequently went through about 25 minutes later.

I may add that at this particular time of the day, it is very hard to comply with a request to open, as a train arrives from Waterford at 5 minutes past 9, and the down Dublin train at 40 minutes



past 9, so when the 15 minutes by-law as to opening and closing is observed, there is practically no time left, but I did all in my power to meet the Canal Company.

Under date 30<sup>th</sup> November 1906 the following letter was read from the Manager, Grand Canal Co.

"On the 28<sup>th</sup> inst., our Steamer with a boat in tow reached the railway bridge above New Ross, at 3.35 p.m. but the bridge keeper declined to allow the vessels to pass through, on the ground that it was after sunset. This is a most extraordinary excuse, even although it had been dark, but there was broad daylight at the time. The consequence was that the boat in tow was delayed until next day, thereby causing this company serious loss. I shall be glad to know, if the bridge keeper was justified in refusing to let the boats through at that time of day. There is not the slightest mention about "sunset" in the regulations. We are doing our best to give a service to the public, even at almost unprofitable rates, and delays like this make a serious inroad upon any small profit we may make. If such an extraordinary rule is to be insisted on in future, we shall have to consider if it will be not more to our advantage to give up trading on the tidal water altogether, especially during the winter months. We have never had occasion to make a complaint like this before."

In reply to this the Bridge Keeper, Mr. Kough wrote under date, 28<sup>th</sup> November:-

"With reference to your request, to open the Bridge to-day which was made to me at 3.35 p.m. I wish to draw your attention to the Rules that provide that "the Bridge shall be open for traffic 15 minutes before the arrival or departure of a train." As the train from Waterford arrives at 6 minutes to 4, it means that the Bridge must be ready for traffic at 24 minutes



to 4, and as you only called at 25 minutes to 4, there was only 4 minutes left, which rendered it impossible for me to comply with your request.

Further sunset was at 7 minutes to 4 this evening, after which time I am not allowed to open."

On the motion of the chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we consider the explanation of the caretaker of the Bridge, in both cases, satisfactory. That our secretary communicate with the Secretary of the Grand Canal Co., and state it is the wish of the County Council, to facilitate traffic in every way, but having considered the explanation of the caretaker of the Bridge, we fail to see that he did not carry out his duties in an efficient manner, having regard to the existing regulations."

#### Dates of meetings.

The following dates were agreed to:-

|                    |                                     |                          |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| New Ross R. D.     | Saturday April 6 <sup>th</sup> 1907 | - 12.00                  |
| Gorey R. D.        | Wednesday "                         | 10 <sup>th</sup> " 11.30 |
| Enniscorthy R. D.  | Friday "                            | 12 <sup>th</sup> " 11.00 |
| Wexford R. D.      | Saturday "                          | 13 <sup>th</sup> " 10.30 |
| Proposal Committee | Friday "                            | 19 <sup>th</sup> "       |
| County Council     | Tuesday May 7 <sup>th</sup>         |                          |

#### Marine Works Act

The following resolutions were received from the Hon Secretary of the Executive Committee, in connection with the promoting of a Marine Works Bill for the South East Coast of Ireland, at a meeting held in Arklow, on 24<sup>th</sup> September, and at Courtown Harbour, on 26<sup>th</sup> September:-

Resolved:- "That this meeting, representing the maritime commercial, and industrial population of this portion of the east coast, hereby calls upon the Government to promote a Marine Works Act in the



next Session of Parliament, applicable to the South Eastern Coast of Ireland. We view with alarm the steady decay and in places, almost annihilation of our fishing industry owing to insufficient harbour accommodation and inadequate transit facilities. It is our conviction, that were such an Act passed it would, in a great measure, serve to check the emigration of our fishing population, and assist in the revival and strengthening of the industries now crippled for lack of Government support, as accorded with such remarkable results by the Governments of other countries on the Continent. We respectfully ask the leaders of the two Irish Parties to treat the introduction of the Bill as a non-contentious measure, so that its passing may be assured without delay. That copies of this resolution be sent to all the cabinet ministers, the Irish members, and the several local authorities within the joint counties."

