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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING - 9th JANUARY, 1939

MINUTES

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

N. J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary Wexford County Council.

The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 9th January 1939.

Present:- Messrs. Patrick Colfer, Christopher Culleton, Raymond Doyle, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, James Kennedy, William Kinsella, James Lawler, Thomas McCarthy, Sean Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

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

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Ronan, the Chair was taken by Miss O'Ryan.

After confirmation of the Minutes of last meeting and votes of condolence, the Vice-Chairman, Mr. R. Corish, T.D., attended and presided for the remainder of the business.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £3150. 10. 8d Ordinary Accounts; and £23537. 10. 0d transfers to Public Bodies on foot of demands, were examined and signed.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MOST REV. DR. STAUNTON, LORD BISHOP OF FERNS

Mr. M. Redmond, having spoken in Irish and English, said he wished to offer a vote of congratulation to Very Rev. Dr. Staunton on his elevation to the See of Ferns and on behalf of the County Council to welcome him to their midst.

Mr. McCarthy, in seconding, said that while few, if any of them, knew Dr. Staunton personally, they had heard of him as a great priest and scholar and a capable administrator. They heartily welcomed him to the diocese and he was sure that Dr. Staunton would prove a worthy successor to the many illustrious bishops who had occupied the See of Ferns in the past.

Mr. Kelly, on behalf of the Labour Party, associated himself with the vote.

Mr. Ronan, in associating himself with the resolution, wished to say that no more worthy priest, greater Churchman or greater scholar had been appointed to the See of Ferns during the past 1,300 years, and they wished him a Cead Mile Failte.

The Secretary stated that Dr. Staunton was a priest of very high educational attainments and experience. He is in close touch with the social problems of the time and will not be backward in trying to solve them. As Mr. Ronan said he would receive from the Diocese of Ferns a real Cead Mile Failte.

The County Surveyor and County Solicitor also associated themselves with the vote.

In putting the proposal which she declared adopted unanimously the Chairman (Miss O'Ryan) said she was sure that a very hearty welcome would go out from the premier body of the County representing the people of Wexford to Dr. Staunton.

THE LATE MRS. HYDE

Col. Quin proposed a vote of sympathy with the President of Eire on the death of his wife.

Mr. Ronan seconded.

The Secretary stated that Dr. Hyde had suffered a National loss in the death of his beloved wife, who was mourned by the Nation. The County Council and all its officers sympathised very deeply with him in his bereavement.

Miss O'Ryan, who was acting as Chairman, said she was sure the County Council would extend their deepest sympathy to Dr. Hyde on the death of his wife.

THE LATE MR. T. ASPLE, GALBALLY

Miss O'Ryan, proposing a vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr. Asple, Galbally, an old member of the Council, said she lived close to the late Mr. Asple. He was always a very great friend of her family and was a man that they held in the highest esteem. He was really a figurehead in the farming community as he made farming pay. His farm was really a picture for anyone to see. He was a very worthy member of the Council in the past, and she wished to tender deepest sympathy to his relatives.

Mr. McCarthy seconded, and said he knew the late Mr. Asple for a long number of years as a member of the County Council and of the Enniscorthy Rural Council. He proved himself a very capable public man and he was also an outstanding farmer - one of the most extensive in the County.

The Secretary said for many years the late Mr. Asple was a member of the Council and displayed robust commonsense in every matter that came to his notice. He was held in high esteem by every member of the Council who had the happiness of his acquaintance.

The County Surveyor said that he remembered the late Mr. Asple on the County Council, and he quite agreed with what the Secretary had said. He always found the late Mr. Asple satisfactory to deal with.

The motion was adopted in the usual manner.

THE LATE CANON O'BRIEN, NEWBAWN

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Lawler, that the following acknowledgment of vote of condolence by County Council from Very Rev. Monsignor Cleary, P.P., New Ross, relative to the death of Rev. Canon O'Brien, be inserted on the Minutes of the day:-

"I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter conveying the sympathy of the Wexford County Council on the death of

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Canon O'Brien, P.P., Newbawn, and to assure you that Clergy of the Diocese of Ferns appreciate very much the action of your Council in this matter."

THE LATE MRS. JORDAN, BALLYHAMILTON, FERNS

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Lawler that the following reply to vote of condolence to Mr. M. Jordan, Ballyhamilton, Ferns, Ex-County Councillor, in the death of his wife, be inserted on the Minutes of the day:-

"Will you please convey to the members of your Council my sincere thanks for their very kind vote of sympathy, and will you personally accept my gratitude to you for your very nice message of sympathy.

Let me assure everybody concerned that it is a source of great consolation to me to know that my old colleagues have not forgotten me in my hour of trial and I appreciate all your kindness very much indeed."

CONFIRMATION OF FIGURES ROAD WORKS SCHEME
(This was the special business of the meeting).

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

"That the figures approved by County Council for allocation under Road Works Scheme (at meeting held on 12th December, 1938) for financial year 1939/40 be and the same are hereby confirmed as follows:-

Main Roads	£. 31,759
Third Class Roads	15,899
Fourth Class Roads	5,546
Improvement Main Roads	3,214
do. County Roads	1,764
Contingency Fund and Relief Vote	<u>6,173</u>
	£64,355.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 21st DECEMBER 1938: Minutes of this meeting were
submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 21st December 1938.

Mr. R. Corish (Vice-Chairman) presided and there were also present Messrs. P. Colfer, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

The Secretary and Assistant Secretary were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5036. 14. 2d was examined and signed.

ILLNESS OF CLERICAL ASSISTANT

The Secretary submitted the following medical certificate from Dr. Alice Barry, Peamount Sanatorium under date 13th December 1938:-

"I beg to certify that Stephen Hayes, Wexford, has been examined by me to-day and requires three months' sick leave."

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

"That, in accordance with Medical Certificate of Dr. Barry, Peamount Sanatorium, under date 13th December 1938, the County Council be recommended to grant three months' sick leave to Mr. Stephen Hayes, Clerical Assistant in County Council Offices."

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

"That the County Secretary be empowered to engage a Clerical Assistant with a competent knowledge of Shorthand-typing during absence of Mr. Hayes on sick leave. Remuneration to be fixed at next meeting of Committee."

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TEMPORARY CLERICAL ASSISTANCE

On the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by the Chairman, it was decided to continue for the year to 31st December, 1939, the arrangements in operation for year 1938, and to increase the allocation of £90 to £100 for the year, 1939, as the County Council have agreed to increase the remuneration of Mr. P. Beary, Temporary Clerical Assistant, from 1s. 2d per hour to 1s. 3d per hour.

On the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 21st December 1938 as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved."

MEETING HELD ON 5th JANUARY 1939: Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of this meeting were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 5th January 1939.

Present:- Messrs. P. Colfer, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy, Sean Murphy, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Rates Inspector were in attendance.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Colfer, the Chair was taken by Miss O'Ryan.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

A 'phone message was received from County Surveyor (who is on sick leave) that he expected to be present at County Council meeting on 9th January 1939.

Mr. Elgee (County Solicitor) wrote that as he had to attend the funeral of Rev. Chancellor Rennison at Gorey, he could not be in attendance at the Finance Committee meeting.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £2910. 15. 2d was examined and signed.

CHARGES AGAINST COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER

The Secretary stated that the Department of Local Government and Public Health had arranged for their Medical Inspector, Dr. McCormack, to hold a Sworn Inquiry into the charges brought against the County Medical Officer by the County Council on 18th January 1939 in the County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, commencing at 10.30 a.m.

The various communications received in this matter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health were referred to Mr. J. Elgee, County Solicitor.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following is the state of the Rate Collection to date of Finance Committee meeting:-

<u>Name of Collector.</u>	<u>Percentage of Warrant Collected.</u>
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1.	P. Nolan	58.1
2.	J. Curtis	55.6
3.	S. Gannon	55.5
4.	J. J. O'Reilly	53.4
5.	A. Dunne	52.2
6.	M. Kehoe	51.9
7.	P. Carty	51.7
8.	E. J. Murphy	50.7
9.	J. Deegan	49.9
10.	D. Kenny	49.9
11.	J. Cummins	49.0
12.	M. McCarthy	48.4
13.	P. Doyle	47.9
14.	J. Flood	47.0
15.	J. Quirke	43.3
16.	W. Doyle	42.5
17.	J. J. Sinnott	41.6
18.	W. Cummins	41.1

Average 49.4.

At the corresponding period last year the amount collected was 50.2 per cent.

VISIT OF DEPARTMENT'S INSPECTOR: The following under date 14th December 1938 (G.24351/4/38 Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge receipt of return of collection of rates for the month of November and to state that he takes a serious view of the very high percentage of outstanding rates prevailing generally in the County. The position is worse than that for the corresponding period last year.

The Department's general Inspector has been requested to make a thorough examination of the rate collection and any collector on whom he reports unfavourably will be dealt with severely. The Minister wishes it to be clearly understood that any falling off in the rate collection, which is already in a very backward state, will not, under any

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The Secretary stated that as soon as the Inspector had fixed the date of his visit the Collectors would be notified.

LISTS OF OUTSTANDING RATES: The Secretary stated that these lists and which were being supplied by the Rate Collectors. would be brought to the attention of the Inspector of the Department of Local Government and Public Health during his interview with the Collectors.

FIDELITY GUARANTEE BOND OF RATE INSPECTOR: Under date 21st December 1938 the Committee of the Wexford Branch of the Local Government Officials Union wrote asking that the County Council would pay the premium of £3.2.6d on the Fidelity Guarantee Bond of the Rate Inspector. The County Council had paid the premium on similar bonds for the Rate Collectors and the Committee considered it was only necessary to bring the matter of the Rates Inspector to the notice of the Council to have him similarly treated.

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

"That the application of Local Government Officials' Union (Wexford Branch) for payment of annual premium of Fidelity Guarantee Bond of Rate Inspector be refused."

AMALGAMATED LISTS AND ABATEMENT FORMS ETC.: It was decided on the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, that Patrick Sheehan, Green Street, Wexford, be employed on writing up Amalgamated Lists and issuing of Abatement Forms Agricultural Land and Amalgated Lists vice John Warner (appointed at last meeting and was unable to act). Also that Christopher Redmond, 13 St. Michael's Place, Gorey, be appointed to a similar post.

POUNDAGE: The following under date 17th December 1938 (G.3043/15/38-Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 5th instant on the subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state he will raise no objection to the 31st December, 1938, being fixed as the date by which the condition for earning the second interim payment of poundage must be complied with.

This alteration in the terms of the Scheme is sanctioned on the distinct understanding that no relaxation of the conditions for the third interim and final payments will be entertained. No payment should, therefore, be made to Collectors who lodge between the 1st and 31st if there is to be any intention of allowing further departures from the Scheme for the current financial year. Payment of poundage may, accordingly, be made without further sanction to collectors who lodge the amount of the first moiety and the appropriate arrears before the 31st instant.

A copy of this letter may be sent to each Collector in the County."

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

"That, in view of the recent extremely inclement weather and snow storm in the County, by which a number of Rate Collectors were unable to call on Ratepayers during the latter part of December, we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction the second interim payment of poundage fees to Collectors who reach the required standard by the 28th January 1939."

EX-RATE COLLECTOR PHILIP FURLONG: The Secretary stated that the Station Sergeant, Garda Siochana, Wexford, had interviewed him as to the following:-

1. Were the persons named in list supplied to the Garda Siochana on 13th September 1929 as having paid Rates to this Ex-Collector and for which he did not account,

still available and also the documents concerning Furlong's default.

2. Would County Council pay the expenses of bringing back Furlong to Wexford if he was arrested abroad.

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

"The Finance Committee recommend the County Council to inform the Garda Síochána they are not prepared to incur any expense in connection with bringing back Philip J. Furlong, Ex-Rate Collector, to Ireland for prosecution, as the County Council were not at any loss financially. The Insurance Company made good his default and, in our opinion, it is this Company which should be concerned in his return to this country."

CHANGES IN COUNTY SCHEME

Under date 21st December 1938 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (30797-1938 Ilgh) that it was the intention of the Minister to amend and modify the Wexford County Scheme by substituting for Sub-Article (IV) of Article 15 a Sub-Article, copy of which was attached. Any representations in the matter which the County Council wished to make in the matter should be forwarded the Department on or before the 31st January 1939.

The proposed article deals with the admission of certain persons to institutions under the County Board of Health and with payment of medical fees.

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

"That the County Council have no objection to the proposed modification of the Wexford County Scheme by substituting for Sub-Article IV of Article 15 thereof the suggested Sub-Article furnished by Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 21st December 1938 (30797-

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1938-21st December 1938) provided no objection to this proposal is received from Co. Wexford Board of Health."

DRAINAGE COMMISSION

Under date 21st December 1938 the Secretary to the Drainage Commission wrote (E.9.):—

"With reference to your letter dated 17th instant, the Drainage Commission will be glad to note from the Resolution passed by your Finance Committee and confirmed by the County Council at their meeting on the 12th instant, that the Council intends to submit a written statement of evidence to the Commission.

I will bring to the notice of the Commission as soon as possible the Resolution passed by your Council on the 12th instant, suggesting that the Commission should hold meetings in each County to take evidence from local farmers. I think it well to point out, however, that as stated in my letter of the 25th ultimo, the Commission intend later to invite all interested individuals other than local authorities to submit a written statement of evidence in the first instance. After consideration of such statements as may be received, and having regard to their value, if it appears worth while to afford an opportunity to those who have been good enough to submit written statements to supplement them orally, the Commission will no doubt consider the desirability of holding meetings in provincial centres to take local evidence.

The Commission has not yet come to any decision as to the extent to which oral evidence from such persons should be taken, or as to the place where sittings should be held, but it would be manifestly an impossible task for the Commission to take oral evidence from every individual in the country interested in drainage."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

SANCTION TO LOANS: Under date 9th December 1938 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.30,008/38 Loch Garmain) that the Minister would offer no objection to the proposal of the Wexford County Council to make the following advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:-

Charles Redmond, Ballinatray Lower £160; Matthew Mullett, Knockduff, Gorey, £160.

The Minister was unable to approve of an advance exceeding £128 to Andrew Carton, Ballyhogue, which, with the grant represented 90% of the market value of the premises.

A further communication would issue relative to the applications of Andrew Browne, Clonamona, Craanford, and Catherine Flynn, Ballindoney, Ballywilliam.

DANIEL SHEEHAN, EFFERNOGUE: Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, forwarded letter under date 13th December 1938 from Mr. John J. Bolger, Solicitor, Enniscorthy, in which it was stated that as there was not the slightest chance of Mr. Sheehan having his title in order and the loan sanctioned in time to have his house erected by 31st March 1939 he was not ~~xx~~ availing of Loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

At the suggestion of Mr. Kelly, it was decided that consideration of this communication be adjourned to next meeting of Finance Committee.

NICHOLAS BREEN, MILLTOWN, FERNS: It was reported that the house erected by Nicholas Breen, Milltown, Ferns, under Small Dwellings Acts and for which loan of £175. 10. 0 had been made by the County Council, had been let to a Garda who was in occupation for several months. The final payment on foot of this loan was made to Mr. Breen in May 1937.

Under date 15th December 1938 letter was written to Mr. Elgee, (County Solicitor), asking him to communicate with Mr.

Breen and point out to him that he was expected to reside in the house for three years; and this period had not expired.

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

"That the County Solicitor be requested to furnish copy of explanation received from Nicholas Breen, Milltown, Ferns, as to the statement that he has let his house for the erection of which he had obtained Loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, and according to the conditions of the Scheme a borrower must reside in the house for at least three years."

NICHOLAS CARR, KILLANNE: The Secretary stated that letter under date 25th November 1938 from Nicholas Carr asking for an extra £30 to the amount of £90 already granted, was considered by meeting of Finance Committee on 9th December 1938. When he applied he believe he would have been able to get house built for £160 made up of grant and loan. He found now that house would cost £190.

It was decided that further report as to value of house be obtained from Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, wrote certifying that the value of the house which Mr. Carr was erecting was £200, viz., House £190, value of site £10.

This would entitle applicant to a loan of £110.

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

"That Mr. Elgee (County Solicitor) inquire from Mr. Carr if, in the event of £110 loan being sanctioned by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, he would be prepared to build house and finish its erection by 31st March 1939."

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MISS MARY KEEGAN: Under date 19th December 1938, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (Cert. A.O.22745 - Gorey T.C.) that under the current Acts the house which Miss Keegan, 7 Grattan Terrace, Gorey, proposed erecting under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts would not qualify for a grant as it was not completed before 1st October 1938.

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

"That the attention of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be called to the resolution adopted by Wexford County Council asking for extension of legislation regarding period for completion of houses for ^{which grants} would be available under the Housing Acts."

JAMES O'CONNOR, BALLYNACREE, CASTLETOWN, INCH: This applicant applied for £270 on a house estimated at £400. The valuation of the holding in this case was only £2. 10.0 and the area of the holding two acres. The applicant, it was stated, lived in Dublin, and it was the opinion of the local people that he intended to utilise the house as a summer residence.

It was decided to refuse the application in this case.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACTS

Under date 16th December 1938 the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, submitted requisitions from the three Ex-officio Inspectors for supplies of stationery for year 31st December 1939. The Chief Superintendent stated the requisitions appeared to be reasonable.

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

"That County Council be recommended to supply the necessary stationery for Ex-officio Inspectors under Weights and Measures Acts in accordance with Schedule attached to

letter of Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Wexford, under date 16th December 1938."

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

In connection with the prosecution of Garda O'Toole V. Richard O'Connor, Coolcatts, for sale of milk alleged to be adulterated and in which a fine of 10/- was imposed with £1. 10. 0 for costs and £1. 1. 0 Analyst's Fee, by the District Justice, the County Solicitor (Mr. Elgee) wrote that the Circuit Judge on appeal had decided that the milk was not deficient in fats and the Order of the District Justice was reversed and £9. 11. 0 costs allowed to Mr. O'Connor's Solicitor, in connection with the appeal. It was necessary to obtain at first available meeting a Pay Order for this amount.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to pay the sum of £9. 11. 0 costs awarded against them by Circuit Court Judge Comyn in allowing the appeal of Richard O'Connor, Coolcatts, Wexford, in case under Food and Drugs Acts."

REQUISITIONS INSPECTORS FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

Under date 16th December 1938 the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, forwarded Requisitions from the eight Ex-officio Inspectors for equipment required by them for half year ended 30th June 1939.

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

"That the Requisitions for equipment required by Inspectors under Food & Drugs Acts in accordance with Schedule attached to letter of Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Wexford, be approved and that the County Council be recommended to provide same."

STOPPAGE OF WORK ON ROADS

Mr. Colfer said he intended raising at the County Council meeting on 9th January 1939 the question of the stoppage of work on roads on 23rd December 1938 and for some days after and which, it was understood, had been directed by the County Surveyor, owing to the condition of roads through heavy snowfall.

CUTTING OF HEDGES

The following was read from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, under date 4th January, 1939:-

"Notices re hedge cutting were served on following on dates given in each case and same have not been complied with. I would recommend that proceedings be taken at next District Court as many others have also been served and if such proceedings taken it will materially help me in having this very important work carried out.

Those against whom proceedings now recommended are:-

Edward Moles, Camolin - hedge in Kilcloran - noticed 2/11/38.

Rd. Farrell, Coolook, Ballycanew - Road 215 - hedges in Coolook - noticed 23/11/38.

Mrs. Henry Tomkins, Ballycanew - Road 215 - hedges in Tomduff - noticed 23/11/38.

John Tomkins, Nevillescourt, Ballycanew - Road 215 - Hedges in Nevillescourt. - noticed 23/11/38.

Mrs. George Murphy, Garrynew, Killenagh - Road 216 - Hedges in Garrynew - noticed 22/11/38."

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

"That the County Solicitor be directed to write to the five persons mentioned in report of Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, as having neglected to prune or plash hedges on their holdings adjoining public roads and inform them they will be prosecuted if the work be not carried out within fourteen days from the receipt of his letter.

That the County Surveyor be requested to report if any

action has been taken by the Assistant Surveyors of the other districts of the County in respect of cutting of hedges."

BUS ROUTE

Application was received from Mr. J. Healy (Healy and Collins), Main Street, Wexford, to run a bus for the convenience of his customers from Fethard, Duncannon, Arthurstown, Ramsgrange, Ballycullane, Wellingtonbridge and on to Wexford, on 7th January. This is a non-bus route.

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

"The Finance Committee have no objection to the running of Bus on Saturday, 7th January 1939, on Road which is not a Bus route from Fethard to Wexford via Duncannon, Arthurstown, Ramsgrange, Ballycullane, and Wellingtonbridge, by Mr. John Healy (Healy and Collins, Drapers, Wexford) for the convenience of his customers."

APPLICATION FOR NEW ROAD, GOREY

The following under date 13th December 1938, was read from Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey, Solicitors, (New Road, Gorey) for Mr. John L. Esmonde, T.D.:-

"We are instructed by our client, Mr. John L. Esmonde that he is desirous to hand over to the Local Authorities the road leading to and serving fourteen houses built by him in the town of Gorey, adjacent to the road known as the Park Road.

If there are any further formalities to be complied with, we shall be glad to hear from you as soon as possible!"

The following provisions of Section 25 of Local Government Act 1925 were read for the meeting:-

25 (1) "If at any time after the appointed day the Council of any county or urban district by resolution passed after such notice as is hereinafter mentioned

declares any road which is not a public road, but over which a public right of way for foot passengers, animals, and vehicles exists and which connects two public roads and is not less than eleven feet wide in the clear, to be a public road, such road shall for all purposes be a public road."

- (2) "Not less than one month before passing any such resolution as is mentioned in the foregoing sub-section the council shall publish in at least two newspapers circulating in their county or district notice of their intention to consider the passing of such resolution."

The Secretary stated that in reply to queries the Assistant Surveyor for the district reported that the thoroughfare in question did not connect two public roads, but it was more than eleven feet wide.

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

"The Finance Committee are unable, in view of the provisions of Section 25 of Local Government Act 1925, to recommend the County Council to make arrangements to take over the road at Gorey town leading to fourteen houses recently erected by Mr. J. L. Esmonde, T.D., as it does not connect two public roads."

DANGEROUS WALL AT ROSBERCON, NEW ROSS

Under date 24th November 1938 the following letter (received from County Surveyor's Department on 15th December) from Mr. P. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district, was read:-

"During the recent heavy rains a 42 feet length of protection wall collapsed at School House Road, Rosbercon. There is a drop of 10 feet from road level to a bench of rock below. I understand that at this place the rock was excavated and the wall was then built. The rock is soft shale

and is weathering rapidly and will in time eat into the sewer which is only about $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet from the rock face at this point.

There is a temporary protection erected and the place is safe for the present, but a further section of the wall may fall at any time.

I will be glad if you find out who is responsible for the erection and maintenance of the protection wall. If the County Council has got to assume the liability I think the Urban Council should raise the necessary funds in next year's Road Estimate."

Under date 16th December 1938, the Secretary wrote Mr. O'Neill, suggesting he should have an interview with the Town Clerk, New Ross, over the matter to ascertain whether the Urban Council, New Ross, or the County Council was responsible for repair.

No answer had been received to the present from Mr. O'Neill.

It was decided that the County Surveyor be requested to furnish his observations in the matter.

LANE AT CASTLEWHITE, CARNEW

The following under date 9th December 1938 was read from Mr. William Kinsella, Castlewhite, Carnew:-

"I am making application to your Council for the repairs of a lane leading to my place. It is about 300 perches long. There is four families has to go it. It was sent in by the road ganger about 2 years ago. Hoping the County Council will be able to do something at it for me."

It was decided that application for repair of Castlewhite Lane, Carnew, be renewed to the Office of Public Works.

LANE AT COURTLAW, THE BALLAGH

Messrs. John Kehoe, Patrick Doyle, Thomas Leamy, Margaret Doyle and Mary Kinsella wrote asking the County Council to have above lane repaired under Minor Relief

Scheme. If not possible to have it repaired in this way perhaps the Council would be good enough to supply some material for its repair from Ballymurray quarry.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Kelly, to list Lane at Courtlow, The Ballagh, in first instance, for repair under Minor Relief Scheme.

OWENSTOWN LANE, RATHMACKNEE

Under date 9th December 1938 Mr. Leo Larkin, Sallystown Ballycogley, wrote that he again wished to draw the attention of the County Council to the state of above Lane. It was altogether impassible and it was impossible to get a load up or down it.

Mr. Kelly proposed, Mr. O'Byrne seconded and it was agreed that Owenstown Lane, Rathmacknee, be listed for repair under Minor Relief Scheme.

FLOODING AT KILMACREE

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

"That the County Surveyor be requested to furnish report as to the flooding by (it was stated) an ineffective water table of the cottage occupied by Mr. Whelan at Kilmacree."

DAMAGE TO ROAD 859 - BRANCH TO BOYCE'S BAY

The following under date 24th November 1938 to County Surveyor (and received in Secretary's department on 16th December 1938) from Mr. P. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district, was read:-

"I inspected the above road on November 16th. The water from a drain is turned on to the road and has torn it down to the sea. Last year I visited the place on a few occasions when the same thing was happening. I wrote to the owner and pointed out that the sea protection wall was

likely to suffer damage from the erosion of the filling behind, due to the scour of water down from this drain.

The owner is an elderly woman who at that time was living in Dublin and she said she knew nothing about it, but referred me to her son. The ganger has approached this man and he is unwilling to allow the water to go its usual course. He wants a water channel made down the side of the road to sea level. This particular field through which the drain runs is not worked by the owner, but is set to another person and I believe it is this man who started interfering with the water course in the first instance. I think it would be well to get Mr. Elgee to write to the lot and ask them to desist from diverting the water."

Under date 17th December 1938, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that in these matters the County Surveyor had to serve a specified notice and he did not see what could be done until the County Surveyor, who was ill, returned to duty.

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor.

FLOODING OF ROAD CAMBLIN - NEW ROSS

The following, under date 12th December 1938, was read from Lieutenant Colonel Tyndall, Oaklands, New Ross:-

"I am writing to know if anything can be done to abate the flooding of the low lying land, marshes and road between Camblin and New Ross, due to a big breach in the river bank near Camblin.

Four or three years ago an unsuccessful attempt was made to repair this breach in relief of unemployment but the attempt only left it in a worse condition than before and there are now other smaller ones. Before this big breach assumed its present proportions the marshes and road were only flooded at spring tides and the water soon ran off.

Now they are almost continually under water from Autumn to Spring and are becoming derelict.

As the Poor Law Valuation of these lands is very high this is a serious matter for the owners but the fact of divided ownership makes it very difficult for any one man to do anything while the owner of the land where the trouble really occurs is too small a man to do anything. I own one marsh, but also 4 houses which are continually flooded and neither I nor the tenants can do anything as the trouble begins a long way from them.

Again, there is a stretch of road between my lodge gate and New Ross about 150 yards which is continually under water from inches to feet of it and is impassable for pedestrians, cyclists, small cars and ass carts and these have formed a habit of coming through my demesne to avoid the flood and right past my hall door, a proceeding which I object to but hardly like to refuse to allow.

The raising of the level of this bit of road by 1" to 18" would more or less put this matter right or even the raising of the footpath would do a lot of good, but the real trouble is the big breach in the bank and the small ones which are growing.

It is much too big a job now for the owners and I direct the attention of your Council to it.

As I write this morning, 2 cars have just passed my door which means that the road must be impassable for them and I shall have to go a long way round myself to get to Ross."

The following report under date 15th December 1938 was read from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"The road complained of by Col. Tyndall is flooded at all high tides with a S. W. wind, and it is, as he says, impassable for almost all kinds of traffic.

If the breaches in the embankment that are the cause

of the flooding are not repaired it will eventually be necessary to carry out his suggestion of raising the road. The cost of this would be approximately £250."

It was decided to refer both letters to County Council meeting on 9th January 1939.

LANE LEADING TO MARSHALLSTOWN CHURCH

The following under date 23rd December 1938, was read from Mr. Patrick Somers, Ballydaw, Milehouse, Enniscorthy:-

"I read a report in last week's Press of a meeting of Wexford County Council in connection with a lane leading to Marshalstown Church. Some years ago a Minor Relief Scheme was carried out on that lane. In his report Mr. Ennis said I would not let him into my field to clean up the gripe. This is a confounded falsehood (lie) for Mr. Ennis. He got permission to clean up the gripe as far as he liked and also did so and drew the stuff and threw it out on the field and I had to spread it at my own expense. What I would not allow him to do was, he was wanting a corner off the field, which I would not give without compensation. I hope you will clear up this matter at your next meeting. I am acquainting a solicitor to see if a Public Official can make such false reports after he getting permission to go in on the field and clean up all he like. He trespassed on the field and drew the stuff upon the field with horses and carts and I had to spread it at my own expense. That, I was willing to do, but how dare he make such allegations after getting permission."

It was decided to adjourn consideration of this letter until reply from Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, had been received.

BALLINCASH LANE

It was decided that the attention of the County Surveyor be called to the following Order of Finance

Committee of 11th November 1938:-

"That Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor for the district, should interview Mr. Michael Fortune, a member of the deputation which came before the Finance Committee, obtain all necessary data as to the proposal and submit same to County Council."

GARRENSTACLE LANE

Messrs. William Curtis, Michael Kelly, John Doyle, Thomas Kehoe and Clem Coyle, Garrenstacle, Ballyhogue, wrote under date 28th December 1938:-

"The undersigned ratepayers write to you to bring this letter before the members of the County Council with regard to the condition of the Garrenstacle Lane which is on the hands of the Council. It is in a disgraceful state and there is no such thing as continuing paying rates where there is such a large amount of rates paid every year. Any member of the Council or any Surveyor can come and inspect it. The whole centre of the lane at Macmine end is completely washed away down to the old foundation all on account of the dykes and water tables not being cleaned and cut for the last 10 years. We ask the same to be done immediately."

Under date 5th January 1939 Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor for the district, reported:-

"I inspected this road recently and although material has been spread and outlets opened a good deal of damage has been done by heavy floods. The water tables certainly require a good deal of attention. The road is very narrow in places and farm carts have tracked the surface where softened by heavy frosts. It is not possible with money available to carry out any extensive work except an allocation could be made out of the Contingencies Fund.

Referred to County Council.

MARTINGALE LANE, COOLAMAIN

The following memorial signed by 24 Ratepayers was read and referred to County Surveyor for report:-

"We, the undersigned Ratepayers, respectfully ask the Wexford County Council to repair the lane known as Martingale Lane, Coolamain; at the present time and during the entire winter we are completely held up in our business. The lane is now flooded to a depth of about three feet. We cannot get home our crops from our land and without the aid of a horse and car we cannot get to the public road. Under the circumstances above explained, we again ask the County Council to do something to help us out of the difficulty."

GILES CORNER, GOREY - COURTOWN ROAD

The following under date 29th December 1938 was read from Mr. G. Langley Taylor, Agent, Courtown Estates:-

"I have received your letter of the 17th December concerning Giles Corner on the Gorey-Courtown Road. Provided you will buy the whole of the holding which we have at this corner I am prepared to recommend the trustees to accept the suggestion that it should be sold to the County Council at five shillings (5/-) per perch. You will appreciate that to have any of the land left with us would be quite useless."

The Secretary stated that he had asked Mr. Taylor to inform the Council what was the extent of the "holding" which the County Council were asked to purchase.

Under date 2nd January 1939 Mr. Taylor forwarded Plan showing the amount of land owned by the Courtown Estate at this corner.

It appeared from the Plan that the area was 12.8 perches

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

"That the County Council be recommended to take over 12.8 perches of land from the Courtown Estate to provide for easement at Giles' Corner at the rate of 5/- per perch."

PROPOSED DUMP AT COURTOWN HARBOUR

The following, under date 22nd December 1938 to the County Surveyor, was read from Courtown Brick & Tile Works:-

"In connection with Dump at Courtown Harbour we beg to inform you that we have put your offer of £20 for the purchase of Quarry at Courtown Harbour before our Directors but they are not agreeable to accept this price."

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Council.

DEFAULTING ROAD CONTRACTOR

The following under date 19th December 1938 was read from Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor:-

"Contractor for Roads 745 and 750, Patrick Kennedy, Ballyvergin, is neglecting same badly. I would be glad to have a recommendation from the Finance Committee empowering me to prosecute or alternatively to take up the roads concerned as I may think fit after my next inspection."

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

"That the County Council be recommended to empower County Surveyor to take up Roads No. 745 and 750 from Contractor, Patrick Kennedy, Ballyvergin, owing to default in their maintenance."

RE-VALUATION OF EIRE

The following under date 2nd January 1939 was read from Town Clerk, New Ross Urban District:-

"I am directed by the New Ross Urban District Council to draw the attention of your Council to a Bill for the Re-valuation of Eire recently introduced into An Dail and to solicit your assistance in having this Bill thrown out as entirely contrary to the best interests of the nation's social and economic progress."

It is suggested that the present system of taxation on

the basis of annual value as obtaining for such a number of years is iniquitous and antiquated. Almost all town shops and residences are very old and are over valued. The Travelling Shop; Post Office facilities for "Shopping by Post"; Railway "Delivery to Home" arrangements; Reduction of Licencing Hours; Transport facilities and such like, have all been perfected since the advent of the Old Valuation Acts - thereby reducing the value of the Towns for the purposes of trade and commerce. A re-valuation therefore can only mean an inequitable increase and corresponding taxation (National and Local) and at a time when revenue expenditure is calling on the Country's capital.

If there must be a re-valuation of Eire it should only take place concurrently with a revision of all existing laws of taxation and generally.

Now, my Council desire to start a campaign against the present re-valuation Bill because it is not wanted as the country cannot afford to contribute more to rates and taxes and consider the limit has been reached both collectively and severally. You will remember also that the Municipal Conference recently unanimously resolved to oppose a Re-valuation enactment.

You will also remember that at the 25th Annual Conference of the Municipal Authorities Association held in Galway a resolution was passed on the first day recommending a new method of valuation and rating having for basis the capital land value and ground rents, the repealing of all existing legislation in connection with the raising and levying of rates, and for the future that the owner of the premises alone should be the person or persons to be rated.

As you are aware it will take concerted action to keep this Bill from reaching the Statute Book and so my Council ask you to join in this campaign and to promote its objects

by resolution condemning the Re-valuation Bill and inducing your own T.D.s to vote against the Bill on all and every occasion and whilst doing so to advocate that the existing basis of taxation should be changed to that recommended by the Public Authorities of the State sitting in conference at Galway who should know and appreciate the wants of the people and their necessities."

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

"That no action be taken on letter of Town Clerk, New Ross, as to Bill for re-valuation of Eire until the Committee have had an opportunity of examining its provisions."

SANCTION TO OVERDRAFT

Under date 23rd December 1939 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.8195/5/38) that the Minister sanctioned temporary overdraft by the County Council up to 31st January 1939 of a sum, not exceeding in the aggregate £35,000.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

The District Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Enniscorthy, wrote under date 2nd January 1939, that he would make application to Enniscorthy District Court on 19th January 1939 for the committal to an Industrial School of Patrick Larkin, Monart, Enniscorthy, 11 years and 6 months old, son of a labourer.

Referred to County Solicitor.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 5th January 1939 be received and considered."

DRAINAGE COMMISSION: Miss O'Ryan said if statements by persons interested in drainage in excess of individual requirements were furnished County Secretary he would collate them and send forward to Drainage Commission.

SUSPENSION OF ROAD WORK DURING SNOW STORM: In connection with this matter raised at the Finance Committee by Mr. Colfer, the County Surveyor stated he was ill when road work was suspended, but he consulted with the staff and could not see there was any use in having men walking round the country, plodding through snow, when no work was possible. He had telegrams forwarded to the Gangers and Assistant Surveyors to suspend all the men and close down the work until the weather improved. In the ordinary way if a man came on the job he would be entitled to payment for a wet day if he worked for the rest of the week. If the Council were satisfied he would pay such men for the period during which work was suspended owing to the snow storm. He felt that if he had allowed the men to continue he might be called to account for keeping them on while no work was possible.

Mr. O'Byrne said it was unfair to have stopped the men for Xmas Eve. The argument advanced by some of the Council when the proposal for increasing wages of road workers was being debated at last meeting was that they were being paid for broken time. If the days for which the stoppage took place had been wet the men would have been paid and he could see no difference as regards stoppage of work between rain and snow. The men had also lost the benefit of the

Catholic holiday owing to the stoppage. He proposed that they be paid for the time lost.

The County Surveyor said he had taken the action under discussion because he considered it the proper thing to do.

Mr. Keegan said there was plenty of work for the men in Gorey. It was impossible to get to the Churches or into Gorey town during Christmas week owing to the snow. The men could have been employed cleaning the streets and foot-paths and giving the people an opportunity of carrying on their business.

The Chairman believed it was a mistake to have suspended the work in Gorey town.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said he believed no man could have carried out any road work on the streets of Gorey during the snow because it was freezing as it fell and it was really dangerous.

Mr. Keegan said from a charitable point of view they should have made work for the men who were depending on the Council for their Christmas dinner; instead they were stopped by wire. It was surely a very bad principle to stop men during Christmas week and to leave them without their Christmas dinner.

The County Surveyor pointed out that in so far as the Christmas dinner was concerned the men were not affected, because the payment for that week would not be discharged till after Christmas and the amount due up to the preceding week had been forwarded each man on 21st December.

Miss O'Ryan held that the County Surveyor was justified in his action. If the work had not been stopped the Council would have appeared ridiculous in the eyes of the public for paying men who could not possibly work. Would the most advanced Labour member advocate paying the men if the snow had to continue for two or three weeks, as it

appeared for a time it might have done. When the Council arranged to pay for broken time it was never intended that this should exceed a day or a day and a half. It was not correct to state that the money would be stopped from the men, as a corresponding number of days would be found for them before the conclusion of the financial half year. In her opinion, the men would prefer to be able to say that they were able to work for their money than to have it presented to them for doing nothing - practically as charity.

Mr. Culleton, in seconding Mr. O'Byrne's proposal, referred to the statement made by Miss O'Ryan that payment would be made at the end of the year but who knew where the men would be when that time came. Was there any reason why the men should be hungry because they could not work owing to certain circumstances? If the Surveyors had not much to do their salaries would not be curtailed but it seemed as if the men who were getting wages would not be entitled to payment. He believed they were as much entitled to be paid for snowy days as wet days and he contended that this was provided for by the Direct Labour Scheme of the Council.

Col. Quin proposed the following amendment:-

"That the Council approve the action of the County Surveyor in suspending road work during the period it was impossible to carry on same owing to snowfall, and that no payment be made to road workers concerned for the period of suspension."

Mr. Colfer held that there were parts of the County where very useful work could have been carried out and it should have been continued there. It was a mistake to stop work all over the County.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, speaking for himself and his colleagues, said everything had been done

to ensure that the workmen had wages for Xmas. He had all the work he could possibly arrange going full swing on three different jobs, in one gang 38 men being employed. He did not consider he was getting the fullest value out of this work owing to the weather. The Surveyors did not look for credit for what they did although they deserved it. As for the payment for the holyday any man who turned up for work on the last day on which he should have worked before the holyday was paid for the holyday. The men were stopped on Friday and Saturday, 23rd and 24th December, and in his opinion they had got every facility possible.

The County Surveyor stated that when the matter was brought to his notice he considered the point that if the men were paid for the snowy days the work would have to stop an equal number of days earlier next March. However, he was only concerned with the side of the question dealing with the work; payment was one for the County Council.

Mr. Keegan asked if the Gangers were working on the two days on which the men had been stopped.

The Assistant Surveyors stated in turn that no Gangers were paid except those who were either working or going around their districts informing the men of the stoppage.

Mr. T. Redmond said that the County Surveyor was the responsible officer and he was as much interested as any man could be in the men working under him. If it were possible under the law the County Surveyor would see that the men were paid for the period of the stoppage.