Resolved:- That in view of the serious state of our harbours we call upon the land owners, Public Companies, County Councils, and Local Authorities, in the Counties of Louth, Dublin, Wicklow, Wexford and Waterford, to organise public meetings, pass strong resolutions supporting our members of Parliament in their pressure upon the Government to have the Marine Works Act passed into law early in the coming session, and that copies of said resolution be forwarded to the members of the Government, and the public bodies referred to."

"above resolutions were adopted on the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

#### Public Bodies Insurance.

Circular letter under date 4<sup>th</sup> November 1906, from the Secretary, Irish County Councils' General Council, inclosing resolution adopted at the Annual Meeting of the Co. Councils' General Council, on 18<sup>th</sup> October '06



and requesting the County Council to appoint two delegates to attend a conference of the Representatives of Public Bodies to consider the advisability of the formation of an Irish Insurance company, was read.

"On the motion of the Chairman, it was decided that Mr. C. H. Peacocke, be requested to act as delegate on behalf of the Wexford Co. Council at the meeting on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December, and the following resolution was also adopted on the motion of the Chairman:- "That in the event of the establishment of an independent Irish Insurance company, on a sound financial basis we, the Wexford County Council, would be in favour of placing our insurance business with it."

"Under date 31<sup>st</sup> August 1906, a similar resolution was received from the North Dublin Union, which was marked "read."

#### Level crossings - Gt. S. & W. Railway.

Under date 11<sup>th</sup> October 1906, the following letter was read from Mr. R. W. Elgee, Solicitor, for the Council:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> inst., with copy resolution of the Finance Committee as to the power of the Gt. Southern & Western Railway Company, to keep gates at Level crossings shut against the public at times when trains were due to pass, and in reply thereto I beg to say that the power of the company is regulated by the Railways Clauses Act 1845 (5 Vic, cap 20 Sec 47) by which it is enacted:- "That if a Railway crosses a Public Carriage Road on a level, the company shall erect and maintain good and sufficient gates across such Road on each side of the Railway, and shall employ proper persons to open and shut such gates, and such gates shall be kept constantly closed across such road on both sides of the Railway, except during the time when Houses, Cattle, Carts, or Carriages, passing along the same."



shall have to cross such Railway, and the person entrusted with the care of such gates shall cause the same to be closed as soon as such Horses, etc., shall have passed through, under a penalty of 40/- Provided that the Board of Trade in any case in which they are satisfied that it would be more conducive to the Public safety that such gates should be kept closed across the Railway, may order that such gates shall be kept closed. Of course under <sup>this</sup> section the County Council, could apply to the Board of Trade to alter the times at which the gates should be closed, but only on the ground of Public safety."

Under date 25<sup>th</sup> September 1906, the following letter was received from the County Surveyor:-

"I am in receipt of yours of the 24<sup>th</sup> inst., re delays complained of at certain level crossings on the Rosslare to Waterford Rly. I have written to Mr. Otway, the engineer of the line, on the subject, and hope it will lead to an improvement."

Ordered: "copy to be furnished Mr. M. A. Ennis as several councillors consider the Gt S & W. Rly Co., have not placed proper persons in charge of level crossings."

### Stopping Trains.

Under date 24<sup>th</sup> September 1906, the following letter was received from J. H. Bell, Superintendent of the Line, Gt S & W. Rly:-

"In reply to your letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> inst., the question of stopping the Express train at Wellingtonbridge has been fully considered, and I regret that the Coy cannot see their way to comply with the request of the Co. Council. The ordinary trains leaving Rosslare Pier at 8.10 a.m. and Waterford North at 8 p.m. are considered sufficient for passengers wishing to travel via Fishguard, and I may mention that passengers from England are allowed



to remain on the boat until 8 a.m. so that these will not suffer any inconvenience by the Express trains not stopping."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman:- "That our Secretary again communicate with the Secretary of the Gt S & W. Ry Co, and point out that the Wexford County Council feel strongly that it would be a matter of very great public convenience if the boat train could be allowed to stop at Wellington Bridge, and the delay to the service need not exceed from four to five minutes."