Miss O'Ryan seconded Col. Quin's motion and said if a plebiscite among the road workers was taken they would find an overwhelming majority in favour of the deputy surveyors. She never met a good road worker who did not say the Surveyors always gave them every fair play. The road workers would see there was very good reason for the Surveyor's action in this matter, as the County Council would be giving

the amount of money stopped for work carried out later on.

The County Surveyor said he believed he acted perfectly right in the matter but if the Council were satisfied he acted wrongly it was an error of judgement on his part.

The Chairman said that as there was a difference of opinion on the question he did not believe he should be asked to accept the resolution of Mr. O'Byrne in its present bald form, to pay the men for work that had not been done. There might be a question that under the Direct Labour Regulations they were entitled to payment and he suggested they should ask the opinion of the County Solicitor.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, said as far as he could see when the men were absolutely unable to work the members voting for their payment would be surcharged.

The Chairman asked in view of this opinion would the proposer and seconder of the resolution for payment persist in having their motion put to the meeting.

Messrs. O'Byrne and Culleton said they stood by their proposal and wished to have a vote taken.

Mr. Keegan held that the motion for payment was out of order.

The Chairman said he was entirely opposed to Col. Quin's motion as he thought work could have been found for the men. On the other hand as the County Surveyor - the responsible officer - had issued a definite order to stop the work he did not believe they could be paid. If the Council were in favour he would propose that the matter be referred back to the Finance Committee for a thorough investigation as to the liability of the Council.

Mr. Ronan said as the County Solicitor had given his opinion it would be better to have a vote on Col. Quin's amendment and dispose of the matter once and for all.

Col. Quin's amendment was then put with the following result:-

For: Messrs. R. Doyle, Kennedy, Kinsella, McCarthy, Murphy, O'Ryan, Quin, M. Redmond, T. Redmond, Ronan, Smyth and Walsh. - 12.

Against: Messrs. Colfer, Culleton, Keegan, Kelly, O'Byrne and the Chairman. - 6.

Mr. Lawler did not vote. - 1.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

On being put as the substantive motion it was adopted without dissent.

CUTTING OF HEDGES: The County Surveyor said he had directed the Assistant Surveyors to deal with this matter of cutting of hedges. Subsequently he received a letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health that action should be taken in the matter. However, as he had given his Assistant Surveyors definite instructions that proceedings should be instituted against persons refusing or neglecting to cut their hedges and that only the one report (that of Mr. Treanor) had been received he concluded there had been no refusal to carry out the work in any of the other districts.

In reply to Mr. Keegan Mr. Treanor said he would call on the persons who had been reported by him to the Finance Committee and ask them to have their hedges trimmed without further delay.

APPLICATION NEW ROAD GOREY: Mr. O'Byrne asked if the Council could take over a public square which adjoined a public road.

County Surveyor - The sea is considered to be a public highway, so that all roads leading to the sea are regarded as public highways.

Miss O'Ryan - Our official reply is that the Council cannot take over the road, and those people are well versed enough to send us another application if there is any way

out of it.

In reply to Col. Quin the Secretary stated that if the Council took over the road they would be responsible for its future maintenance.

Mr. Keegan said this was a private road. It was decided to refer Messrs. Huggard, Brennan & Godfrey to the resolution of the Finance Committee.

DANGEROUS WALL AT ROSBERCON: Mr. T. Redmond said that the wall referred to in Finance Committee minutes had been erected by a private person.

The County Surveyor said that the foundation had not been sufficient to make a proper job and it would have to be rebuilt particularly as a new sewer ran along there now.

OWENSTOWN LANE: In reply to Mr. Culleton the County Surveyor stated that when inspecting this district relative to report as to flooding there the local people would be notified and could be present at the inspection.

FLOODING ROAD AT CAMBLIN: Mr. T. Redmond did not believe that raising the road would effectually obviate the flooding.

The County Surveyor said that if the road was raised above flood level it would be protected. This was really all the County Council could concern themselves with.

Mr. T. Redmond said there was no use in talking about this particular place unless the river banks were repaired. The damage there would cost the County hundreds of thousands of pounds in rates and otherwise if repair was not carried out. Mr. Kennedy, who travelled that road the previous night and that day could give them an idea of its condition.

Mr. Kennedy said the road was growing steadily worse for the past three or four years and not only the road but

good grazing land for two or three miles was useless as it was flooded practically all the time.

Mr. T. Redmond said the County Council should make a determined effort to get money from some source for the repair of the breaches in the banks of the River Barrow.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. T. Redmond seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to prepare a case for special representations to the Office of Public Works and to the Land Commission in regard to repair of breaches in River Barrow banks between Camblin and New Ross and at Fisherstown, Great Island and Ballynabanogue."

The County Surveyor said that about a year ago he had accompanied an Inspector from Office of Public Works when inspecting Great Island.

MARSHALLSTOWN LANE: Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said that five or six years ago a Minor Relief Scheme job was carried out at the place. The water in a little stream on Mr. Somers' land was ponded back and it was necessary to have this cleaned to do anything effective. The Ganger asked Mr. Somers (Senior) for permission to do this but he refused and told him not to meddle with the field. The Ganger reported this to him (Mr. Ennis) and he thought that was final. Subsequently, it appeared that Mr. Somers (Junior) gave permission to have some cleaning done but he (Mr. Ennis) was never informed of this. All he knew was that Mr. Somers (Senior) had refused permission. He was very sorry if there was a grievance on the part of Mr. Somers through the misunderstanding which arose.

It was decided to explain to Mr. Somers, Senior, how the mistake in the matter had been made by Mr. Ennis.

BALLINCASH LANE: The County Surveyor said he had a map prepared for the work. The new lane would be 100 perches

long, and the old one was 600 perches, so that there would be a saving of 500 perches on travellers. The cost of the new lane would be £400, and a small bridge would cost £60, while the repair of the old lane to join the new one would be £200. The total would be £660.

Chairman - Where will that come from?

Miss O'Ryan - It will have to wait for the good times.

Chairman - Write back and tell the people concerned that the matter is being considered but that it will cost £600 and we have not the money at our disposal at the moment.

Mr. Kelly - Would it be too big to be done under a Minor Relief Grant?

Chairman - That would be a major work.

Mr. T. Redmond seconded the Chairman's suggestion, which was adopted.

GARRENSTACLE LANE: Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, said that £15 would put the place into passable order.

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

"That a sum of £15 be withdrawn from County Contingencies Fund for repair of Garrenstacle Lane."

PROPOSED DUMP AT COURTTOWN HARBOUR: The Chairman said that the price asked by the Courtown Brick & Tile Company was ridiculous.

The County Surveyor said that Lord Courtown was prepared to give a site for a dump, but it would be some distance from the town. He would see it and report.

Mr. Keegan said that if the Brick and Tile Company were going to retain the marlhole they had offered for dumping ground they should have it railed around.

Secretary - It is on his own property.

County Surveyor - It is fenced off from the road,

and that is all that concerns us.

Mr. Keegan - As the premier body in the County we would like to point out to them that they would be responsible if anything occurred.

Chairman - We have no responsibility.

It was decided to inform the Courtown Brick & Tile Company that the County Council could not see their way to offer any higher figure than £20 for quarry at Courtown Harbour proposed to be as a dump.

On the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 5th January 1939 as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

PROPOSED LOANS - NOTICES OF MOTION

COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH COTTAGES: The following motion, of which she had given previous notice and which was circulated to County Councillors on the 16th November, 1938, stood in the name of Miss O'Ryan:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at meeting of Wexford County Council to be held on 9th January 1939 that consent be given by said Council to the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance borrowing supplemental loans for the purpose of completion of the Schemes for the provision of 1000 Cottages throughout the County Health District, and also 528 Cottages throughout the larger and smaller villages of the County as follows:-

	£.
In respect of 115 Cottages	7500
In respect of 208 Cottages	13600
In respect of 176 Cottages	2700
In respect of 129 Cottages	3200

In respect of 284 Cottages in Small Villages	£. 21868
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In respect of 616 houses (balance of 1000 houses authorised).	<u>40000</u>
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Total 88868."

Miss O'Ryan said that the motion might come as a surprise to most of the members, but it was really more or less a matter of book-keeping. When they came to the Council in the beginning of that housing scheme they applied for a large sum and the Council were very generous in passing it and she still believed that that sum would be sufficient. It was estimated at first that the cost of a house under the new scheme would be £250, but due to one thing or another and principally to the cost of building materials having gone up and the increased cost of labour, the cost was being brought up to £330, and the Department insisted, in respect of each scheme, that they must borrow the extra figure to pay off each scheme separately, although the other money was to their credit.

Chairman - And probably won't all be used.

Miss O'Ryan said in a scheme of, say, 240 or 280 houses to be built, probably not more than 200 would be built, so although they were asking for the money that day, they were of opinion that the £250,000 would not be exceeded. She did not think anyone would like to see them call a halt in building, although it would seem that housing was getting very expensive, but she understood the cost was coming down a bit. If it was the general opinion that the Board of Health should stop building, of course the Board would stop. In regard to asking additional sums, she wanted to point out that those sums were included in the sum already granted, and it was only a question of book-keeping. They had the best rent collection of any cottages in Ireland - 94 per cent collection at the close of the half-year, and two collectors had their warrants complete.

Mr. Kelly seconded.

Mr. M. Redmond said that he was in favour of Miss O'Ryan's motion. He would like to know when the next batch of houses would be built. There were people in his area clamouring for cottages, and there was no sign of their cottages being built.

The Chairman said that inquiries had been held in the different areas in regard to all the applicants for cottages. He thought that one had gone through and they were expecting word from the Government about the others. The Board were ready to go ahead. It was only a question of the Government giving word as to the result of the inquiries.

The motion was carried unanimously.

COTTAGES FOR VILLAGE OF FERNS: The following motion, of which he had given previous notice and which was circulated to County Councillors on the 23rd November 1938, stood in the name of Mr. Ronan:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at the meeting of Wexford County Council to be held on 9th day of January 1939 that permission be given Wexford Board of Health to borrow £4015 (Four thousand and fifteen Pounds) required for the purpose of providing eleven additional cottages in the village of Ferns."

Mr. Ronan, in moving the motion, read the following extract from minutes of a Board of Health meeting on the 21st November 1938:-

"The Secretary read the following report on the number of houses in Ferns scheme: 'The original report of the County M.O.H. showed that there were 54 condemned houses in Ferns. The larger village order provided for the erection of 39 houses, portion on Murphy's land and remainder on Dunbar's land. When lay-out plan was submitted by Messrs. O'Sullivan and Jordan it showed 50 houses on what purported to be the land authorised to be acquired from

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Mr. Murphy. Examination showed that the lay-out encroached upon land that had not been authorised to be acquired. This consisted of an angle upon which stood a number of condemned houses and was also the property of Mr. Murphy. The matter was taken up with the engineers and after interviews and correspondence, advertisements were issued for the erection of 38 houses on the Coolbawn site. A tender was accepted, but the Insurance Company refused to complete bond. It was then decided by the Board to erect those 38 houses in addition to four on Dunbar's land by trades contract system under supervision of Mr. Flood. This was approved by Department but it would appear that Mr. Flood, in error, followed the lay-out and proceeded to erect the 50 houses shown on lay-out. Meanwhile, demolition orders had been made in respect of the houses situated in the angle referred to. When the orders became absolute, the Board considered it desirable to acquire this site, and instructions were given to the Board's solicitor to negotiate for its acquisition. The Board offered £50, but the owner wanted £75. The Board decided to adhere to their offer, and the solicitor has now written that agreement has been reached. It will be necessary to get the approval of the Department."

Mr. Kelly seconded the motion, which was carried nem. con.

Mr. Keegan drew the attention of the Health Board to repairs of cottages in his area. He had complaints every day with regard to repairs. Some years ago - roughly 16 or 17 years ago - the old District Council or Board of Guardians appointed a man to supervise repairs of cottages. He did not really want to dictate to anybody, but would draw the Board's attention to the fact that they should give a little more of their time to repairs and he might state, for recently built cottages.

The Chairman said that Mr. Keegan might take it from

him that the matter engaged very much of the time of the Board. They were keeping Mr. Keegan's point in mind.

Mr. Kennedy said that in his area a number of the old cottages were in a very bad way and he would ask the members of the Board to try to do something with them. Some of the old cottages were hardly fit for habitation. Some people said that they had applied for cottages to be repaired, and that was all they heard about it.

The Chairman said that any reasonable application that came before the Board was dealt with and he knew of many cases where contractors were appointed to do the work, and some had them on their hands for twelve months or over. When they complained they were told it was not easy to get men, because the best of the men were engaged on the building of cottages.

Mr. T. Redmond said that what the public wanted to know was why thousands and thousands were being spent on new cottages while good old cottages were being allowed to fall. Hundreds of cottages in the County were ready to fall and it was a question of a few pounds for repairs.

Chairman - That's a matter for the Health Board.

Miss O'Ryan - If any County Councillor sends in a report in regard to any house in his district needing repairs, I am sure the Health Board will see to it at once.

LOAN FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT: The following motion, of which he had given previous notice and which had been circulated to members on the 7th December 1938, stood in the name of Mr. Corish:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at the meeting of Wexford County Council to be held on 9th January, 1939, that Loan of £1,200 (One Thousand Two Hundred Pounds) be obtained from the Council's Treasurer, the National Bank Ltd. (repayable in five years), for the purpose of

strengthening and surfacing Road No. 744 from Urban Boundary at Belvedere, Wexford, (via Road at Wexford Sports Field) to Clonard."

In moving his motion, Mr. Corish said this was a very important road. It passed the Wexford Sports Ground and time and time again there were people coming to Wexford from outside the County. Those who frequented the field at matches heard complaints about the state of that road. The Urban Council had done their part up to the borough boundary and the road was pretty good now there. He would ask the Council to agree to borrow the amount. He supposed that over five years it would cost an average of £250 - £288 for the first year - one-sixth of a penny in the £. The instalment of the loan to finance the scheme was included in the road works scheme. It was only a question of passing it.

Col. Quin said he thought they were promised that they would pay no more for roads.

Chairman - You have already passed it. It is necessary to implement it with that resolution.

Mr. Kinsella seconded.
The motion was carried.

POSITION OF COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

The following under date 23rd December 1938 (P.H.26265/13/38 Loch Garman Sc) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to previous correspondence regarding the suspension by the Wexford County Council of Dr. Christopher Bastible from the office of County Medical Officer of Health for the County, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state, for the information of the Wexford County Council, that he has instructed Dr. J. D. MacCormack, Medical Inspector, to hold a Sworn Inquiry on Wednesday, 4th January, 1939, at

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10.30 a.m. at the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, into the charges brought against Dr. Christopher Bastible by the Wexford County Council. The Inquiry is to be held in private."

Under date 29th December 1938 the following letter (P.H.26265/14/38 - Lach Garman Sc) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to the Department's letter of the 23rd instant on the subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state, for the information of the County Council, that in view of representations received from Messrs. Hayes & Sons, Solicitors, 41 & 42, Nassau Street, Dublin, that the fixing for the 4th January, 1939, of the date of the Sworn Inquiry into the charges brought against Dr. Christopher Bastible by the Wexford County Council would not give sufficient time for the preparation of Dr. Bastible's case, the Minister has agreed to postpone the Sworn Inquiry for a week. The Inquiry will accordingly, be held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on Wednesday, 11th January, 1939, at 10.30 o'clock a.m.

Dr. Christopher Bastible has been notified by this Department of the original date of the Sworn Inquiry and of its postponement to 11th proximo."

The following under date 30th December 1938 (P.H. 26265/17/38 - Lach Garman Sc) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to the Department's letter of the 29th instant on the subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state, for the information of the Wexford County Council, that in compliance with a further request received from Messrs. Hayes & Sons, Solicitors, 41 & 42 Nassau Street, Dublin, he has agreed to the postponement to Wednesday, the 18th January, 1939, at
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10.30 o'clock a.m. of the Sworn Inquiry into the charges brought against Dr. Christopher Bastible by the County Council. The Inquiry will, accordingly, be held in private in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on that date and at that hour."

The following reply of Dr. Bastible to the charges submitted against him by the Wexford County Council was received by Mr. J. Elgee, Solicitor, from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"1. Dr. Bastible submits that he has always performed the duties of his office as County Medical Officer of Health in a satisfactory and efficient manner. He has been County Medical Officer of Health for County Wexford since the year 1930 and no complaint as to the performance of his duties has previously been made.

As regards the specific charges under this head:- (a), (b) & (c). These charges are quite untrue and unfounded. Dr. Bastible has never been incapable of performing the duties of his office as alleged. (d),(e),(f),(g),(h) & (j). All Dispensaries and Clinics were duly held and when Dr. Bastible was not present he made all necessary arrangements with regard thereto.

The Duties of Dr. Bastible, as County Medical Officer of Health, are supervisory and he is not bound to attend personally all Dispensaries and Clinics provided he makes proper arrangement for holding same, which he has done in every case.

(i) As County Medical Officer of Health Dr. Bastible is bound to attend only such meetings as he may be required or directed to attend. No request or direction to attend the meetings in question was either made or given.

(k) Dr. Bastible did not endeavour to prevent the performance by the officers concerned of their duty under the Importation of Parrots (Temporary) Regulations, 1930. On

30th September 1938 having received a complaint from a lady who had imported two budgrigars he telephoned to the Department of Local Government and Public Health and having placed the facts before them was given certain advice which he communicated to the officers in question.

The complaint, having been made to him as County Medical Officer of Health, he conceived it to be his duty to communicate the advice he had received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health to the officers in question.

2. (a) & (b) These charges are untrue and there is no foundation for same. No complaint has been received by Dr. Bastible from the patients referred to or any person on their behalf.

3. Dr. Bastible submits that on enquiry into the above charges it will be shown that they are unfounded; he denies that he has been habitually intemperate and that he is unfit to hold the position of Medical Officer of Health for County Wexford."

The following letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 30th December 1938 (P.H.26265/14/38/Loch Garman - Sc) to Messrs. Hayes & Sons (Solicitors for Dr. Bastible), 41 & 42 Nassau Street, Dublin was read:-

"With reference to the Department's letter of the 29th instant, regarding the Sworn Inquiry to be held on the 18th January, 1939, into the charges made by the Wexford County Council against Dr. Christopher Bastible, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to forward, for consideration by the County Council the accompanying copy of a letter which has been received from Messrs. Hayes & Sons, Solicitors, 41 & 42, Nassau Street, Dublin, C.2., requesting certain documents and particulars in connection with the above-mentioned charges. A copy of

the Department's reply to that letter is also enclosed."

The following is copy of letter sent by Local Government Department under date 30th December 1938 (P.H.26265/14/38 Loch Garman (Sc)) to Messrs. Hayes & Sons, Dublin, Solicitors for Dr. Bastible:-

"With reference to your letter of the 23rd instant, requesting certain documents and particulars in connection with the charges brought by the Wexford County Council against Dr. Christopher Bastible, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inform you that these documents and particulars are not available in this Department, but copy of your letter has been transmitted to the Wexford County Council for their consideration."

The following is copy of letter from Messrs. Hayes & Sons, Solicitors for Dr. Bastible, to the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 23rd December 1938:-

"We are in receipt of your letter of to-day's date informing us that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health has instructed Dr. J. D. MacCormack, Medical Inspector, to hold a Sworn Inquiry on Wednesday, 4th January 1939, at 10.30 a.m. at the Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, into the charges brought against Dr. Christopher Bastible by the Wexford County Council.

In the first place, we would point out that owing to the intervention of the Christmas holidays the time at our disposal to prepare Dr. Bastible's defence to these very serious charges and to properly instruct Counsel on his behalf is altogether inadequate.

In our letter of the 13th instant we pointed out that Counsel would have to be instructed on behalf of Dr. Bastible and that we would have to be furnished with copies of a number of documents and we asked that as long notice as possible of the Inquiry should be given.

It is essential for proper preparation of our client's case that he should have access to or copies of all documents records and Minutes relating to the charges in question.

We understand that all these documents are in the power and procurement of the County Council and that Dr. Bastible has not access to same. In these circumstances, we must ask you to please furnish us with copies of the following documents and particulars of the following matters alleged in the charges:-

1. (c) Copies of the records of the Tuberculosis Dispensary and the V.D. Clinic held at Wexford on the 5th October 1938.

Particulars of the alleged incapability of performing the duties of his office as alleged.

- (d) Copy of the letter dated 29th September 1938, referred to.

Copy of the Records of all Tuberculosis Dispensaries held at New Ross between 8th July 1938 and the 29th September 1938.

- (e) Copy of the Report referred to.

Copy of the Records of all Tuberculosis Dispensaries held during the month of July, 1938.

Particulars of the alleged falsity of the statement referred to.

- (f) Copy of the Records of all Tuberculosis Dispensaries held during the month of August, 1938.

Particulars of the alleged falsity of the statement referred to.

- (g) Copy of the Report referred to.

Copy of the Records of all Tuberculosis Dispensaries held during the month of September 1938.

Particulars of the alleged falsity of the statement referred to.

- (h) Copy of the Records of the Dispensaries referred to.

Under what Order, Regulation or Authority is it alleged that Dr. Bastible should have personally attended the Tuberculosis Dispensaries?

(i) Copies of the Notices sent to Dr. Bastible requiring him to attend the Meetings referred to.

Copy of the Agenda and Minutes of each of the meetings referred to.

(j) Copies of the Records of the Tuberculosis Dispensaries referred to.

(k) Full particulars of alleged endeavour to prevent the performance of their duty by the officers referred to together with copies of any correspondence which passed in relation to same.

2. (a) Particulars of the alleged indecent and unprofessional conduct and of the alleged indecent assault and the time when it is alleged that same were committed.

Copy Records, showing all the attendances of Mrs. Johanna Bolger at the Tuberculosis Dispensary, the nature of her illness and full particulars thereof.

(b) Particulars of the alleged indecent and unprofessional conduct and of the alleged indecent assaults and the time when it is alleged that each of such was committed.

Copy Records showing all the attendances of Bridget O'Connor at the Tuberculosis Dispensary, the nature of her illness and full particulars thereof.

Also please furnish us with copies of the evidence submitted to the Minister in support of the charges.

Having regard to the documents and particulars which we require and the intervention of the holidays it seems to us that it will be impossible to properly prepare Dr. Bastible's case for such an early date as 4th January."

The following under date 6th January 1939 was read from Dr. C. Bastible, 50 Hannaville Park, Terenure, Dublin:-

"Having given careful consideration to the effect which my suspension must have on my future relations with members of your Council and with employees of the various Local Authorities who are under my control, I feel that it would be impossible for me to continue my duties as County Medical Officer of Health, even though (as I anticipate) the Inquiry, directed by the Minister should result in my favour.

Having come to this conclusion, it seems to me that, with a view to saving further expense to all concerned, I should at once inform the Council of my decision to resign.

Accordingly, without making any admission as regards the charges made against me, I tender my resignation as County Medical Officer of Health.

The following under date 7th January 1939 (P.H.68/4/39 Loch Garman) to Messrs. Hayes & Sons, Solicitors, from Department of Local Government and Public Health was read:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant and copy of a letter addressed by Dr. C. Bastible to the Wexford County Council tendering his resignation as County Medical Officer of Health. In reply, I am to point out that during the discussion at this office on yesterday (6th January) with your representative, Mr. Hurley Solicitor, it was intimated to him that an officer cannot resign his office while suspended therefrom and that any proposal of Dr. Bastible to resign can only be conditional upon and to take effect from the removal of his suspension from office by the Minister should he so decide."

After discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That, in view of the letter from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, under date 7th January, 1939, (No. P.H.68/4/39 Loch Garman) to Messrs. Hayes & Sons,

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Solicitors, Dublin, the Wexford County Council are not in a position to deal with the matter of the resignation of Dr. C. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, at this stage."

NATIONAL MONUMENTS

Under date 21st December 1938, the following (C.94. 49/1/36) was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"With reference to your letters of 20adh and 25adh Meitheamh last on the subject of Ferrycarrig and Mount Garret Castles, we have consulted the National Monuments Advisory Council in the matter and have to state that these Castles are National Monuments within the meaning of the Act.

In this connection we wish to add, however, that we are advised that a number of Churches situated in graveyards and therefore vested in the Local Authority are in need of repairs, and would be specially eligible for attention. Of these, the most important is the fortified Church at Clonmines, but those at Clone and Bannow are also in need of conservation works."

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by the Chairman, it was decided that communication be sent to the owners of Ferrycarrig and Mountgarrett Castles to ascertain if they are prepared to vest same in the County Council.

Also, that the Secretary ascertain from the Secretary, County Board of Health, in how many of the vested graveyards are monuments which might be deemed to be of national importance and if necessary repairs had not been carried out recently at Clonmines.

TACUMSHANE LAKE

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter received by him from the Office of Public Works under date 31st December, 1938:-

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"I am directed by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance to refer to your letter of 28th ultimo relative to the drainage of Tacumshane Lake and to state that in view of the previous history of this project he does not consider the work suitable for execution by means of a grant from the Employment Schemes Vote."

Acknowledgment of resolution from the Council of flooding at Tacumshane Lake was read from the Land Commission (J3846/38) 22nd December 1938.

FLOODING AT FISHERSTOWN AND GREAT ISLAND

Acknowledgement of resolution of County Council re above (Estate R.H.Ryland E.C.8483 and E.M.Gallwey S.855 - Co. Wexford) was received from the Land Commission.

WORKS UNDER MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES VOTE

In reply to Mr. Kelly, the County Surveyor said that he had received from Office of Public Works a preliminary list - 12 or 14 Works - which they had selected but this was not the full list.

REPAIRS TO WEXFORD BRIDGE

In reference to repairs to Wexford Bridge, Mr. Culleton asked if the work was going on at present. He had been asked to inquire as to what was the rate of wages paid to unskilled workers. Was it the ordinary rate to County Council workers or town rate?

The County Surveyor said it was the rural rate - the work was in the rural area - though some of the men might come from the urban area.

Mr. Culleton - I have been asked to raise the question. Probably there will be a protest, but let it be dealt with then. What is the proportion of the Grant. How much do we receive?

County Surveyor - Forty per cent.

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Mr. Culleton - I have been asked also to inquire if that means that only trades union labour be employed - where the Government is giving any proportion of the grant.

The County Surveyor said there was nothing in the Government regulations governing this work about trades union labour.

FETHARD-BALLYCULLANE ROAD

Mr. Colfer referred to road from Fethard to Ballycullane and said it was in a very bad condition.

Chairman - A very, very bad road.

Mr. Colfer said the road was in a terrible condition at present, and he thought that a memorial was being prepared for submission to the Council. As they failed to get the road into a Grant Scheme he intended to give notice of motion that a loan be obtained for its improvement.

The County Surveyor said they did a little bit on the road under Relief Grant.

The notice of motion was accepted, the County Surveyor to find out the amount that would be required.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Sean Murphy, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Renewal of Licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act be granted the following:-

1. Gerald Murphy, Tacumshane.
2. John McNamara (Messrs. McCormack & Hegarty) Merchants, Quay, Wexford.
3. Michael R. Moran, Enniscorthy.
4. John Whelan, Irish Street, Buncloody.
5. Robert Butler, St. Ivers, Broadway.

CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF MEMBERS

The following resolution was received from Wicklow Board of Health and Public Assistance:-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to introduce legislation to amend Section 63 of the Local Government Act, 1925, so as to enable members of Local Authorities and Committees thereof to be paid expenses in respect of travelling from their residences to places of meeting and back to their residences after attendance at such meetings, together with a reasonable allowance for sustenance; non-attendance at three-fourths of meetings by reason of illness not ~~to~~ debar members from payment in respect of meetings actually attended by them."

The Chairman stated that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health was taking action as regards the re-adjustment of present arrangements for payment of contributions towards travelling expenses of members.

It was decided that the County Secretary communicate with Wicklow County Board of Health and Public Assistance and inform them of the Chairman's observations.

SAFETY FIRST

The Traffic and "Safety First" Association of Ireland, 19 Kildare Street, Dublin, forwarded the following resolution which was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Smyth:-

"That this Council make a special appeal for the year 1939 to all users of public highways within our jurisdiction to exercise every care for their own personal safety; and every consideration for the safety of others; and endeavour to ensure they will not be the cause or the victim of an accident during this year."

Mr. Smyth said it would be of considerable advantage if instructions could be issued to the Schools and the

Gardai warning school children - particularly when school was just closed for the day - to keep to the left side of the road.

It was decided to ask the Traffic and "Safety First" Association of Ireland if they could put the suggestion of Mr. Smyth into force.

Dennis Allen
13th Feb 89

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING - 20th JANUARY 1939

MINUTES

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

N. J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary Wexford County Council.

By directions of the Chairman, Mr. D. Allen, T.D., a special meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 20th January, 1939, to consider the position of County Medical Officer of Health.

Mr. D. Allen, T.D., Chairman, presided; also present, Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, Christopher Culleton, Raymond Doyle, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, William Kinsella, James Lawler, Thomas McCarthy, Sean Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan and Patrick Ronan.

The Secretary and County Solicitor were also in attendance.

The following, under date 7th January, 1939, (P.H.68/4/39) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to forward, for the information of the Wexford County Council, the accompanying copy of a communication addressed to Messrs. Hayes and Sons, Solicitors, Dublin, in reply to a letter received from them transmitting copy of Dr. Bastible's letter of the 6th instant addressed to the County Council."

The following under date 7th January 1939 (P.H.68/4/39 Loch Garman) is copy of the letter addressed to Messrs. Hayes & Sons, Solicitors for Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer and referred to in the forgoing communication:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant and copy of a letter addressed by Dr. C. Bastible to the Wexford County Council tendering his resignation as County Medical Officer of Health. In reply, I am to point out that during the discussion at this office

on yesterday with your representative Mr. Hurley, Solicitor, it was intimated to him that an officer cannot resign his office while suspended therefrom, and that any proposal of Dr. Bastible to resign could only be conditional upon, and should take effect from, the removal of his suspension from office by the Minister, should he so decide.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the County Council."

The following, under date 6th January, 1939, was read from Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health:-

"Having given careful consideration to the effect which my suspension must have on my future relations with members of your Council and with employees of the various Local Authorities who are under my control, I feel that it would be impossible for me to continue my duties as County Medical Officer of Health, even though (as I anticipate) the Inquiry, directed by the Minister should result in my favour.

Having come to this conclusion, it seems to me that, with a view to saving further expense to all concerned, I should at once inform the Council of my decision to resign.

Accordingly, without making any admission as regards the charges made against me, I tender my resignation as County Medical Officer of Health."

The following under date 9th January, was read from Dr. C. Bastible, County Medical Officer, 50 Hannaville Park, Terenure, Dublin:-

"With reference to my letter of the 6th instant tendering my resignation of the office of County Medical Officer of Health, I am informed that it is the view of the Department of Local Government and Public Health that an officer cannot resign his office while suspended therefrom.

It is to be understood then, that my proposal to resign is conditional upon, and is to take effect from, the

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removal of my suspension from office by the Minister, if he should so desire."

The following, under date 12th January 1939, was read from Dr. Bastible from his Dublin address:-

"With reference to my letters of the 6th and 9th instant, while, as I have already mentioned, I do not admit the charges made against me, I realise they were not made by the County Council lightly or without due consideration.

An acceptance of my resignation (whether or not coupled with a request to the Minister to determine my Suspension with a view to making my resignation effective) would not be regarded by me as a withdrawal of the charges!"

Under date 13th January 1939, the following letter (No. P.H.69/9/39-Loch Garman Sc) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letters of the 9th and 10th instant, regarding the suspension of Dr. Christopher Bastible from his office of County Medical Officer of Health for Wexford County, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state, for the information of the Wexford County Council, that in compliance with a request from Dr. Bastible's Solicitors, the Minister has agreed to a further postponement to the 25th instant of the Sworn Inquiry into the charges made against Dr. Bastible by the County Council."

The following resolution was moved by Mr. McCarthy and seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That the County Secretary, having received a letter from Dr. Bastible in which he sets out he would not regard the acceptance of his resignation as County Medical Officer of Health by the Wexford County Council as a withdrawal of the charges formulated against him, the said County Council hereby accepts the resignation as County Medical Officer of

Health tendered by Dr. Bastible in his letters of the 6th day of January, 1939, and 9th day of January, 1939, to the Secretary of said Council, said resignation to take effect as from the date upon which the Minister for Local Government and Public Health terminates the suspension of Dr. Bastible, should the Minister so decide.

In the circumstances, as far as the County Council are concerned, they will not press for the holding of a Sworn Inquiry into said charges."

The resolution was then put and adopted, Mr. O'Byrne (who believed the Sworn Inquiry should be held) dissenting.

Dennis Allen
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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING - 13th FEBRUARY, 1939

MINUTES

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

N. J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary Wexford Co. Council.

The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 13th February 1939.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding; also, Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, C. Culleton, Raymond Doyle, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, James Kennedy, James Lawler, Thomas McCarthy, Sean Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wamyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan, Myles Smyth, Malachi Sweetman and James E. Walsh.

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

The Minutes of last monthly meeting, 9th January 1939 and of special meeting, 20th January 1939, were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for the following were agreed to:- Ordinary payments £1463. 10. 0 and £228. 14. 1 Transfer to County Wexford Vocational Education Committee.

THE LATE POPE PIUS XI

Miss O'Ryan said it was their sorrowful task to extend sympathy to the Papal Nuncio, His Excellency, Most Rev. Dr. Robinson, on the death of His Holiness, Pope Pius XI. A simple person like her, she said, could not find words to express their sympathy in a fitting manner, and all she could say was that they had lost their Holy Father.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne seconded the resolution and said that almost the last act of the late Pope was to provide Ferns diocese with a Bishop, an act for which they should feel grateful.

Mr. Corish, on behalf of the Labour Party, supported the resolution. He said that words would be inadequate to

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convey what they felt at the passing of the Holy Father who was not alone a great Churchman but a great diplomat who worked in the interests of humanity as a whole. He would be a great loss not alone to the Church but to the world.

The Secretary said the death of the Pope was deplored not only by Catholics but by all men of goodwill throughout the world.

The resolution was passed in silence.

THE LATE MRS. CULLEN

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Michael Redmond:-

"That we offer our deep sympathy to Mr. Thomas Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, on the death of his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Cullen."

The Secretary expressed his personal sympathy and that of his staff with Mr. Cullen in his bereavement.

THE LATE MRS. HYDE

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the following reply from the President of Eire to vote of sympathy to him in the death of Mrs. Hyde be inserted on the Minutes of the day:-

'The President wishes to thank you sincerely for your very kind expression of sympathy in his recent bereavement."

THE LATE MR. THOMAS ASPLE, EX-COUNTY COUNCILLOR

It was decided on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. O'Byrne that the following reply under date 16th January 1939 from J. Asple, Galbally, Bree, to vote of condolence in the death of Mr. Thomas Asple, ex-County Councillor, be inserted on the Minutes of the day:-

"Please convey my sincere thanks to the County Council

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on my own behalf and on behalf of his other relatives for their kind sympathy in the death of the late Mr. T. Asple. Also for your own personal remarks."

THANKS FROM RIGHT REV. DR. STAUNTON, D.D., LORD BISHOP OF FERNS

The Lord Bishop of Ferns wrote returning heartiest thanks for the kind congratulations and good wishes of the County Councillors in his appointment to the See of St. Aidan.

MONTHLY MEETING IN APRIL

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Colfer, that at the monthly meeting to be held in March the Council decide whether the monthly meeting in April be held on 3rd or 11th of that month as the ordinary day of meeting, 10th April, is Easter Monday (Bank Holiday).

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

MEETING 20th JANUARY 1939: The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of above meeting were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 20th January, 1939.

Mr. D. Allen, T.D., Chairman, presided; also present:- Messrs. P. Colfer, R. Corish, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy, Sean Murphy, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4757. 15. 2d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following is the state of Rate Collection to date of meeting:-

Percentage of Warrant Collected.

1.	P. Nolan	58.3
2.	S. Gannon	57.6
3.	J. Curtis	56.2
4.	J. J. O'Reilly	54.0
5.	A. Dunne	52.9
6.	M. Kehoe	52.3
7.	E. J. Murphy	51.8
8.	P. Carty	51.7
9.	P. Doyle	51.7
10.	J. Cummins	51.6
11.	J. Deegan	51.3
12.	J. Quirke	51.1
13.	D. Kenny	50.9
14.	M. McCarthy	50.3
15.	J. Flood	47.5
16.	W. Doyle	46.6
17.	J. J. Sinnott	42.7
18.	W. Cummins	42.5

Average 51.2

Percentage collected at corresponding period last year was 52.1.

POUNDAGE: Under date 16th January, 1939, the following was read from Mr. J. M. Curtis, Hon. Secretary, County Wexford Rate Collectors:-

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"I have been instructed by Rate Collectors to make application to the Finance Committee that poundage be paid to Collectors immediately they have 50 per cent and amount of half-year's arrears collected."

The Secretary explained that all Collectors had received the first interim payment of poundage fees and nine were paid the second interim.

Application for sanction in accordance with resolution of Finance Committee adopted at last meeting had recently been made to the Minister.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of letter from Mr. Curtis pending decision of the Minister on the resolution adopted by the Finance Committee at last meeting.

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

SCHOLAR EILEEN CARTY: The following letter under date 16th December 1938 from the Department of Education (Secondary Education Branch), 1 Hume Street, Dublin, re above student was read:-

"I am directed to refer to the Department's regulations governing the award of its Secondary School Scholarships, and to point out that under Rule 49 of these Regulations for 1938-39, a pupil may benefit in the same school year from Scholarships provided by the Department and a County Council to the total value of not more than £50.

Eibhlís Ní Charthaigh, a pupil of Clochar Lughaidh, Monaghan, who has qualified for the award of a Scholarship (value £15) on the results of the Intermediate Certificate Examination in 1938, has informed the Department that she holds a Scholarship (value £50) from your Council. In view of Rule 49 referred to above, I am to inquire what amount your Council propose to pay in respect of her Scholarship in the current school year."

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

"That the County Council have no objection to Eileen Carty, Scholarship Holder under Secondary and Vocational Scheme receiving in addition to her County Scholarship of £50 the special scholarship of £15 awarded to her by the Department of Education on the results of her Intermediate Scholarship Examination in 1938.

The County Council believe it would be a hardship on this pupil to be deprived of the amount of the last named scholarship in the circumstances and are quite prepared to pay their scholarship up to the full amount."

ILLNESS OF CLERICAL ASSISTANT

In connection with the illness of Mr. Stephen Hayes, Clerical Assistant, County Council office, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the authorities of Peamount Sanatorium be requested to furnish fortnightly reports as to the progress of Mr. Stephen Hayes from the date he took up residence at the Sanatorium and to continue during the period of his illness."

The Secretary stated he intended employing during Mr. Hayes' illness Laurence Cleary, 11 Roche's Terrace, Wexford, who had 10 years experience with Cunard White Star Line Company in Liverpool as Shorthand-typist and general clerk with that firm.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. McCarthy it was decided that the appointment of Mr. Cleary be confirmed, wages to be at the rate of £3 per week.

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SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

DANIEL SHEEHAN, EFFERNOGUE, FERNZ: This applicant, through his Solicitor, Mr. J. J. Bolger of Enniscorthy, withdrew his application at the last meeting of Finance Committee.

Mr. Kelly then explained that this occurred through a misunderstanding and Sheehan was still anxious to build his house.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, stated that he could not certify that the Title was in order until a sub-division had been carried out.

It was decided to await a further report in this matter from the County Solicitor.

MARTIN DOYLE, GARRYCULLEN, BALLYCULLANE, farmer, applied for loan of £160 for house valued at £250.

The Secretary stated that the maximum amount to which Mr. Doyle would be entitled would be £155.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was decided to recommend the County Council to approve of loan not exceeding this amount provided appropriate Certificates are received from Assistant Surveyor and County Solicitor.

APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS: James Doyle, Garryhasten, Clonegal, Labourer, applied for loan of £70 on house valued at £170.

The Secretary stated that the maximum loan in this case would be £85.