#### The Bridgetown Milk Prosecution.

Under date 30<sup>th</sup> October 1906, the following letter was received from Sir G. A. Cameron, Co. Analyst:-

"In reference to a recent case of prosecution for alleged deficiency of fats in milk, which has got a large amount of notority in the newspapers, permit me to make the following remarks-

The milk in question was taken up on the 21<sup>st</sup> August last, and sent to me. It was promptly analysed and found to contain 10 per cent of <sup>the legal standard being 11.5 per cent of total solids including 3 per cent of fat</sup> total solids, including 1.9 per cent of fats. The analysis was repeated, with the greatest care, and practically with the same result, the fats being 1.9 per cent. The milk was fresh when analysed, and there is not the least possibility of an error. The portion of milk retained by the Inspector was sent to Somerset House laboratory and the result reported was that there was much less deficiency in the amount of fat than I had reported but that the amount was below the legal standard. I must say that the appeal to Somerset House was originally intended to be used in the event of a conflict of evidence - the public analyst and the vendor's analyst differing. I am confident that my analysis was correct and will maintain it. I may remark that the Inspector's sample was kept for a long time before



it was analysed, the report from Somerset House not being received until the 17<sup>th</sup> October, 8 weeks after the milk had been sent to me. I have been for thirty years public analyst for the County, and never before has the accuracy of my analyses been questioned."

"Under date 21<sup>st</sup> October, 1906, District Inspector Magee wrote stating that the milk prosecution against Mr M. Browne, Bridgetown, was dismissed, as the certificate of analysis from Somerset House, differed considerably from that in the first instance by the Co. Analyst."

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted, on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Peacocki:—"That we <sup>have</sup> considered the letter of Sir Charles Cameron, but in view of the analysis of Somerset House which is the final court of appeal, and of the general facts of the case, we are not prepared to agree with Sir Charles Cameron that he made no mistake in this case, and a repetition of such an occurrence would have the effect of forfeiting the confidence of this Council in his ability as County Analyst."

#### Food & Drugs Act.

"Mr Magee, D. I., wrote under date 20<sup>th</sup> November 1906 that a prosecution against Matthew Webster, of Bridgetown, for having sold butter containing 18.3 per cent of water had been dismissed."

"Under date 26<sup>th</sup> November, 1906, Sergeant Madden wrote that Peter Foley of Fethard, had been prosecuted for selling milk containing only 1.9 per cent of fats. He had been convicted and fined 2/- with 13/- costs."

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Peacocki:—"That we ask Mr Elger to look fully into the powers and duties of the County Council with regard to Food and Drugs Inspectors and the relations of the Council to the Inspectors, and that he advise a meeting of



the Finance Committee at a later date."

Claim for damages for Injury to a Horse.

Under date 15<sup>th</sup> November 1906, the following letter was received from Mr J. B. Moffat, Solicitor, Enniscorthy.

"I am instructed by Mr George Milne, Ballymorgan House, Ferns; to institute proceedings against the Wexford County Council for damage occasioned to a mare his property, by the improper and negligent construction of a gullet across the road between Cloheadon and Newtownbarry; owing to the formation and improper construction of this gullet, Mr Milne's mare when driving along the road went through into the gullet and was seriously injured. Mr Milne estimates the damage to the mare at £20 and was further much shaken and bruised himself, being thrown out of his trap. The accident occurred on the 15<sup>th</sup> October. The road contractor Mr Abraham, was present, and inspected the gullet immediately afterwards, and I understand had same repaired, being paid therefor by the D. W. & W. Rly. Co., unless Mr Milne is compensated by the Co. Council he has instructed me to proceed for damages."

"The Finance Committee recommended that Mr Elgee, defend the case in the event of proceedings being taken, and that he direct Mr W. J. Doyle, V.S. Enniscorthy to examine the injured animal."

Period for putting out broken stones.

"Under date 13<sup>th</sup> November 1906, the following resolution was received from the Enniscorthy District Council:- "That in the opinion of this Council, the time for putting broken stones into the Depots should be extended from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> October, in each year."

"On the motion of the Chairman it was decided



that the Enniscorthy District Council, be informed that the County Council cannot see its way to make the change suggested. If adopted it would not allow sufficient time to the Surveyors to measure metalling, and it was in the interests of the contractors, to get out their road metalling in the summer."

— Taking up Roads under 54 Section —

Under date 15<sup>th</sup> November, 1906, the following resolution was received from the Gorey Rural District Council:-

"We, the Gorey District Council, beg to call the attention of the Co. Council, to the practice of taking up Roads from contractors under 54 Section as in many cases the contractors are not aware for what period the order is in force, and are of opinion that when the section is put in force that the contractor and the District Council should be informed as to the length of time the contract will be in the hands of the Co. Surveyor."