It was decided to refer this application to Mr. Ronan, County Councillor, and provided his inquiries evoked satisfactory information, a loan not exceeding £70 be agreed to, provided the appropriate certificates are received from Assistant Surveyor and County Solicitor.

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MARY BREEN, BOOLABAWN, DAVIDSTOWN, SMALL FARMER, applied for loan of £150 on house valued at £230.

The Secretary stated that the maximum amount of loan in this case would be £135.

It was decided to refer the application to Mr. McCarthy, County Councillor, for investigation and report.

EDWARD BANVILLE, HAYTOWN, DUNCANNON: Mr. Elgee submitted letter under date 16th January 1939 from Mr. Banville, withdrawing his decision not to proceed with the erection of his house. He explained that he was now in a position to proceed with the work and in consequence would ask the Council to cancel his refusal to accept loan.

It was decided to agree to Mr. Banville's request.

DANIEL SULLIVAN, BALLYELLAND, DAVIDSTOWN: In this case, the loan was for £130 and Surveyor's value of house at £220 had been agreed to. The applicant now applied for additional loan and on re-inspection by Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, the value of the house was raised to £260. The maximum amount to which the applicant would be entitled would be £165, or £35 additional on the original amount.

Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. McCarthy seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That, in view of the figure of re-valuation of house of Daniel Sullivan, Ballyelland, Davidstown, the loan to him be increased to £165."

NICHOLAS BREEN, KILLOGGY, FERNS: In connection with the report that this applicant had set his house to a member of the Garda, correspondence was read from applicant including the following letter under date 12th January, 1939:-

"I received a letter from you some time ago, which I showed to Guard English. He told me that he could not

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leave the House as he could get no other. I live in the house occasionally but I am not prepared to live there permanently yet. I got permission from County Council to take the Guard and his family in as lodgers. He is a good tenant, and as it is essential to have fires lighted in the house, I would be grateful if the County Council were satisfied to let matters stand as they are at present."

The Secretary stated he had written to Mr. Breen under date 17th January, 1939, asking him to forward copy of letter from County Council giving him permission to take in lodgers. So far no reply had been received.

It was decided to adjourn further consideration of the matter until next meeting.

TOMNABOLEY RIVER AND ROAD

The following memorial in connection with flooding of above road was submitted:-

"During winter months every year it frequently happens that no motor-car or horse-drawn vehicle can use main Boolavogue-Monamolín road owing to depth of water in river-bed across the road.

For some years past school children and people going to Mass have had to return home as the existing footbridge was periodically flooded and impassable.

On five Sundays this winter all the members of ten families missed Mass as the footbridge was flooded. Fifteen school children were unable to attend school on twelve occasions during October, November, and December. We, the undersigned, regard the question of a bridge across the road, as a most urgent one. At this point the roadway is sufficiently wide to enable a bridge to be erected, leaving an open space at one side.

Signed:- Laurence Allen, C.C., Boolavogue.

Henry Armstrong, N.T., Boolavogue.

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Michael Gahan, Barmona.

Patrick Donohoe, Tomnaboley.

Thomas Martin, Clone.

Patrick Cullen, Raheendarrig.

James Breen, Clone.

William Murphy, Clone."

The County Surveyor stated that there was no doubt that the complaint in the memorial was justified and something would have to be done to obviate the flooding.

It was decided that the County Surveyor furnish detailed report to next meeting of Finance Committee.

APPLICATION FOR REMOVAL OF SHRUBS

Under date 9th January, 1939, Patrick Kavanagh, Camteigue, Buncloody, wrote asking for permission to remove from around his labourer's cottage and allotment, shrubs, (two sycamore and one larch trees) in hedgerow which he stated were of no use for any purpose except fuel, in fact, they were practically a nuisance. He had applied to the Sergeant, Garda Siochana, Buncloody, and was told he would have to get permission from the County Council.

It was pointed out that the matter was really one for the Board of Health and it was decided to forward copy of letter and felling notice to that body.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE 1938/39 ROADS (URBAN) SUPPLEMENTAL

Under date 10th January, 1939, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (RU/205/109/S) that for the purpose of providing additional employment in the urban district of New Ross through the medium of road and footpath works, a supplemental grant of £1397 had been allocated, subject to a local contribution of £193. Total for Scheme £1590.

The County Surveyor stated he had communicated with

MOTOR TAX OFFICE

The following letters were read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 15th instant, relative to the proposal to employ Messrs. Thomas Wafer and Michael Kirwan upon the work of motor registration and licensing, and to state that, in the circumstances, no objection will be raised to the proposal."

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 5th instant, and enclosure, relative to the extra clerical assistance required in connection with the work of motor registration and licensing during the present "rush" period, and to state that, in the circumstances, no objection is seen to the employment of Mr. James E. Sinnott."

In connection with the supply of 3,000 Local Taxation Index Cards, quotations were received from the People, Wexford, at £2. 14. 6d and Browne & Nolan Ltd., Nassau Street, Dublin, at £3. 2. 6d.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Colfer, the tender of the People was accepted.

On the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, it was decided that the "Pronto" 2 Drawer Card Index Cabinet as supplied to Wicklow, Tipperary and other County Councils by Messrs. Browne & Nolan, Ltd., Nassau Street, Dublin, at £1. 17. 6d each, be accepted.

URBAN DEMANDS

The following statement of the indebtedness of the Urban Councils was submitted:-

<u>Enniscorthy:</u>	Due to 31st March 1938	£1572. 19. 0
	Due to 30th September 1938	<u>£1901. 8. 3</u>
		£3474. 7. 3.

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New Ross: Paid in full to December last.

Wexford: Paid in full to March 1938.

Due - one quarter - to end of September 1938
£1942.

Mr. McCarthy explained that in connection with the Enniscorthy district the Rate Collector had been in default on rather a large sum and at the moment it was impossible for the Urban Council to effect any arrangement to meet the demands of the County Council. The matter, however, would not be lost sight of.

GOREY TOWN COMMISSIONERS AND DANGEROUS PREMISES, GOREY

Under date 7th January, 1939, the following was read from the Town Clerk, Gorey Town Commissioners:-

"I am directed by my Commissioners to apply to your Council for a report on derelict premises in Main Street, Gorey, owned by Richard Whitney, Kilmichael, Gorey.

These premises are in a very bad state at the moment, and my Commissioners consider the matter is one of extreme urgency."

The Secretary stated that Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, had informed the Town Clerk that the County Council had no responsibility in this matter.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

District Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Gorey, wrote under date 19th January, 1939, that several children were to appear before the District Court in Gorey on Friday, 27th January, 1939, and it was possible three of the four of them might be committed to Artane Industrial School. Their ages ranged from 11 to 14 years.

Referred to County Solicitor.

The District Court Clerk, New Ross, wrote under date 17th January, 1939, stating that application would be made on 24th January for committal to St. Aidan's Industrial

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School, New Ross, of Teresa Kenny, 10½ years old,
illegitimate child of Annie Kenny, Charleton Hill, New Ross.
Referred to Guntý Solicitor.

BINDING MINUTES

Quotation of Messrs. J. English & Co., Quay, Wexford,
for binding minutes of County Council for 1938 at £1. 5. 0
was accepted.

ARCHITECTURAL COMPETITION SYSTEM

Correspondence was read from the Hon. Secretary of the
Architectural Graduates' Association, 34 Dame Street,
Dublin, asking the County Council as regards the erection
of public buildings to adopt the system of having
architectural competition, selection to be made by
Architects of acknowledged standing.

It was decided to make no order.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 20th January 1939 be received and considered."

TOMNABOLEY RIVER: Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, said that the "eye" of the bridge had been fenced and if this was cleared and the river cleaned up it would take a lot of water. There should be a bridge at the place.

The Chairman said they should try and deal with such cases yearly and in this way they would be all covered in a short time.

Mr. Ennis said there was an alternative road which would mean only a mile of a detour. It would cost about £400 to have a new bridge erected there. He thought it was up to the people themselves to do something. He would do what he could to help them.

The matter dropped.

DANGEROUS PREMISES IN GOREY MAIN STREET: The County Surveyor said he had inspected the place in company with Mr. O'Byrne, County Councillor. He understood the Town Commissioners were to get in touch with Messrs. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, to obtain particulars they were to supply to him (County Surveyor) but he had not heard anything further up to the present.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 20th January 1939 as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

MEETING 3rd FEBRUARY 1939: The Minutes of this meeting
were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 3rd February 1939.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, T.D. (Chairman) presiding; also, Messrs. P. Colfer, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy, Sean Murphy, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4971. 14. 5d, was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following gives the state of Rate Collection to date:-

		<u>Percentage amounts collected to date.</u>
1.	P. Nolan	59.2
2.	S. Gannon	58.0
3.	J. Curtis	57.5
4.	J. J. O'Reilly	56.4
5.	D. Kenny	55.2
6.	P. Doyle	55.1
7.	M. Kehoe	54.7
8.	A. Dunne	54.3
9.	E. J. Murphy	54.2
10.	J. Quirke	53.6
11.	J. Deegan	52.8
12.	P. Carty	52.5
13.	J. Cummins	52.3
14.	W. Doyle	51.6
15.	J. Flood	51.4
16.	M. McCarthy	50.6
17.	W. Cummins	45.0
18.	J. J. Sinnott	<u>44.0</u>

Average 53.2.

The collection was .9 lower than at the corresponding period last year.

POUNDAGE: The following letter under date 24th January 1939 (G.2732-39 Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

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"With reference to your letter of the 17th instant requesting sanction to second interim payment of poundage fees to Collectors who reached the required standard by the 28th January, 1939, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that there has been no application of this nature received from other Counties. An extension of one month has already been given which was ample to give the Collectors an opportunity of lodging the amounts required. It has been noted from the Rate Collection Returns that three Collectors who at the end of November had less than 50% lodged were able to bring their collections up to 55% or over at the end of December and that in one case an improvement of 10% was effected. The average collection throughout the country on the 31st ultimo was an improvement on the collection on 31st December 1937. At the latter date Wexford County was very slightly above the average for the country but has since fallen below the average.

The Minister in these circumstances sees no reason to justify the further extension proposed but on the understanding that no further application can be entertained he will raise no objection to the second interim payment being now made to the Collectors who lodged the required amounts by the 7th instant."

The Secretary stated that payments of second interim had been made to:-

Collectors Nolan, Gannon, O'Reilly, Kenny, Dunne, E. J. Murphy, Kehoe, Curtis, and P. Carty.

The following had reached the required standard, but not at the given date:-

Collectors Quirke, P. Doyle, Deegan, J. Cummins, W. Doyle and Flood.

The following had not yet qualified:-

Collectors M. McCarthy, W. Cummins and J. J. Sinnott.

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

"That the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council, having considered letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 24th January 1939, No. G.2732/39 Loch Garman, request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to agree to the following proposal:-

Payment of full Poundage to the following Collectors who have reached the required standard for 2nd interim payment as follows:-

J. Quirke	18th January 1939
P. Doyle	19th January 1939
J. Deegan	9th January 1939
J. Cummins	14th January 1939
W. Doyle	31st January 1939
J. Flood	2nd February 1939.

That payment of Poundage less a defer of 3% be made to the following Collectors when they reach the required standard, this defer to be re-instated in each case should the warrants be satisfactorily closed:- M. McCarthy, W. Cummins and J. J. Sinnott."

TEMPORARY RATE CLERK: James Sinnott, Newtown, Clonevan, was selected as temporary Rate Clerk (Gorey Area) as recommended by the Chairman and Mr. W. P. Keegan.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT - ADDITIONAL INSPECTORS

The following under date 27th January 1939 (Div. Ref. 61/39) was read from Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Wexford:-

"I wish to bring to notice the position obtaining in regard to the enforcement of the Food & Drugs Acts in the County of Wexford. As a result of correspondence received by me from different Superintendents, from time to time

relative to the large areas which the several ex-officio Inspectors of Food & Drugs were responsible for, I found it necessary to inquire fully into the matter with the result that I am very strongly inclined to the opinion that in the best interests of the enforcement of these Acts a number of additional appointments is very essential.

At the present time we have eight (8) ex-officio Inspectors in the County and they are enforcing the Acts in their respective areas as follows:-

- (1) Garda P. O'Toole, 967, Wexford - Wexford Urban and Rural; Castlebridge; Rosslare Strand; Rosslare Pier and Killurin Sub-Districts.
- (2) Garda J. Grimes, 3604, Baldwinstown - Baldwinstown; Kilmore Quay and Taghmon Sub-Districts.
- (3) Garda M. Dwyer, 4597, New Ross - New Ross; Ballywilliam and Carrickbyrne Sub-Districts.
- (4) Garda J. Martin, 5336, Ballycullane - Ballycullane; Carrig-on-Bannow; Campile; Duncannon and Fethard-on-Sea Sub-Districts.
- (5) Garda P. O'Donnell, 3862, Enniscorthy - Enniscorthy; Ferns; Killanne and Clonroche Sub-Districts.
- (6) Garda P. McLoughlin, 4581, Blackwater - Blackwater; Oulart and Oylegate Sub-Districts.
- (7) Garda J. Riordan, 3707, Gorey - Gorey; Camolin; Courtown Harbour; Clonevan; Hollyfort and Coolgreaney Sub-Districts.
- (8) Garda F. Healy, 2833, Bunclody - Bunclody Sub-District.

The result of my examination of the position convinces me that in most cases the areas allotted to each ex-officio are far too unwieldly to permit of effective enforcement of the Acts and no better allocation can be effected without making additional appointments. This is made more manifest since the Free Milk Scheme became operative as the obtaining of necessary Samples from Free Milk Suppliers has, in a number of cases, necessitated travelling at a very early hour in the morning to these residences (only place of delivery) sometimes situate a distance of 13 or 14 miles from the ex-officio's Station.

Thus, apart from ensuring a more effective enforcement of the Acts, by appointing more ex-officio Inspectors, it will not be otherwise possible to avoid travelling expenses in the performance of the Duty. While the appointment of the new members will avoid any claims for travelling expenses as the area can be so divided to obviate travelling more than eight miles (approx.) from the respective centres.

I am, therefore, to recommend that your Council would appoint the following new members in addition to those already acting:-

1. Garda Charles Hely, 833, Rosslare Pier Station.
2. Garda Bernard J. Toner, 6510, Killurin Station.
3. Garda Laurence Lennon, 3085, Carrickbyrne Station.
4. Garda Richard Cotter, 4890, Killanne Station.
5. Garda Edward Barry, 4201, Ferns Station.
6. Garda Edward Raftery, 6562, Courtown Harbour.

The only expense involved by your sanction is the provision of usual kit for the six members, and I can confidently assure your Council that this comparatively little expense will be wisely utilized in the best interests of efficiency. Incidentally, it will obviate more expense which cannot otherwise be longer avoided in many instances due to travelling long distances in inclement weather. The usual half-yearly requisitions for equipment will not show much, if any increase, and pending next issue of such equipment I can arrange that the Duty can be proceeded with by distributing the equipment in possession of those members already appointed.

I would request that each member be appointed for the County so that in the event of transfers taking effect within the County a new appointment will not be necessary."

Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

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"That the County Council be recommended to appoint the following members of the Garda Siochana (as requested by the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana) as Inspectors under Food and Drugs Acts for the administrative County of Wexford:- Garda Charles Hely (Rosslare Pier); Garda Bernard J. Toner (Killurin); Garda Laurence Lennon (Carrigbyrne); Garda Richard Cotter (Killanne); Garda Edward Barry (Ferns) and Garda Edward Raftery (Courtown Harbour)."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

NICHOLAS CARR, KILLANNE: Under date 20th January 1939, this applicant wrote to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, that he could not give an undertaking that he would be able to complete the building of his house by 31st March, but would write again in 9 or 10 days' time.

The County Solicitor said he had not heard anything since from Mr. Carr.

No order.

JAMES DOYLE, CLONHASTON, CLONEGAL: Letter was submitted to the meeting from Local Councillor that James Doyle was a labourer with a family and held about five acres of land. He did not appear to have money to spare and it was believed it would be difficult for him to erect house ~~xxxx~~ with the amount of loan and grant unless he was able to procure financial aid from some other source.

It was suggested that he be written to and asked what the proposed house would cost and also if he was in a position to supplement from his own resources the amount he would receive from Local Government Department and from County Council.

The Secretary stated he was writing to Doyle as suggested.

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The Chairman mentioned that applicant was a small farmer and would get site and gravel free. He was also prepared to put his own labour into the erection of the house.

It was decided to adjourn the matter to County Council meeting of 13th February 1939 when applicant's reply would be considered.

NICHOLAS BREEN, KILLDGGY, FERNS: This applicant forwarded letter from County Council offices under date 1st June 1937 in which it was stated that the County Council would raise no objection to his taking in a Civic Guard and his family as lodgers.

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

"That Nicholas Breen, Killdgggy, Ferns, be called upon by Mr. J. Elgee, County Solicitor, to reside in the house which was erected by him under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

MARY J. DOYLE, GURTEEN, INCH: The County Solicitor reported he had written on 21st January asking Mrs. Doyle if she intended proceeding with her application, and had pointed out that the house should be completed by 31st March next. No reply had been received from her to the present.

DANIEL SULLIVAN, BALLYELLAND, DAVIDSTOWN: The Secretary stated, under date 27th January 1939, he had written to the Department asking for the sanction of the Minister to the additional £35 which the Council had agreed to advance in this case, owing to increase in value of house certified by Assistant Surveyor.

SANCTION TO LOANS: Under date 19th January 1939, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote

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(H.30008/2/38) sanctioning advance of £95 to Andrew Browne, Clonamona, Craanford, and £100 to Catherine and Patrick Flynn, Ballindoney, Ballywilliam.

AGREEMENT TO ADVANCE The Finance Committee recommended the County Council to agree to advances of £145 to each of the following applicants:-

Edward Kelly, Ballynadara, Enniscorthy.

Anne Foley, Borrmount, Enniscorthy.

Arthur Doyle, Killagoley, Enniscorthy.

APPLICATION FOR LOAN: Thomas Murray, Sleedagh, Ballycogley farmer (occupier of 23a. 2 roods) applied for loan of £120 on house valued at £200.

The Secretary stated that £120 was the maximum amount which could be advanced in respect of this application.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to advance to Thomas Murray, Sleedagh, Ballycogley, a sum not exceeding £120 under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, this proposal to be subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health."

MRS. MARY ANNE PENDER, BLACKSTOOPS, ENNISCORTHY: Mr. Elgee County Solicitor, said that this woman, against whom a decree had been obtained for a large sum for arrears of instalments of loan, had been paying 10/- per week up to three weeks ago when her husband was disemployed. The latter was going to England to relatives of his wife to seek work and his wife now sought permission to let the house for a short time, she continuing to pay the 10/- per week. He recommended the acceptance of the proposal.

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

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"That, in view of the report to this meeting by County Solicitor, the County Council be recommended to allow Mrs. Pender to let house erected by her under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts for a limited period as we consider the circumstances in this case exceptional."

Mr. McCarthy said there was a likelihood of this house being sold in which event the total amount due on foot of Loan advanced by the County Council would be repaid.

MARY BREEN, BOOLABAWN, DAVIDSTOWN: It was reported by Local Councillor that this applicant, who applied for loan of £135, held only three small fields. Her son was a farm labourer and was unemployed. There was also another daughter and a younger son in the family. She was in receipt of a small British Army Pension, but it did not appear she would be in a position to pay off a loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

It was decided to recommend Mrs. Breen to apply for a labourer's cottage.

POSITION OF COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Under date 24th January 1939, the Secretary, Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P.H.68/11/39 - Loch Garman Sc) that the Minister had made an Order terminating the suspension of Dr. Bastible as from that date (24th January 1939) and directing that the remuneration which Dr. Bastible would have received during the period of his suspension if he had not been suspended should be wholly forfeited.

Under date 25th January 1939 the following letter (No. P.H.68/11/39 - Loch Garman Sc) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to the Department's letter of yesterday's date, I am directed by the Minister for Local

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Government and Public Health to forward, herewith, for the information of the Wexford County Council, duplicate of an Order made by him on the 24th instant terminating the suspension of Dr. C. Bastible from the office of County Medical Officer of Health for Wexford County and directing that the remuneration which Dr. Bastible would have received during the period of his suspension, if he had not been suspended, shall be wholly forfeited."

The following under date 1st February 1939 (P.H.68/12/39 Loch Garman Sc) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to the Department's letter of the 25th ultimo, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to request that the Wexford County Council may take immediate steps for the filling of the vacancy in the position of County Medical Officer of Health consequent on the resignation of Dr. C. Bastible. For this purpose the Council should, in the first instance, fix the remuneration to be attached to that post and transmit particulars thereof to this Office for the Minister's approval."

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

"That the County Council be recommended to fix remuneration of incoming Medical Officer of Health as follows:- Salary £800 per annum. Locomotive expenses up to £200 maximum.

The candidate appointed must have some years experience as Medical Officer in practice.

That age limit should be from 30 to 45.

That candidates must have graduated in Ireland.

Preference for knowledge of Irish."

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VALUATION BILL 1938

The following under date 3rd February 1939 was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"As requested I have gone into the above Bill, in order to ascertain in how far it affects the County Council.

Generally speaking, as far as the County Council are concerned the Bill does not affect the valuation of Agricultural Land at all, as the Valuations at present in existence for Lands are to remain as at present. The Bill will, however, affect Buildings which are on Agricultural Land.

Certain duties are cast upon the Secretaries of the Local Authorities, and on the Poor Rate Collectors in connection with the Annual Revision of the Valuation, but I think that these duties are practically the same as are at present in force.

The cost of the General Valuation is to be borne by the Local Authorities, at a cost estimated at $2\frac{1}{2}$ d in the Pound on the total Valuations exclusive of Lands.

The cost of the Annual Revision is to be borne by the Local Authorities at the rate of $\frac{2}{5}$ th of One penny in the £, on the Total Valuation, including Lands.

The funds payable by the Local Authorities are to be raised by means of the Rate out of which are defrayed the expenses of such Rating Authority in meeting the demands of the Local Authority charged with the Administration of the enactments relating to the relief of the Poor."

The Secretary stated that according to present figures the contribution of the Council to the cost of the General Valuation would be £1100 and the cost of annual revision was estimated at £675.

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

"That as regards cost of administration set out in Valuation Bill 1938 the Finance Committee are of opinion

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that led in the £ on the valuation of other hereditaments should be an ample contribution for the General Valuation and they also consider that the present cost of the annual revision of valuation, viz., £195, should cover this work."

DRAINAGE COMMISSION

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the County Council be recommended to nominate the County Surveyor to submit evidence to the Drainage Commission."

COUNTY COUNCIL INSURANCES

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

"That the County Surveyor invite quotations for Insurances of County Council under Employers' Liability and for Third Party risk. That the small items of insurances for fire, etc. be renewed on the same terms as obtained for year 1938-39 provided the County Surveyor considers the premium figures reasonable."

It was also decided that canvassing the members of the Council as regards acceptance of any particular quotation will be regarded as a disqualification.

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following applications under above Scheme were submitted:-

Blake Alice, Kilmore Quay, Co. Wexford.

Conlan, Peter, 20 Upper John Street, Wexford.

Coady Walter, Ard na Greine, New Ross.

Carty Matthew Francis, 6, Upper Bride Street, Wexford.

Creane Francis Dominic, 48, White Rock View, Wexford.

Corish Edward, 10 Robert Street, New Ross.

Devereux Nicholas Victor, Trinity, Taghmon.

Devereux Michael, "Alverna", John's Road, Wexford.

Ennis William Peter, 13 Grogan's Road, Wexford.
Fingleton Patrick, Shannon, Enniscorthy.
French Sean, Shannon Hill, Enniscorthy.
Gleeson Ellen, Taulaught, Ballycullane.
Kehoe Paul, 16 High Street, Wexford.
Kavanagh Richard Joseph, Kilcavan Upper, Gorey.
Keating Anne Mary, Kilmore Quay, Wexford.
Kelly Anne Teresa, Ralphtown, Bridgetown, Wexford.
Kelly Catherine Teresa, Upper John Street, Wexford.
McCormack Margaret Mary, Drimma, Rosslare Strand
Murphy Annie, Ballydaw, Marshalstown, Enniscorthy.
Murphy Brigid Elizabeth, Wilkinson, Glynn, Co. Wexford.
Murphy Michael Joseph, Carley's Bridge, Enniscorthy.
Nolan Lawrence, 6, Redmond Street, Enniscorthy.
Ua Lionain, Cairbre, Baile Caoilte, Cuil Grenine, Guaire
Ua Lionain, Fiacre, do. do. do.
O'Rourke Mark Anthony, 6 Upper King Street, Wexford.
O'Donnell Francis Kevin, The Fort, Duncannon, Wexford.
O'Gorman Frances Mary Teresa, The Hills, Wexford.
O'Keeffe Mary, Clonroche, Co. Wexford.
O'Leary Katherine Josephine, 1 St. Enda's Terrace,
Wexford.
O'Rafferty Mary, Coolgreany, Inch, Co. Wexford.
Pierce John Francis, 7 St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy.
Reynolds Gerald Richard, 25 McSweeney Street, Wexford.
Roche Thomas, St. John's Road, Wexford.
Roche Thomas Joseph, 7 Davitt Road, Wexford.
Ryan Annie Philomena, Mulmintra, Taghmon.
Sadler William, Columba's Villas, Wexford.
Synnott Roger Alphonsus, "Mount John", Grogan's Road,
Wexford.
Stafford William, Bride Place, Wexford.
Slevin Thomas, John Street, New Ross.

Underwood Thomas Joseph, 67 South Main St., Wexford.

Wall James, 1 Irish Street, Bunclody.

Walsh Samuel Joseph, 18 Court Street, Enniscorthy.

Wilson Edward, John Street, New Ross.

In the case of Nicholas Victor Ennis, ^{Doverux} Trinity, Taghmon, as the limit of Income according to the Scheme for five children is £310 and the income of parents in this case was given as £320 the application was refused.

In the case of William Peter Ennis, 13 Grogan's Road, Wexford, as the limit of income according to the scheme for two children is £270 and the means of parents were set out at £310 the application was refused.

In the case of Frances Mary T. O'Gorman, The Hills, Wexford, the means of parents were not stated as the child had lived for a number of years with her grandfather, who had filled the form of application.

The Committee decided that as the parents were alive the form of application should be filled up by them and that the Council would recognise the authority of Guardians only in cases in which parents were deceased.

It was decided that application of Ellen Gleeson, Talaught, Ballycullane be accepted although not lodged until 2nd February 1939.

In the case of Mary Graham, Gurteen, Inch, the Chairman said that the father of this girl had some difficulty in obtaining a birth certificate and had held over the form until he had secured this certificate.

It was decided to recommend the Council to accept this application provided it came to hand prior to County Council meeting on 13th February 1939.

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME 1939

The following is a list of applicants under above Scheme:-

Abbreviations: C(Children); I(Income); V(Valuation).

Blake, Alice, Kilmore Quay, Co. Wexford.

C.1. I.£70. Fisherman.

Conlan, Peter, 20, Upper John Street, Wexford.

C.2. I.£170. Joiner.

Coady, Walter, Ard Na Greine, New Ross.

C.8. I.£256. Sergt. Garda Siochana.

Carty, Matthew Francis, 6, Upper Bride Street, Wexford.

C.1. I.£150. Lightshipman.

Creane, Francis Dominic, 48, White Rock View, Wexford.

C.5. I.£120. Plasterer.

Corish, Edward, 10, Robert Street, New Ross.

C.5. I.£300. District Court Clerk.

Devereux, Nicholas Victor, Trinity, Taghmon.

C.5. I.£292. (Mother, National Teacher)
(Father, Hackney Car Owner)

Devereux, Michael, "Alverna" John's Road, Wexford.

C.2. I.£150. Tailor.

Ennis, William Peter, 13, Grogan's Road, Wexford.

C.2. I.£310. Clerk (Limit income 2 children £270)
(applicant £310.)

Fingleton, Patrick, Shannon, Enniscorthy.

C.9. I.£224. Civic Guard.

French, Sean, Shannon Hill, Enniscorthy.

C.1. I.£104. Army Pensioner.

Gleeson, Ellen, Taulaught, Ballycullane.

C.5. I. nil. Unemployed. (received 2nd February).

Kehoe, Paul, 16 High Street, Wexford.

C.5. I.£156. Fruiterer.

Kavanagh, Richard, Joseph, Kilcavan Upper, Gorey.

C.4. I.£26:10: Od. Labourer.

Keating, Anne, Mary, Kilmore Quay, County Wexford.

C.1. I.£80. Carpenter.

Kelly, Anne Teresa, Ralptown, Bridgetown, County Wexford.

C.4. I.£78. V.£19:10: Od. Farmer.

Kelly, Katherine, Teresa, Upper John Street, Wexford.

C.5. I.£223: 6:10d. Home Assistance Officer.

McCormack, Margaret Mary, Drimma, Rosslare Strand.

C.3. I.£50. Widow.

Murphy Annie, Ballydaw, Marshalstown, Enniscorthy.

C.3. I.£70. Agricultural Labourer.

Murphy, Brigid, Elizabeth, Wilkinson, Glynn, County Wexford.
C.3. I.£.160. V.£49. Farmer.

Murphy, Michael, Joseph, Carley's Bridge, Enniscorthy.
C.6. I.£156. Mill Worker.

Nolan, Lawrence, 6, Redmond Street, Enniscorthy.
C.5. I.£50. Labourer.

Ua Lionain Fiacre Baile Caoilte, Cul Greine, Guaire.
C.7. I.£212. Irish Teacher.

Ua Lionain Cairbre, Baile Caoilte, Cul Greine, Guaire.
C.7. I.£212. Irish Teacher.

O'Rourke, Mark, Anthony, 6, Upper King Street, Wexford.
C.3. I.£260. Traveller.

O'Donnell, Francis, Kevin, The Fort, Duncannon.
C.6. I.£130: 7:10d. Pensioned Lighthousekeeper.

O'Gorman, Frances, Mary, Teresa, The Hills, Wexford.
C.4. I.£120. V.£12. Agent Singer Sewing Machine Co.

O'Keefe, Mary, Clonroche, County Wexford.
C.1. I.£19:10: Od. Labourer.

O'Leary, Katherine, Josephine, 1, St. Enda's Terrace, Wexford.
C.7. I.£200. Poor Rate Collector.

O'Rafferty, Mary, Coolgreany, Inch, County Wexford.
C.5. I.£185. V.£13. Shopkeeper.

Pierce, John, Francis, 7, St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy.
C.9. I.£243. Linotype Operator.

Reynolds, Gerald, Richard, 25, MacSweeney Street, Wexford.
C.3. I.£150. Fitter.

Roche, Thomas, St. John's Road, Wexford.
C.3. I.£150. Steward.

Roche, Thomas, Joseph, 7, Davitt Road, Wexford.
C.7. I.£156. Iron Moulder.

Ryan, Annie, Philomena, Mulmintra, Taghmon.
C.9. I.£180. V.£56. Farmer.

Sadler, William, Columba's Villas, Wexford.
C.4. I.£195. Postman.

Synnott, Roger Alphonsus, "Mount John" Grogan's Road, Wexford.
C.5. I.£260. Joiner.

Stafford, William, Bride Place, Wexford.
C.7. I.£182. Motor Driver.

Slevin, Thomas, John Street, New Ross.
C.6. I.£300. Driver

Underwood, Thomas, Joseph, 67, South Main Street, Wexford.
C.3. I.£210. V.£20. Shopkeeper.

Wall, James, 1, Irish Street, Bunclody, County Wexford.
C.3. I.£78. V.£10. Unemployed Baker.

Walsh, Samuel, Joseph, 18, Court Street, Enniscorthy.
C.4. I.£234. Solicitor's Assistant.

Wilson, Edward, John Street, New Ross.
C.4. I.£100. Boot Merchant.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That we recommend the appointment of the following temporary Warble Fly Inspectors for season 1939 on the same terms and conditions as obtained in 1938, viz.:- Salary £2. 10. 0 per week plus actual cost of postage expenses:-

Area No. 2 Enniscorthy: James Doyle, Coolree, Ballindaggin

Rossard, Ballindaggin, Kiltale, Killanne, Castleboro, Clonroche, The Leap, Killoughrim and Marshalstown. - (9)

Area No. 3 Enniscorthy: John Walsh, Kereight, Ballyhogue.

The Harrow, Tinnacross, Enniscorthy Rural, Enniscorthy Urban, Bree, Ballyhogue, Ballyhuskard. - (7).

Area No. 4 Enniscorthy: William Brien, Glenteigue, Edermine.

Kilcormack, Bolaboy, Castle Talbot, Ballyvaldon, Castle Ellis, Kilmallock and Edermine. - (7).

Area No. 5 Gorey: Thomas Kenny, Brideswell, Carnew.

Wingfield, Coolgreany, Limerick, Ballylarkin, Kilgorman, Ballynestragh, Monaseed, Ballyellis and Ballybeg. - (9)

Area No. 6 Gorey: Patrick Lawlor, Camolan.

Kilcomb, Kilnahue, Rosminogue, Huntingtown, Ballyoughter, Gorey Rural, Gorey Urban, Courtown and Ardamine (9).

Area No. 7 Gorey: Patrick Ryan, Newtown, Kilmuckridge.

Ballycanew, Ballygarrett, Killena, Monamolin, Wells, Killincooley, Ford, Cahore. (8).

Area No. 8 New Ross: John Flynn, Ballindoney, Ballywilliam

Barrack Village, Templeudigan, Clonleigh, Ballyanne, New Ross Urban, New Ross Rural, Whitemoor, Barronstown, Adamstown and Old Ross (10).

Area No. 9 New Ross: John Morrissey, Camross, Foulksmills

Oldcourt, Rochestown, Carnagh, Carrigbyrne, Kilgarvan, Whitechurch, Dunmain, Newbawn and Horetown. (9).

Area No. 10 New Ross: William Carty, Yoletown, Ballycullane.

Kilmokea, Killisk, Inch, Clongeen, Tintern, Rathroe, Ballyhack, Fethard, and Templetown. (9).

Area No. 11 Wexford: Edward Woods, Kingsford, Barntown.

Glynn, Kilbride, Killurin, Kilpatrick, Artramon, Ardavan, Ardcolm, Forth, Carrig, Taghmon and Whitechurch (Glynn). (11).

Area No. 12 Wexford: Patrick Rossiter, Slevoy, Foulksmills.

Ballymitty, Harristown, Bannow, Harpurstown, Duncormack, Aughwilliam, Kilcowan, ^{Killbeg}~~Killinick~~, Bridgetown, Newcastle and Rathaspeck. (11).

Area No. 13 Wexford: Dermot E. Druhan, Lady's Island, Broadway.

Wexford Rural, Wexford Urban, Drinagh, Rosslare, Killinick, Mayglass, Kilmore, Tomhaggard, Tacumshane, Kilsoran, St. Helen's and Lady's Island. (12)."

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

"That, as regards appointment of John Walsh, Kereight, No. 3 District, the County Council be recommended to inform him that if he does not show a substantial improvement over the number of cattle inspected under Warble Fly Order last season they will not continue his services as Inspector."

It was decided to communicate with Mr. David Creane, Ballyphilip, Kilmyshal, Clôhamon, who acted during last treatment period as Inspector in No. 1 Area that if he does not notify the County Council by the 10th instant he is prepared to act for the coming season, the position will be filled.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEME ROADS (RURAL) 1939/40

Under date 31st January, 1939, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (RU/206/1) that subject to the necessary funds being provided by An Dail, a grant of £7,900, subject to a local contribution of £2,800 towards a Road Works Scheme estimated to cost £10,700 would be provided on the usual conditions.

The County Surveyor said amount referred to in Department's letter had been already provided for.

OBSTRUCTION TO SCENIC VIEWS

Under date 24th January, 1939, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (RU/205/32.U) that with regard to the allocation of grants to meet the cost of removal of obstructions to scenic views £135 had been allocated to County Wexford by the Department for the two following works:-

(1) Remove existing mound and hedge, fence and replace with wire fence on Road T.8 in townland of Brownswood, to give view of River Slaney - £75.

(2) Remove trees adjoining road T.7 No. 12 in townland of Mountgarrett, to give view of river Nore. - £60.

The County Surveyor said these were the two works he had recommended to the Department.

STORE-KEEPER FOR MACHINERY YARD, ENNISCORTHY

Under date 23rd December 1938 the following letter was read from Mr. W. Murphy, Machinery Overseer:-

"In connection with the Machinery Yard, Enniscorthy, the amount and value of materials on hands and passing through takes up a large amount of valuable time on the Blacksmith, and very often when he is engaged at giving out and checking stores his helper is practically idle, and as well the records cannot be properly kept. Unless a change is made at the beginning of the New Year I cannot accept

responsibility for the stores or the records. I would suggest that a store-keeper be appointed who would also keep records of all materials, check invoices, time sheets, as well as making himself generally useful. Such a man could be got for considerably under the Blacksmith's wages, and the latter would not be interrupted in his work as he is at present."

The County Surveyor said that the question of keeping records would be only part of the duties of the new official. He would have a good deal of other duties to carry out. There was no question that owing to the large amount of machinery and stores it was very necessary to have someone to keep in close touch with all their equipment. If he (County Surveyor) were allowed to employ a man temporarily for a limited period he would see how the proposal would work out. The attendance of Mr. O'Kennedy at the Machinery Yard would cease in April and he (County Surveyor) would like to have someone appointed in the meantime. Of course, Mr. O'Kennedy's duties were confined to writing up and checking machinery records but the new man would have a great deal more to do as was pointed out in the application of the machinery overseer.

After discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That the County Council be recommended to make a temporary appointment to the position of store-keeper to the Machinery Yard for a period of three months, salary to be £2 per week, County Surveyor to draft list of duties."

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

"That the position of temporary store-keeper be filled through advertisement, canvassing to be regarded as a disqualification. Intending applicants to be furnished with Conditions of Appointment on application to the County

Surveyor's office. Period of employment to be as agreed to by the Finance Committee, viz:- a probationary term of three months."

PURCHASE OF NEW LORRY

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 1st February 1939 from the Machinery Overseer:-

"I seriously suggest that you should recommend the Council to change our present 15 cwt. Lorry for a new lorry capable of drawing $4\frac{1}{2}$ tons. My reasons for suggesting this are as follows:-

The Council now have 3 Air Compressor Drills; and we have secured suitable secondhand lorries on which we are about to mount two of those drills. It has been found impossible to secure a suitable lorry for the transport of the third drill, and even had it been possible to do so I would scarcely recommend that this drill should be permanently fixed up as a mobile unit. This drill will generally speaking only come in for occasional shifts, as most of our work will easily be covered by the first two drills. I estimate it would on the average only be necessary to shift the third drill about 12 times in the year.

We have been hiring lorries to shift those drills, and the average cost per shift works out at £3. The ordinary lorry is not fitted for, or heavy enough to do this work satisfactorily and the system has proved most unsatisfactory in another way, as we never can count on any local lorry owner being able to come on any particular day at a particular hour to shift our drills. Drill Operators, smiths, etc., have often been hanging about idle for a day or two waiting on such lorries on many occasions. Another point to consider is that unconsciously we have been getting lorry owners to haul our plant and their licences or insurance may not cover such work.

My suggestion to replace our 15 cwt. with a $4\frac{1}{2}$ ton lorry would obviate all those difficulties, and in addition, this lorry would turn in to do all the other work which is at present too heavy for our 15 cwt. lorry, viz., carrying two or more drums of oil and spare parts etc., to our various plants.

Another big economy which can be effected by purchasing a $4\frac{1}{2}$ ton lorry is that it would be available to haul gelignite to all our blasts. At present, this is costing an average of £100 per year at least.

Finally the lorry I suggest would be suitable, and in my opinion available for general haulage from quarries etc., on the average two days per week.

Here again such a lorry would be an economy as a railway owned vehicle of similar tonnage would cost £3 per day to hire.

From the forgoing I think you will admit the advisability of making the change which I suggest and in the best interests of the work I would ask you to support my recommendation."