"Mr. Elgue said that once the Co. Surveyor had taken up a road under the 54<sup>th</sup> section, it rested with himself as to how long he would keep it in his hands."

— Prosecution of Road Contractors —

On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Dempsey, it was decided that the Co. Surveyor be empowered to deal with the following contractors either by prosecution at petty sessions or quarter sessions, or to take the roads up under the 54<sup>th</sup> section of the Grand Jury Act, roads to be re-opened for tender as the County Surveyor considers desirable:-

Enniscorthy District

|                      |                        |                           |
|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| No 74 Patrick Ryan   | No. 112. Geo. Murphy   | No. 195 Sylvester Furlong |
| " 103 E. Warren      | " 142 & 143 D. Brennan | " 197 Reps D. Brennan     |
| " 111 Patrick Curran | " 146. Robt. Whelan    | " 263. John Quake         |
|                      | " 182 Jas. Donohoe     | " 304 Edw. Brien          |
|                      |                        | " 318 Pat. Nolan          |



Gorey District

|                      |                           |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| No. 11. P. O'Neill   | No. 170. Edward Savage    |
| " 19 Michl Keegan    | " 143. Edward McDonald    |
| " 151. Joseph Murphy | " 175. Matthew McDonald   |
| " 163. James Murphy  | " 8. & 15. Jacob Brennan. |

New Ross District

No. 171 A. Edward Murphy, 178 James Nolan  
183. Martin Crooy.

Wexford District

|                                     |                      |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| No. 131, 131 A, & 153 Laura Brobie. | No. 87. John Dowd    |
| " 137 John Roche (decd)             | " 161. Patrick Doyle |
| " 146 James Moran                   | " 30. Geo. Browne.   |
| " 48. Matthew Doyle                 |                      |

National Assembly.

Under date 9<sup>th</sup> November, 1906, the following resolution was received from the South Dublin Rural District Council:-

"That, having before our minds the paragraph in the King's speech made at the opening of the first Parliament of his reign, in which there is expressed the statement that His Majesty's Government had in contemplation the better government of this country, we hereby warn the Government that we the elected representatives of the Rural District of South Dublin, shall not view with pleasure, nor can we be content with, any of those half measures of government styled under various headings such as Devolution, Co-ordination and so forth; and that nothing short of a National Assembly dealing with and governing solely all matters relating to Ireland with full control of the Irish Customs and Revenues can satisfy us nor be of lasting and material benefit to the Irish Nation."

marked. "Read."

Lunacy (Ireland) Bill

Under date 8<sup>th</sup> September 1906, the following resolution was received from the Wicklow County



Council:-

"This Council notes with satisfaction that the Government have withdrawn the Lunacy (Ireland) Bill. As the provisions of this Bill were calculated to inflict a serious hardship upon the local ratepayers in Ireland by re-imposing upon them a burden, from which they were properly relieved by the Lunacy Act of 1901, for the maintenance of patients who became insane while in the public service, and the cost of whose maintenance should, in justice, be still borne by the Treasury from State Funds.

We therefore hope that no further attempt will be made by the Government to re-introduce this measure in the next, or any succeeding session of Parliament.

That copies of the above resolution be sent by the Secretary, to the Prime Minister, the Chief Secretary, and the Secretary to the Treasury, and that copies be sent to the Secretary of each County, County Borough, and Urban District Council in Ireland, requesting him to submit it to his Council for adoption." Marked "Read."

#### Re. The Evicted Tenants.

Under date 12<sup>th</sup> November, 1906, the following resolution was received from the Cork Co. Council:-

"That having regard to the present position and prospects of the Evicted Tenants- the gloomy outlook for the ensuing Winter months with starvation and bitter distress staring them in the face, and the necessity for maintaining them and their families pending their restoration to the lands from which they were evicted, we the Co. Councillors of the County of Cork, hereby make earnest and urgent appeal to the National Trustees to set apart at once as an Evicted Tenants Relief Fund a substantial portion out of the thousands of pounds which are being contributed



by the Irish exiles in America and Australia for National purposes - that we know of no national object more urgent or more appealing or one regarding which the honour of the Irish nation is more deeply pledged, than that of sustaining the evicted tenants until their restoration to the land is secured, and when this is attained of giving them a generous measure of financial assistance to enable them to make a fair start in life, once more; that we trust this claim will be urged immediately on the National Trustees by all the public bodies and Nationalist organisations in Ireland; and that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the most Rev Dr O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe, John E. Redmond M.P. and Alderman Stephen O'Mara, the National Trustees, and to - all the County and District Councils of Ireland."

"On the suggestion of Mr Kinsella it was decided to postpone the consideration of this resolution until next meeting of the Council."

#### Sale of Food & Drugs Acts.

The following letter, No. 30441-06, under date 26<sup>th</sup> November 1906, from the Department, etc., was read:-

"With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of the enforcement of the laws relating to the sale of certain articles of food, I have to acquaint you, for the information of the Wexford County Council, that an officer of the Department - Mr Robert Watchorn - who was instructed to discharge duties under section 2 of the Act of 1899, purchased on the 9<sup>th</sup> instant, at the premises occupied by Mr Thomas Shields, in Cathedral Street, Enniscorthy a sample of butter which, on being submitted to analysis, was found to contain 3 per cent of water in excess of the maximum proportion (16 per cent) thereof allowable in a genuine sample of butter under the Sale of Butter (Ireland) Regulations, 1902. (copy



herewith). A copy of the report received from Mr. Watchorn in regard to this matter is enclosed, together with the certificate and copy thereof supplied by Sir B. A. Cameron, who conducted the analysis in question.

In this instance an offence would appear to have been committed against the provisions of section 6 of the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1875; and the Department are therefore desirous that proceedings should, on behalf of your Local Authority, be instituted in respect of the transaction within 28 days from the date on which the sample was obtained (vide Section 19 Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1899).

"The Secretary stated that on receipt of this letter he placed the matter in the hands of Mr. Elgee, Solicitor of the Council."

"On the motion of the Chairman, it was decided that the matter be dealt with by Mr. R. W. Elgee, Solicitor."

#### Measurement of Roads.

The Chairman said that at the meeting of the Proposal Committee the question of the measurement of some road contracts came up and the matter was referred to the Roads Committee. There were three cases, with the facts of two of which he (Chairman) was conversant, and Mr. John Sinnott would be able to tell them everything connected with the third. The first case was Martin Dunbar's of Ferns. It was generally admitted that about 10 yards had been added to the amounts in the depots, since the measurement of the surveyors. The contractor was satisfied with the measurements that were made by the Chairman and Mr. Webster, and on the contractor's showing, it was proved that the surveyors were right. In the second case, (John Breen's, Ballygoman), the Chairman gave in



detail the results of the "Boxing" of the three depots, and of the measurements of all the depots. The surveyors had allowed for 230 yards but he (Chairman) considered the contractor was entitled to 258 yards. In depot No. 1. he (Chairman) found that it was  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet wider than according to the measurement of the surveyors and depot No. 2. was  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet wider. Mr. Webster said he could not account for the discrepancy in the measurement of the length of No. 1 depot. It was measured by Mr. Brennan, Assistant Surveyor on a different date, from that on which it had been measured by him (Co. Surveyor) and they found it was exactly  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet less in width than when measured by Mr. Brennan, Mr. Ennis and himself together.

Mr. John Sinnott explained that in the third case, which was in Gorey District, the contractor had complained that he did not get credit for the quantity which he had put out, but when Mr. Webster and himself measured, they ascertained that Mr. Paddle, Assistant Surveyor had given the contractor for a yard or two too much."

#### National Bank & Irish signed Cheques.

Rev. M. Murphy, C. C., New Ross, Secretary County Wexford Committee, Gaelic League, wrote forwarding the following resolutions passed at the last quarterly meeting of the Committee:-

(a) That we call on all the branches of the Gaelic League under the control of the County Committee to change their accounts from the National Bank, which has refused to accept cheques signed in Irish, to any other bank that accepts them."

(b) "All Gaelic Leaguers to do likewise. all public bodies in County Wexford, the County Council, the Urban and District Councils, the Boards



of Guardians, and other public bodies be requested to change their accounts."

(c) "To call on all Gaelic Leaguers in the county to refuse to accept notes of the National Bank or if accepted to get them changed into gold."