The County Surveyor pointed out that in his opinion the proposal made by the Machinery Overseer would certainly make for improvement in road administration and he (County Surveyor) recommended absolutely the proposal to the meeting. They would sell the present lorry as they would not want it. He believed they should be able to purchase a new $4\frac{1}{2}$ Ton Ford lorry for between £390 and £425. He would be able to provide the cost out of the credit balance in the Machinery Account.

Mr. McCarthy proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That, in view of the recommendation of the County Surveyor, the County Council be recommended to procure a $4\frac{1}{2}$ Ton Ford lorry for road work, cost not to exceed £450.

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That this proposal (if necessary) receive the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

That the County Surveyor be empowered to dispose of the 15 cwt. lorry, the property of the Council."

CONDITION OF WEXFORD BRIDGE

The following letter under date 1st February 1939 from Mr. A. D. Delap, 16 Molesworth Street, Dublin (Consulting Engineer) to the County Surveyor relative to the state of Wexford Bridge was read:-

"In your last letter you mention that questions may be asked as to our reason for delay in getting on with this job, and you ask for our explanation.

The reason is that we have not been able yet to satisfy ourselves as to what is the best way of doing it. Each way we have tried we have been met with further evidences of the dangerous condition of the bridge, which makes it clear that the cost of what we had provisionally proposed would be prohibitive or would not give the service that would be reasonably required.

We have again and again been tempted to throw up our hand and say that the bridge cannot be repaired. No one who looked at what can be seen where the bridge is now open could think we were not right in doing so, but we still hope, with a little more time, to find some way by which at a reasonable cost the bridge can be made for a few more years to carry some light load. Nothing that we or anyone else can do, can keep the bridge standing for much longer, but we do not wish to insist on closing it completely - while there is any hope of giving it a year or two more useful life, even though the usefulness is very limited."

In reply to the Chairman the County Surveyor said that he could not estimate what it would cost to take out the ^{fe} bars and in addition there was more than a possibility of damaging the shoes when these were being taken out.

He had considered various proposals in regard to the repair of this bridge. Originally Mr. Delap was inclined to condemn the bridge out of hand but at the request of the Council considered the possibility of repair, but this would only be advisable if it could be carried out at a reasonable cost, and should be regarded only as a temporary measure to preserve the structure for a few years pending the erection of a new bridge. The original scheme of strengthening the pitch pine beams with longitudinal and cross steel girders was considered, but on going fully into this and after consultation with Mr. Courtney, Chief Roads Engineer, Department of Local Government and Public Health it was rejected, as unsuitable. The possibility then of lightening the super-structure by removing the cast-iron plates and road metalling was next dealt with. This would entail the replacement of a number of tie-bars and in addition a number of shoes and beams. Eventually this was decided upon as being a possible solution and the County Council adopted this scheme subject to approval of the Local Government Department. Mr. Courtney asked for a number of details of calculations and tests of materials etc. and the matter remained in abeyance while his request was being carried out. In the meanwhile he (County Surveyor) had taken steps to open the spans which were known to be defective and to remove the one broken tie rod. On still further examination he found that the difficulty of dealing with new tie-bars would render this scheme very uncertain of completion without greatly increased cost and would further possibly entail damage to the cast iron shoes and in his opinion would be costly, undesirable and uncertain. Recently Mr. Delap at his request came down and made a further thorough examination, having also the advantage of seeing the spans which had been opened up. In view of this they

were compelled to consider various alternative systems of repair.

(1) He suggested in the first instance a single line of traffic with a passing place in the centre. Mr. Delap went fully into this confining the single line to lorry traffic only. On further examination^{of} this suggestion ~~he~~ (County Surveyor) decided that a single line would be out of the question as there would be constant blocking of traffic and if they allowed horse vehicular traffic to take another section of the bridge it would be almost impossible to prevent lorries going on to it, with a certainty of serious damage to the structure if not collapse. He (County Surveyor) personally then considered

(2) the possibility of having two separate and independent lines for lorry traffic and he believed this was the proper solution. He made an approximate estimate of the cost of these two systems. The single line system would cost in or about £4,500 or ~~the~~ double line would cost in round figures £6000 or probably somewhat more. Of course these estimates are very much in excess of the original figure as approved by the Council at £2600. He was satisfied that under no circumstances should they continue with the £2600 proposal. As a matter of fact he regarded the proposal for a double line of traffic as the only possible solution of the problem as it would mean that practically no dependance would be placed on existing beams shoes or tie bars. If, however, on closer examination this proposal was not found really feasible he suggested the bridge should remain as it is and that immediate steps should be taken for the erection of a new bridge. As the situation presented itself to him it would be a mistake to proceed with the repairs already agreed to.

The Chairman said they did not appear to be any further

in this matter than they were six months ago. Suppose they asked Mr. Courtney or his Assistant, Mr. Bloomer, down and have a conference as to what was really the most advisable steps to take as regards repair of this bridge. If it was found necessary to spend £6000 on the bridge he could not recommend that any further sum than the amount already agreed to should be raised from the ratepayers. They expected that the Department would contribute 40% of the £2600 set aside for the repairs which would leave the contribution from the ratepayers at £1560. He favoured borrowing any balance required from their Treasurer and they would then have only to provide for the payment of the instalments. He did not understand the position of Mr. Delap in the matter at present. They had paid him 100 guineas for his report, and having received that it was not the intention of the County Council to go any further with him. After that, the matter of repair was one for the County Surveyor.

The County Surveyor said he would ask, in view of the difficulty of the position, that Mr. Delap's services should be retained for some time and until they were able to decide what was the best method of repair.

Mr. Murphy said that the report sent in by Mr. Delap appeared now to be worthless. After the report Mr. Delap could not do more for them than the County Surveyor.

The County Surveyor strongly urged the retention of the services of Mr. Delap for a somewhat longer period as the matter was so serious and of such magnitude. He (County Surveyor) had been greatly helped by the advice and discussions with Mr. Delap.

On the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Miss O'Ryan the following resolution was adopted:-

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"That the matter of the continued employment of Mr. Delap be referred to the County Council. The Finance Committee consider that his additional fee as Consulting Engineer should not exceed £50 in addition to the 100 guineas already allowed him for his report."

DRAIN AT BALLINAMONA, CAMOLIN

The following under date 19th January 1939 was read from Mr. J. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"I am in receipt of yours of yesterday, and in reply write to say, that on the 5th November last I wrote to Mrs. Lynch requiring her to clean up the Drain at Ballinamona within ten days from the receipt of my letter, and since then, I have heard nothing from her nor the County Surveyor, and am unable to say how the matter now stands."

KILMANNOCK DRAIN

The following, under date 19th January 1939, was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"I am in receipt of yours of yesterday and in reply write to say, that on the 5th November last I wrote to Captain Henahan requiring him to remove the obstruction from the Drain, and I saw him a few days afterwards when he was discussing the matter with the County Surveyor, and I understood that the County Surveyor was to visit the Lands and point out to Captain Henahan what the Obstruction complained of was. Since then, I have heard nothing further in the matter."

CARNE ROAD

The following under date 24th January 1939 was read from Mr. S. B. Weldon, Carnsore, Broadway:-

"Is there any chance of getting something done in way of repair to the road coming from Main Road to end of The Pier at Carne."

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I kept it myself for a good many years and Mrs. Doyle helped after coming here.

Now, all the farmers are drawing seaweed over it as they claim it is a public road.

One or two people could not possibly repair it now.

I might mention I was talking to Mrs. Doyle this morning and she will make no objection."

It was decided to inform Mr. Weldon that the County Council had already decided they would take no responsibility beyond the end of the existing road.

ROAD CONNECTING TALBOT HALL WITH MAUDLINS

Under date 23rd January 1939 the following memorial signed by eleven ratepayers of the townland of Maudlins, Shallows Park and Ryleen (New Ross) as to the condition of above road was read:-

"We, the undersigned ratepayers, wish to bring to the attention of the Council the state of the road connecting Talbot Hall with Maudlins. This road is now in an impassable condition due to the middle of the road having been worn down to about fifteen inches below the level at the sides, thus causing considerable loss to those of us unable to transport beet, wheat etc. from our farms.

We ask that the simple rights of citizenship be extended to us, and we guarantee to give every opportunity for the drainage and upkeep of this road."

It was decided to adjourn consideration of the matter to next meeting of Finance Committee pending receipt of report from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor.

CONSIDERATION OF RATE ESTIMATE

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

"That the County Council be recommended to apply to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for his

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consent to extension of date for agreeing to Rate Estimate for General and Separate Charges for year 1939/40 from 1st March to 13th March 1939."

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Application for committal of the following children to an Industrial School was referred to County Solicitor:-

Myles Acton, Forest Road, Gorey, born 26th August 1926

Elizabeth Mary Acton, " " " 12th Nov. 1929

John Acton, " " " 10th Sept. 1932

children of John and the late Mary Acton of above address. Application to be made under Childrens Act 1929 (No. 24 of 1929).

In connection with the application of Superintendent Ryan, Garda Siochana, Enniscorthy, as to the committal to an Industrial School of Margaret Mary Conway, John Street, Enniscorthy, seven years old, it was stated that the father, a mill worker at Messrs. Davis Flour Mills, Enniscorthy, had three other children. It was pointed out that the father in this case was in receipt of £3 or £4 wages per week and in the opinion of the Finance Committee should be in a position to support the child instead of having her sent to an Industrial School at the cost of the ratepayers.

It was decided that the County Solicitor should take what steps he considered most advisable in the matter, and that he should communicate with the Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Enniscorthy, and ascertain the amount of weekly wages of which Conway was in receipt.

APPLICATION INCREASED GRANT ST. KEVIN'S REFORMATORY SCHOOL, GLENCREE

An application was received from Rev. W. F. O'Connor, O.M.I., Manager, St. Kevin's Reformatory School, Glencree, for an increased capitation Grant. He pointed out that the institution was in a serious financial position. The Auditors of their accounts reported "The position indicated

is one of insolvency whereby the assets are insufficient to meet the obligations incurred and unless there are some means employed to introduce additional income or to drastically curtail expenditure there appears to be no prospect of continuing without each year adding to the present deficit".

The Departments of Education and Finance had increased their contribution to 10/- per week per boy and the City Manager in Dublin had agreed to an increase ~~to~~ 8/- per week per boy, increase to be retrospective from 1st April 1938. Fr. O'Connor asked that other Local Authorities would follow the example of Dublin.

In reply to the Chairman the Secretary said that the 3/- increase for the fourteen boys in the institution would cost £109. 4. Od. The present rate per week was 5/- for each boy.

The amount paid Reformatory and Industrial Schools for the past year was £3270.

It was decided to inform Fr. O'Connor that owing to the financial position of the County Council and the many heavy commitments they have to meet the Finance Committee could not see its way to recommend an increase in the capitation maintenance grant for Glencree Reformatory School.

ILLNESS OF CLERICAL ASSISTANT

At the meeting of Finance Committee on 20th January 1939 the following resolution had been adopted:-

"That the authorities of Peamount Sanatorium be requested to furnish fortnightly reports as to the progress of Mr. Stephen Hayes from the date he took up residence at the Sanatorium and to continue during the period of his illness."

The following under date 24th January 1939 was read

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from Dr. Alice Barry, Peamount Sanatorium:-

"Re Mr. Stephen Hayes. This man is not a patient at Peamount Sanatorium. I did examine a man of that name in December last, but though he was not fit for work he did not require Sanatorium treatment."

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That Dr. Alice Barry, R.M.S., Peamount Sanatorium, be requested to inform the Wexford County Council as to the disability or ailment from which Mr. Stephen Hayes, Clerical Assistant in County Council Office, suffered that necessitated sick leave for a period of three months.

That a similar query be addressed to Mr. Hayes."

MATTERS ADJOURNED

Consideration of applications for repair of the following lanes was adjourned to next Finance Committee meeting:-

Ballygarron Lane (Kilmuckridge).

Ballincash Lane.

Curracloe Roads.

Ballinacoolabeg Lane (Castlebridge)

Flooding between Camblin and New Ross.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 3rd February 1939 be received and considered."

POUNDAGE: Mr. M.Redmond proposed the confirmation of the recommendation of Finance Committee as regards the 3% defer.
Mr. Ronan seconded.
The resolution was adopted, Col. Quin dissenting.

POSITION OF COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH: On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan, the recommendations of the Finance Committee were agreed to except as regards the recommendation as to knowledge of Irish, in which case the words "A knowledge of Irish desirable but not essential" were approved.

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

"That, on receiving approval from the Department of Local Government and Public Health as to proposed salary and locomotion expenses the Statutory Request to the Local Appointments Commission be filled up in accordance with the recommendations of Finance Committee except the recommendation as to Irish which is to be in accordance with the resolution adopted at this meeting. That a conference be arranged between the County Council, County Health Board and County Medical Officer of Health (when appointed) to make arrangements as to his duties including (if necessary) any delegation from County Council to County Board of Health."

VALUATION BILL 1938: The following letter under date 11th February 1939 (F.79/1/38) was read from the Department of Finance:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Finance to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 7th instant embodying the text of a resolution adopted by the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council at their meeting on the 3rd idem in connection with the provisions in the Valuation Bill prescribing the rates of contribution to be made by rating authorities towards the cost of revaluation and the subsequent annual revisions.

In reply, the Minister directs me to point out that the entire cost of the initial general revaluation carried out in the last century and, prior to 1874, one half the cost of the annual revisions fell upon the rating authorities. The Valuation (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1874, prescribed fixed annual sums to be paid by the respective rating authorities towards the cost of the annual revisions, the aggregate being intended to cover one half the entire cost. In fact, for years back it has not nearly sufficed. On the revaluation of the cities of Dublin and Waterford in 1908-15 and 1924-26, respectively, the rating authority bore one half the cost.

It is estimated that under the proposals in Sections 33 and 34 of the Bill the local contributions will cover less than one half the cost of revaluation and less than one half the cost of the annual revisions thereafter, the balance of the cost in each case falling to be met out of the Exchequer. In the circumstances, the Minister considers that the rates of contribution proposed in the Bill are not onerous on rating authorities, having regard to the advantages to them of having an up-to-date cadastre prepared and maintained for the levying of rates."

Under date 9th February 1939 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (Circ. letter No. 15/39) forwarding copies of Valuation Bill 1938 and explanatory memorandum for circulation to the Councillors.

The Secretary said the request had been carried out.

It was decided to adjourn further consideration of the matter including consideration of letter from Department of Finance to next meeting of the Council.

SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME: In connection with the case of Nicholas Victor Devereux, Trinity, Taghmon, the following under date 7th February 1939, was read from the mother of the applicant:-

"Yours of the 4th to hand. My standing salary is £258. 6. 0 with a varying capitation grant of 8/- per unit according to the attendance of pupils. This Grant on an average is £15 per annum. When calculating my husband's income for car hire I did not deduct tax and Insurance which is £18 plus £10 = £28. This leaves the total family income at £292."

No reply had been received from Mr. Ennis.

In the O'Gorman case the application has now been filled by the parents.

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

"That, in view of explanatory letter as to means from Mrs. Devereux we declare her son, Nicholas Victor Devereux, eligible to compete for award of Scholarship under Secondary and Vocational Scheme for 1939."

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936

Under date 26th January 1939 the following letter (No. L.400-39) was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state, for the information of your Local Authority, that the above Order, as amended by the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) (Amendment) Order, 1936, will again come into operation on the 1st March next. Immediate action should, accordingly, be taken by the Local Authority in regard to the appointment of temporary Inspectors, and advertisements on the lines

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indicated in the enclosed extract from this Department's communication (E.9078/36) of the 18th December, 1936, should be issued forthwith. A copy of the advertisement should be forwarded to the Department in due course, and the names of the selected candidates, together with particulars of their proposed districts, should also be submitted, as early as possible, but in any event not later than the 25th proximo.

While there was a reduction in the number of infested animals, as a result of the operations of the Order during the 1938 season, the Minister is not satisfied that the manner in which the Order has been administered in the areas of the majority of the Local Authorities is such as will secure the eradication of the warble pest within a reasonable period. This is to be regretted, having regard to the widespread system of inspection and the wide publicity already given to the Order. It is evident, in the circumstances, that many stock-owners must be evading their obligations and that a more effective enforcement of the Order is called for. In this connection the Minister observes that the number of detention notices served during the past season was relatively small, and that legal proceedings were taken in only a few cases in respect of non-compliance with the requirements of the Order.

The attention of the Local Authority is directed to the fact that visits to stock-owners and the work generally of the Inspectors should not be allowed to develop into mere matters of routine as would appear to have been the case in a number of instances last year. It should be impressed upon stock-owners that the Order is being operated in their own interest, and in the interests of the country's valuable live stock export trade, and that, having regard to the importance of the Order, the Local Authority will not hesitate to take legal action in any reported case of failure to dress cattle in the prescribed manner and at the prescribed times.

The qualifications and general suitability of the candidates for appointment as temporary Inspectors should receive particular attention, as it is only from the Inspectors' efficiency and application to their duties that any real progress can be expected. It may be mentioned that the Minister found it necessary, last season to withdraw his approval of the employment of a number of the temporary Inspectors owing to their general incapacity and negligence, and he trusts that the need for any similar action on his part will not arise in the ensuing season.

The record of any applicant formerly employed as temporary Inspector should be carefully scrutinised and he should not be recommended for appointment if his previous service was not satisfactory in every respect.

In order to expedite the taking of disciplinary action in the case of any temporary Inspector, where such action appears to be immediately called for, it is suggested that the Chief Executive Officer of the Local Authority should have general authority to suspend such Inspector forthwith pending further investigation and a decision as to whether his appointment should be terminated.

Before being selected each candidate should be required to give the usual undertaking, viz., that he will devote his whole time to the work and not engage in any other business during his period of employment; that he will procure (if he does not already possess) a means of locomotion that will enable him to carry out his duties; that he will reside at or reasonably convenient to the centre of the district to which he may be assigned; and that he will not hold any agency for the sale on commission of any of the approved cattle wash preparations or engage in any other way, directly or indirectly, in the sale of these preparations.

I am to request that you will bring this communication before the Local Authority without delay, that you will

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inform the Department as to the date of the meeting at which it will be considered, and that you will duly furnish particulars of the action taken in the matter."

Under date 3rd February 1939 David Crean, Ballyphilip, Kilmyshal, Clohamon, wrote that he was prepared to discharge the duties of Warble Fly Inspector in No. 1 Area (District Electoral Divisions of Moyacomb, Kilrush, Buncloody, Castle-dockrell, St. Mary's, Tombrack, Kilbora, Ferns, Ballycarney and Ballymore) on the same terms and conditions as obtained in 1938.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Sweetman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That David Crean, Ballyphilip, Clohamon, be appointed Warble Fly Inspector for No. 1 Area on the same terms and conditions as obtained in 1938."

The Chairman said he had been informed by a cattle dealer in a big way of business that the Irish farmers were losing thousands of pounds by warbled hides and in their own interests they should make every effort to see their cattle were properly dressed. When the local authority paid Inspectors the farmers should co-operate. It was to their own loss if they did not. There was a deduction of 10/- per beast made for those affected with warbles. It had been suggested that farmers who neglected to dress their cattle should be prosecuted and although the Council would not desire to do this it would have to come if farmers did not carry out the order properly.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES - ROADS: The County Surveyor said there was a condition that 90 per cent of the money be spent before March 31st. Considering that they had to get material from a quarry five miles away, it was impossible to fulfil that condition, and he had pointed out that to the Department and he expected they would allow the work to proceed. Regarding

the money to be spent under the Unemployment Vote, he suggested the work done last year on the road between Kilmuckridge and Courtown be continued. It was only a third class road, but the traffic was as heavy as on a main road.

Mr. Corish urged that the Curracloe road should have attention.

The County Surveyor said it did not come in amongst the eligible townlands. There would be further expenditure on the road between Bridgetown and Kilmore.

Mr. Murphy asked what about Bridgetown streets.

Mr. Corish said these were in a shocking condition.

The County Surveyor said they could do something at Bridgetown but they would have to employ men from Kilmore. He was not in favour of doing anything at Bridgetown until the sewerage scheme was finished.