(d) "That copies of this resolution be sent to all public bodies in the county, as well as to all Branches of the League in the county, and to the Coisde Gnotha."

The following recommendation was adopted by the Finance Committee:-

"That we the County Council of Wexford, believe that it will be alike in the interests of the National Bank itself, of the shareholders of the Bank, and of the General Public, that the directors of the National Bank, should consult the National feeling of the people of Ireland, by agreeing to what we consider to be a reasonable request of the people, as to cashing cheques signed in Irish; copy of this resolution to be sent to the Chairman of the National Bank, Sir J. H. G. Esmonde Bart., Surgeon Major Stafford, and Rev M. Murphy C.C. New Ross."

"On the motion of Mr Dempsey, seconded by Mr Cummins the recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted."

A resolution on the same subject from Galway Co. Council, was marked "Read."

#### Erection of a Celtic cross on the Battlefield of Fontenoy.

Under date 1<sup>st</sup> August, 1906, the following resolution was received from the Cork County Council:-

"That this Council of the County of Cork desires to record its most hearty approval of the proposal for the erection of a Celtic cross on the Battlefield of Fontenoy in honour of the valiant Irish soldiers who fell there in the memorable charge of the Irish Brigade on July 11<sup>th</sup> 1745, and that we cordially



recommend the proposal to the generous support of all Irishmen at home and in exile; and that copies of this resolution be sent to each County Borough and County Council in Ireland."

marked "Read."

### Royal Commission on the speed of motor cars.

Under date 9<sup>th</sup> November 1906, a resolution was received from the Londonderry County Council dissenting from the recommendations of the Royal Commission on the speed of motor cars, as to abolishing the speed limit, as to the proposed payment to a central board of the duties levied on motor cars, to be expended by them on the improvement of the roads, and as to granting licenses without requiring any test of competency to drive."

"The resolutions from Londonderry Co. Council, were adopted on the motion of Mr Donohoe, seconded by Mr Kehoe."

### Postal Facilities in South Wexford

Under date 25<sup>th</sup> October, 1906, the following resolution was received from New Ross Rural District Council:-

"That we beg to request the attention of the Postmaster General, to the facilities now afforded for an improved postal service by the Waterford and Rosslare Extension Railway. There are four services each day between these places so that the important villages and adjacent districts of Campile, Ballycullane, Wellington Bridge, Duncormack, Bridgetown, and Killinick, can be provided with an excellent service each way, permitting of letters being written and replies received between persons residing along the different stations above-mentioned. Consequently we earnestly request the Postmaster General to have inquiry made and trust he will find himself



in a position to have this Board's suggestion carried into effect at an early date."

"On the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Cummins, the above resolution was adopted."

### Arterial Drainage

Letter from Arterial Drainage Commission, under date 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 1906, inviting the County Council to nominate a representative to give evidence on their behalf, was marked "read."

### Coals for Courthouses.

"Under date 29<sup>th</sup> October, Mr. R. P. Corish C.P.S. wrote applying for three tons of coal for the courthouses at Laghmon and Duncormick."

"The Finance Committee recommended that Mr. Corish be allowed to purchase three tons of coals for the use of the courthouses of Laghmon and Duncormick."

"On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Asple, the recommendation of the Finance Committee, was confirmed."

### Conference on Sanitation Etc.,

Circular letter from the Royal Sanitary Institute under date 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1906 re conference at Dublin June 1907 was marked read.

### Branchardire Bequest.

Circular letter received from the Royal Irish Industries Association under date 16<sup>th</sup> November 1906, re the Branchardire Bequest or scheme of prizes for hand made Irish lace and crochet and requesting the Council to select at what show the prizes might be awarded.

On the motion of the chairman it was decided that the trustees be informed that in the opinion



of the county council it was advisable that these prizes should be awarded at the annual Feis to be held in Wexford next May, and that the trustees be requested to communicate with Rev M. Byrne, b. b., the Manse, Wexford, and Mr P. J. Gregory, Auburn Terrace, Wexford, Hon Secs to the Feis Committee."

#### Fruit Stall at Courtown

"Communications were read from Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, with reference to the fruit stall at Courtown, occupied by Mr. John Fennell, on the property of the Council."

"After discussion it was decided to refer the matter back to the Finance Committee."