Mr. Corish said if the County Surveyor inquired from the Engineer to the Board of Health he would ascertain that the sewerage system at Bridgetown would interfere with the street to a very small extent.

Miss O'Ryan asked if the Duncormack roads in respect of which a deputation complaining of their condition, was recently before the County Council, could be improved.

The County Surveyor said that there should be at least 16 men unemployed in an electoral area before they could do anything.

It was decided that the County Surveyor submit a detailed report as to how he proposed to expend the money provided under the Scheme.

STOREKEEPER FOR MACHINERY YARD: The County Surveyor thought the best thing was to take on a man temporarily to see how he would go on, but the Finance Committee thought it better to advertise. The work was carried on by the blacksmith up to the present, but there was a tremendous amount of work

and stores in the yard and it was almost impossible to keep track of it, because the blacksmith would be away at other work. It had developed into a factory and there was no way at present of keeping time sheets to enable the work to be segregated so that the cost of every individual job could be charged up to it.

Col. Quin - Is it any more expense on the rates? Who will pay the £100 a year?

County Surveyor - The Road Works Scheme you have already passed will pay it. I'd ask you to allow me to appoint the temporary man.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. T. Redmond seconded that the County Surveyor be empowered to employ a temporary man.

Mr. McCarthy said that would not be fair, because a temporary man would have an undue preference over the other applicants who reply to the advertisement and it would be nonsensical to advertise. The fairest thing to do was to advertise the job at the start.

The recommendation of the Finance Committee was agreed to.

The County Surveyor said the proposal would really save money to the Council.

PROPOSED PURCHASE OF LORRY: The County Surveyor stated he had been inquiring into the purchase of a Ford lorry and found their heaviest weight would not be equal to the work. In consequence, the allocation by the Finance Committee would not be sufficient. The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. T. Redmond:-

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to purchase a suitable 4½ Ton lorry, cost not to exceed £550."

WEXFORD BRIDGE: The following under date 9th February 1939 was read from Mr. Alfred D. Delap, Consulting Engineer (Delap & Waller, 16 Molesworth Street, Dublin):-

"We reported on this bridge on 9th May 1938 and again in June, on the under water parts of the structure. We found that the bridge was unsafe for the restricted load it was then carrying, and we asked for still further limitations, viz:- to one ton on two wheels, two tons on four wheels, both at a walking pace.

Since then we have been trying to find some way by which the bridge could be made fit to carry reasonable loads for a limited time, and have to this end been making further investigations into its condition. All we have seen confirms our original report that the bridge is in a very dangerous condition and unfit to carry any traffic, except very light loads at very low speeds.

We have examined many possible ways of making the bridge fit to carry reasonable loads at limited speeds for a few more years: most of these we have had to reject on account of the cost or because they stressed the structure beyond what we now know it can safely bear. We cannot for any reason consider ways that we feel are unsafe, but we submit one plan which will be reasonably safe, and we leave it to your Council to consider whether the estimated cost of this is justifiable in view of the inevitable early end of its useful life and of the restrictions on the traffic which must be applied so long as it is used.

The proposal which we now submit involves the lightening of the dead load on the bridge, by the removal of most of the cast iron floor plates and of the road material, and replacing them with a timber deck. The main bearers are in such a condition that they must not be asked to take any wheel load at all, we do not want to disturb them as any movement may destroy their sole useful function of stiffening

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the bridge.

To carry the wheeled traffic, we propose to introduce two new timber trussed beams under each of the two motor tracks: that is, four new trussed beams for the whole length of the bridge, and to leave the existing bearers as they are at present, only doing sufficient work on them to keep them from falling down under their own weight.

We considered using steel beams instead of timber, and found that of the two the timber, at present prices, worked out the cheaper and besides the increased cost of the steel beams it was found very difficult to fasten down the timber deck satisfactorily. Other difficulties arose in every attempt to combine steel and timber beams.

As regards cost. We can estimate the cost of all the new work and have done so, but though we have, in view of the inevitably short remaining life of the bridge, cut down all renewals and repairs, we must include substantial sums for absolutely necessary renewals and repairs which will only become obvious as the removal of the superstructure progresses.

It has become quite clear that the remaining life of this bridge must be short, it cannot possibly be more than a few costly years. It is for the Council to decide whether the advantages of what we propose are worth the cost or whether it would be better to close the bridge forthwith to all wheeled traffic, pending a decision on the question of a new bridge.

If a new bridge is to be built, its site will have to be decided on and a temporary bridge provided. The proposal we have put before you would enable the present bridge to deal with traffic during this period.

We estimate the cost of our proposal at £7,403. 0. 0, and we attach a plan showing details."

In reply to Miss O'Ryan the County Surveyor said that a new temporary bridge would cost between £10,000 and £15000.

The Chairman pointed out that as a new bridge would take five or six years to build it was necessary to have a temporary bridge in the meantime, either by repairing the existing structure or by erection of a new temporary bridge. He believed it would be much cheaper to repair the present bridge by spending £7,400 which, according to the reports of their engineers would give it a life of five or six years.

The County Surveyor said one of the first things to be done was to select a site for the new bridge if the Council decided upon building one.

Miss O'Ryan said it was stated at last meeting that before they could decide upon building a new bridge, certain inquiries would have to be made regarding the site opposite the old courthouse which was favoured by some people. The rights of the Railway Company, Harbour Commissioners and Corporation would have to be inquired into.

Mr. McCarthy said he had proposed that the erection of a new bridge be adjourned for 12 months, but he now felt that he would have to revise his view after considering the reports of County Surveyor and Mr. Delap. He wished to know how far they could carry on with the repairs to old bridge at the cost of £2600, already agreed to, if they decided in the very near future to erect a new bridge.

The County Surveyor was against carrying on the repair work covered by the £2600. In the first place he believed the amount would not be at all sufficient to cover what might be revealed when the bridge was stripped. It was more than possible they would have to remove a number of the tie-bars which would cause damage to the shoes. In fact, in his opinion, the work would be so expensive and uncertain he could not advise the Council to direct him to undertake it. He had considered the position with Mr. Delap, and his

partner, Major Waller and Captain Harvey, engineer on the bridge and the proposals now submitted were the result of two full days' consultations and examination of the position. What they proposed was to keep the bridge open until the new one was erected, and this was as far as they could go.

Mr. Corish held it was absolutely essential for the town of Wexford that the bridge should be kept open.

The County Surveyor said that a new bridge on approximately the present site would probably have to be alongside the old one, down stream. If they had a new bridge in contemplation on exactly the present site, they would have to build a temporary bridge alongside which would cost anything up to £12,000 or £15,000. If the present bridge were used as a temporary bridge while they were building a new one alongside it, he thought the one difficulty about that would be the crossing at the Wexford side, because they would have to build a new bridge over the railway. Of course, if they decided that the new bridge should be on the site of the old Wexford bridge, opposite the old courthouse, the present bridge would fit in perfectly as a temporary bridge.

The Chairman said it would be a big problem to decide where to put a new bridge. He could see the Harbour Board, Railway Company and the Corporation involved, and it was quite a possibility that the way out of that - supposing they decided to build a bridge at the old courthouse - would be an Act through the Dail. That was a possibility, but as the procedure was very slow ~~so~~ he was afraid that they would have to repair the old bridge. The only thing they wanted to be clear on was if, supposing the Council decided to build on the existing site, the existing bridge would have to be removed before the new bridge would be built.

The County Surveyor said if they selected the site for the new bridge on the existing site or beside it they would

have to rebuild the railway bridge to meet the Ministry of Transport loading. This would be costly but not so expensive as the erection of a new temporary bridge.

In reply to Mr. O'Byrne, the County Surveyor said the Council had not received the approval of the Department of Local Government and Public Health as to the proposed repair on the £2,600 basis. Mr. Courtney, Chief Roads Engineer to the Department, had inspected the bridge and has required particulars and calculations etc. from Mr. Delap. In the meantime, the bridge was opened and it was found much worse than they thought.

The Chairman pointed out that the Department of Local Government and Public Health would not initiate anything as regards the repair of the bridge but they would examine, criticise and advise any proposals put up by the Council.

Mr. Corish said that the report presented to them left Wexford in an unenviable and precarious position. It was the duty of the Council to do something about this matter now. In view of the position he considered inquiries covering the preliminaries necessary regarding the new bridge should be made without delay and at last meeting he had asked that these inquiries should be made.

In reply to Mr. Sweetman the County Surveyor said if Wexford bridge was closed the detour by Ferrycarrig from Castlebridge would mean an extra four miles over the existing route.

Mr. Sweetman said this meant hardship to the local people but was not of much concern to motorists.

Col. Quin said that most of the Council were satisfied that a new bridge would have to be built and they should face their responsibilities in the matter.

Miss O'Ryan said that at the previous meeting she had expressed herself in favour of the erection of a new bridge. But, it was perfectly natural for the members that they

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should consider whether the estimate of the County Surveyor at £2,600 would give a life of from three to five years to the existing structure in order to allow time to consider the erection of a new bridge. They were receiving different opinions as to the site of this new bridge from shopkeepers on the Quay and Main Street. It would be recognised that it was a matter which required very careful consideration.

The County Surveyor said that at the present time they had several spans of the bridge blocked off at one side, and in fact in regard to some of them it was doubtful if they should not close the whole span. Since he started opening up the bridge they had closed, partially, two other spans. They had, of course, a limitation of speed, but unless they had a man there with a machine gun they could not stop it.

Mr. Doyle said that at the last meeting he opposed the building of a new bridge, because the report of the engineers gave him the impression that they might get useful service out of the bridge for seven or eight years. Everyone was aware of the condition of the market in regard to timber, steel, etc. They were up against re-armament and world buyers. If they postponed the building of a bridge for four or five years they might save 40 or 50 per cent.

The County Surveyor said that under the system now proposed new trusses would be under the wheels of traffic and there would be two separate independent lines fenced off between. These trusses would really take the load.

Miss O'Ryan favoured the holding of a special meeting to decide the site of a new bridge. If they were going to utilise the existing structure as a temporary bridge, the cost of rebuilding the railway bridge and of any arrangements which might be necessary with other interests that might be involved would have to be considered in great detail.

The Chairman believed the inquiries referred to by Miss O'Ryan would take twelve months.

Miss O'Ryan said she was going to mention 14 days.

Mr. T. Redmond said he had voted against the proposal to adjourn consideration of erection of new bridge for twelve months because he believed a new bridge was absolutely necessary and there was certainly no doubt that a new bridge would have to be built within a very short period.

It would, in his opinion, take three or four years before the bridge would be completed. The present traffic into Wexford might be diverted to the detriment of the town if people had to go around by Ferrycarrig. They should decide at once upon the erection of a new bridge and carry out such repairs to the old one that would make it in the meantime fit for traffic.

Mr. Corish believed they had arrived at the stage when they should direct their engineers and officials to report as to the best site and to get in touch with the various interests concerned in order to ascertain the exact position as to the erection of new bridge, either on the present site or on the site beside the old courthouse.

Col. Quin said it was clear steps would have to be taken to strengthen the present bridge in the manner suggested by the Engineers. If they used the present bridge as a temporary bridge and decided to erect a new bridge parallel to it they could by a slight diversion avoid the reconstruction of the railway bridge, as it need not be interfered with.

Mr. Culleton held that the previous recommendations of the County Surveyor and Mr. Delap for a new bridge had been repudiated by the Council. He supported the building of a new bridge at Wexford in 1920 and in his opinion a good deal of the money necessary for the erection of that new bridge had been spent in the meantime patching the old one.

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The Chairman proposed the following resolution:-

"That repairs to Wexford Bridge in accordance with reports of County Surveyor and Mr. Delap, Consulting Engineer, at a cost of £7,043, be proceeded with.

That the equivalent of a rate of $2\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £ on the County be allocated for this expenditure, provided 40% maintenance grant be forthcoming from the Government.

That our Secretary communicate with the Department of Local Government and Public Health and explain the position to them and ascertain if they are prepared to put up the 40% in question."

The Chairman, in moving this, pointed out that if the money was borrowed no State Grant would be available as he had already mentioned.

Col. Quin seconded the motion which was adopted without dissent.

In reply to Councillors, Mr. Delap (who was present) said he had referred to only two or three points. One was that in the proposal now before the Council they (engineers) had provided for Douglas fir instead of pitch pine. Pitch pine was almost unprocurable, and Douglas fir could be got for something like half the money, but it would not last. For the first three years it was as good as pitch pine, but after three years it deteriorated very rapidly, and could not be counted on lasting more than five years. Continuing Mr. Delap said it would take about five years before the new bridge could be erected. However, before coming to any decision on the exact site they should have full and complete information as regards the two sites which had been referred to. If the existing site was used they should decide whether the new structure would be on the exact situation or immediately parallel to it.

The County Surveyor, having referred to the detailed examination which he had made in 1913 of every span of the

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bridge, said the timbers which were then found satisfactory were now defective. In fact, the more they opened the bridge the less they thought about it from the point of view of bearing traffic.

Mr. Corish stressed his point as to the County Council officials getting in touch with the Railway Company and all others who would be interested in the erection of a new bridge at the old Courthouse site, to ascertain their views.

The Chairman said he would expect that at the next meeting of the Council they would have a report from the County Surveyor as to the site of the new bridge, and as to what would be involved in the reconstruction of the railway bridge if a new bridge was erected on the site of the present bridge or parallel thereto. Also as to the old Courthouse site.

Mr. Corish said that in view of the fact that the public had the right of usage over the railway tracks at the old bridge site opposite the Old Courthouse, he believed the Council should ask their Solicitor (Mr. Elgee) to ascertain what their exact position was. Carts and lorries were going over these tracks every day drawing sand and various other materials.

The County Surveyor said in regard to the selection of a site in addition to the legal question there was also the question of comparative cost. In his opinion, borings would have to be made at both proposed sites.

x Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Murphy seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That we request our Solicitor to ascertain what exactly would be the position of the County Council as regards the rights of the Railway Company and all other interests concerned relative to the proposal to

- (1) Erect new bridge on the present site or parallel to it
- (2) Erect new bridge on the old Courthouse site."

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Mr. Corish said that in view of the alarming report of the engineers as regards the condition of Wexford Bridge he would move at next meeting that Standing Orders be suspended to enable him to propose that the Council take steps to erect a new bridge on a site to be determined later, and when the Council were in full possession of all possible information as regards the rights of all parties concerned.

CARNE ROAD: The County Surveyor said that the County Council could not legally spend any money on this road; they had no responsibility in the matter.

Mr. Doyle said it would be a great convenience to a large number of people if it could be put in repair.

TALBOT HALL ROAD AND MAUDLINS: Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said this was a fourth class road and was not in a very bad condition. The local people wished to have it steamrolled.

Mr. T. Redmond said that the road was used by 7 or 8 farmers; it was always bad as not much attention had been given to it. It was always "in a bog" as the centre had sunk and there was usually six or eight inches of mud on it.

The County Surveyor said it was a question of money pure and simple.

Mr. Walsh said that a very small amount would improve it.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Walsh seconded a resolution that the County Surveyor take the necessary steps to provide some extra material for this road.

This proposal was adopted.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION - MARGARET MARY CONWAY: The following under date 7th February was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"As instructed, I have now ascertained that at the Enniscorthy District Court on the 2nd instant, the above-

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named Margaret Mary Conway was committed to St. Aidan's Industrial School, New Ross, and an Order was made for the payment by her Father of 1/- per week. Conway is earning, as I am informed, £2. 7. 0 per week, and he has three children in addition to Margaret Mary."

Miss O'Ryan said that Conway's circumstances should be brought to the notice of the proper authorities. They could not consider that Conway was not in a position to support his child.

In reply to Mr. O'Byrne, Mr. Elgee said that he did not appear at the hearing of the application to commit the child in this case.

Mr. O'Byrne said the case should not be allowed to go by default and the District Justice should be put in possession of the facts.

Mr. McCarthy considered it most unfair to the County Council that they should be responsible for the maintenance of the child in this case.

After further discussion Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Murphy seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That Mr. Elgee (County Solicitor) take the necessary steps to have a re-hearing in the case of Margaret Mary Conway, John Street, Enniscorthy, committed to New Ross Industrial School, on the ground of the father's means."

The Chairman said that he was aware that in three cases in his district when the mothers died the people of the district were in favour of getting the children away and in this way the father was relieved of responsibility.

Miss O'Ryan said that every application should be closely scrutinised and information as to the means of parents and guardians obtained and brought to the notice of the District Justice.

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SICK LEAVE, MR. HAYES, CLERICAL ASSISTANT: The following under date 8th February 1939 was read from Dr. Alice Barry, R.M.S., Peamount Sanatorium:-

"This man, when seen by me in December, had mild pleurisy and a latent Tubercular lesion. His general condition was anaemic and there was a danger of the latent lesion becoming an active Pul. Tuberculosis."

The following translation of letter, written by Mr. Hayes in Irish and under date 11th February 1939, was read:-

"If I knew what was wrong with me, I would not have found it necessary to see a doctor. The best thing for you to do to get information about my illness is to ask the doctor who is in charge yourself."

The Chairman said that when the Council agreed to give Mr. Hayes three months' sick leave they were under the impression he was in hospital. The County Board of Health required fortnightly certificates from any of their staff absent through illness.

After further discussion the Chairman proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded a resolution directing Mr. Hayes to submit fortnightly medical certificate during the balance of his sick leave.

Passed.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 3rd February 1939 as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

RESIGNATION OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The following, under date 12th February 1939 was read from Mr. John Connors, County Councillor:-

"I beg to tender my resignation as a member of your Council as I cannot give the time to attend meetings. I wish to thank all the members for the good spirit of friendship that always prevailed. Also, Mr. Frizelle and Mr. Barry who did their best at all times to please everybody.

Wishing your Council every success."

On the proposition of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Colfer, the resignation was accepted with regret and Mr. O'Byrne gave notice that a successor to Mr. Connors be co-opted at the next meeting.

APPLICATION FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS' UNION -
SALARIES OF ASSISTANT SURVEYORS

Under date 7th February 1939, the following was received from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union (Wexford Branch) on behalf of the four Assistant Surveyors Messrs: Birthistle, Cullen, Ennis and O'Neill, to have their salaries placed on an incremental basis:-

"On the 12th October, 1936, this Branch of the Local Government Officials' Union put in an application on behalf of four District Surveyors to have their salaries placed on an incremental basis.

The Surveyors are definitely paid the lowest salaries of any Surveyors in the country. Moreover, not alone are the commencing salaries in other Counties higher than the present fixed salaries in County Wexford, but, in most of the other Counties they increase by yearly increments of £10 to £15, to a maximum of £400.

It may be pointed out that the Wexford Roads are among the most difficult to maintain on account of its being such an intensive tillage county.

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The Surveyors concerned are naturally not satisfied to remain the lowest paid of their class in the country, and now ask the Council to accede to their request for increments of £15 per annum to a maximum of £400.

There has been some suggestion for combined services in this County but it would now appear that any such scheme would not be feasible or satisfactory for many years to come.

It is consequently respectfully requested that this application be now definitely dealt with. Their salaries are £275 per annum with no increments and the average length of service of the four men concerned would be eighteen years."

Mr. Kelly said he would give notice of motion to move at next meeting of County Council that the request of the Assistant Surveyors to have their salaries placed on an incremental basis, be acceded to.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, said what the Surveyors desired was that a small committee of the Council would be appointed to consider their applications. They were the worst paid Assistant Surveyors in Eire. The following committee were then appointed to meet the Surveyors and report to County Council at first available meeting:-

Messrs. Bowe, Culleton, R. Doyle, ~~McCarthy~~, M. Redmond, F. T. Redmond and J. E. Walsh, to meet after next meeting of County Council and submit report.

GOREY TENDERS COMMITTEE

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Kelly, the following minutes of Gorey Tenders Committee were confirmed:-

GOREY TENDERS COMMITTEE

Meeting of Gorey Tenders Committee was held in Gorey Courthouse on 11th February 1939.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, T.D. (Chairman County Council) who presided. Also, Messrs. W. P. Keegan, Sean O'Byrne and Myles Smyth.

The County