#### Kilmore Pier Committee

The following was read:-

"The above committee met on 12<sup>th</sup> November '06. Present:- Rev J. Rowe b. b., John Furlong, Patrick Parle, Nicholas White, Michael Murphy, and Michael Browne."

The Harbour Master's accounts were examined and found correct. The Harbour Master was instructed to levy the legal dues on boats coming into the harbour."

"On the motion of the chairman, the above was confirmed."

#### Labourers (Ireland) Act 1906.

The following circular letter No 89/M/1906 Miscellaneous, under date 15<sup>th</sup> September 1906, from the Local Government Board, was read:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to forward herewith for the information of the county council, a copy of the Labourers (Ireland) Act 1906, which comes into operation on 1<sup>st</sup> November next, and I am to call the Council's attention to the provisions of section 10 thereof."



"The Secretary explained the provisions of the act, which referred to advances of money by the council."

"Under date 10<sup>th</sup> August, the following letter was read from Mr Peter French, M.P.:-

"Please convey my best thanks to the Wexford County Council, for their kind resolution with reference to the Labourers Act of 1906."

#### Erection of a house at Blackwater

Miss Bridget Murphy, Blackwater, wrote stating that Sergeant Forde, R.I.C. was objecting to the erection of a house, she was about to build. She had shown the place to Mr Webster, County Surveyor, and Messrs Lett, and Fortune, D.C.S. and they were satisfied that the little house should proceed so long as it would not encroach within one foot of the water channel, and she was satisfied to abide by this decision."

"On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:- That Miss Murphy be allowed to proceed with the work seeing that the County Surveyor is satisfied."

#### Sealing documents.

On the motion of the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:- "That the seal of the County Council be affixed to the bonds and tenders of accepted contractors, at this meeting, and also to the conveyance and memorial to register same, for Tara hill quarry."

#### Confirmation of minutes

On the motion of the Chairman, the minutes of the various committees of the Council were approved."

#### University College in Cork

Resolutions from Waterford Corporation, and Cork Corporation, calling upon the Government



to make such changes in the Queen's College Cork, as will give the people of the South of Ireland the advantages of a full measure of university Education." marked "Read."

### University Education

From the County Council of the Kings Co., a resolution was received renewing the declaration made in 1870 on behalf of the Catholic laity of Ireland, on the subject of University Education." marked "Read."

### Analyst's Report.

The following report from the analyst was read:-

City Laboratory  
17 Castle St Dublin.  
29<sup>th</sup> October 1906.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, B. Sc., M. D., Public Analyst of the County Wexford, on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 1906.

10 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R. I. C. as follows:-

| <u>Article</u> | <u>Number.</u> |
|----------------|----------------|
| Whiskey        | 5.             |
| Butter         | 2.             |
| Rum            | 1              |
| Cheese         | 1              |
| Milk           | 1              |
| Total          | <u>10</u>      |

Certificate sent to Sergeant White, Loughmon, for specimen of milk deprived of at least 36 per cent of its fats, and one certificate for specimen of butter containing excess of water namely 18.5 per cent.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union, ten drugs and four specimens of tea were analysed.



one of the drugs, namely, compound mixture of senna, was high in gravity and crystalized magnesium sulphate. The specimens of tea were of good quality.

One specimen of water analysed for Enniscorthy District Lunatic Asylum, had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains:-

|                           |        |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Total solid matters       | 12.180 |
| Including                 |        |
| albuminoid ammonia        | 0.022  |
| saline ammonia            | 0.004  |
| Nitric Acid               | Trace  |
| Chlorine                  | 1.689  |
| Sulphuric Acid            | Trace  |
| Equal to Calcium Sulphate | Trace. |

A very inferior water.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union twelve drugs were analysed. One of them namely, Liniment of Turpentine, was low in Turpentine another, namely, syrup of Ferrous Phosphate, contained an excess of Phosphoric Acid.

Two specimens of water analysed for New Ross Urban District Council had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains

|                           | No. 1. | No. 2. |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|
| Total solid matters.      | 3.500  | 24.920 |
| Including                 |        |        |
| albuminoid ammonia        | 0.006  | 0.005  |
| Saline ammonia            | 0.0035 | 0.0025 |
| Nitric Acid               | Trace  | 5.0000 |
| Chlorine                  | 1.491  | 3.379  |
| Sulphuric Acid            | None   | 2.8824 |
| Equal to Calcium Sulphate | None   | 4.0000 |

Both good waters.

One specimen of water analysed for the Town Clerk, Wexford, had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains

Total solid matters 7.560



|                           |       |
|---------------------------|-------|
| albuminoid ammonia        | 0.024 |
| saline ammonia            | 0.008 |
| Nitric acid               | Trace |
| Chlorine                  | 1.988 |
| Sulphuric acid            | Trace |
| Equal to calcium sulphate | Trace |

A slightly polluted water.

One specimen of water analysed for H. H. J. Omyons Esq. Wexford, had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

|                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| Total solid matters | 22.820 |
|---------------------|--------|

Including

|                           |        |
|---------------------------|--------|
| albuminoid ammonia        | 0.009  |
| saline ammonia            | 0.005  |
| Nitric acid               | 1.000  |
| Chlorine                  | 4.378  |
| Sulphuric acid            | 2.1618 |
| Equal to calcium sulphate | 3.0000 |

a tolerably good water.

There was one specimen of manure analysed for the Ramsgrange Co-operative Society, Arthurstown.

There were two specimens of feeding stuffs analysed for C. W. J. Francis Esq. Castlebridge.

For Shillagh Union, which is partly situated in the County Wexford, seven drugs and one specimen of water were analysed.

The drugs were correct.

The specimen of water had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains

|                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| Total solid matters | 19.880 |
|---------------------|--------|

Including

|                           |        |
|---------------------------|--------|
| albuminoid ammonia        | 0.038  |
| saline ammonia            | 0.041  |
| Nitric acid               | Trace  |
| Chlorine                  | 1.391  |
| Sulphuric acid            | 4.3236 |
| Equal to calcium sulphate | 6.0000 |

Largely polluted with sewage and dangerous to drink.



Total analyses 52.  
adulterated and defective articles - 5.

Charles A. Cameron.

### National Education

Under date 7<sup>th</sup> November 1906, the following resolutions were received from An Boird Enotha bonnradh na Gaedhilde:-

1.- That we demand such measures of reform as we secure that a majority, and not as at present a small minority, of the Commissioners of the Board dealing with Irish education shall be in sympathy with the principles of the people of this country, and understand their educational needs.

2.- That we renew our protest, endorsed by Irish public opinion, against the withdrawal of the fees for teaching Irish, that we resent the interference of the British Treasury in such matters, and regret the acquiescence shown by Irish authorities; and that we demand the restoration of a scale of fees affording adequate encouragement for the teaching of Irish, as it is not otherwise provided for out of public funds.

3.- That we request the National Education Board to take effective steps for the introduction of the Bilingual Programme in all districts in which Irish is the home language, and to authorise the adoption of the Bilingual Programme in all schools.

4.- That we view with indignation the doctrine of the National Board that the use of Irish in teaching should be on a basis of sufferance so far as it subserves other branches of education, and should be discarded when this purpose is achieved; and also their recent regulation empowering themselves to prohibit the teaching of Irish whenever a school fails to satisfy their requirements in other respects.



5.- That the recognition of Irish as an "ordinary subject" is illusory, so long as knowledge of Irish is not placed on a level with other teaching qualifications, fully provided for in the other ordinary curriculum of the Training Colleges, fully recognised as an element in the qualification of candidates for training, and in the qualification and status for teachers.

6.- That the present penurious treatment of National Teachers and schools is calculated to degrade education, and therefore constitutes a grave national danger. That no settlement of education can be considered satisfactory which does not include restitution of the equivalent and other grants or sums due to Irish education, unfairly appropriated by the Treasury to meet liabilities in other directions, and that does not guarantee an equivalent grant to Ireland proportioned to any charge levied on the Exchequer for the purposes of education in Great Britain.

7.- That we earnestly request all those in charge of schools of every grade to ignore the restrictions and penalties imposed on them wherever their duty to the Language and History of Ireland is concerned, and to come into line with the growth of public opinion by resolutely organising their schools on a firm basis of Nationality, and we recommend parents and the public to treat as anti-Irish every school which does not manifestly place Nationality above mistaken conceptions of individual interests."

"On the motion of Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. Donohoe the foregoing resolutions were adopted."

*W. H. Keenan*

25 January 1906



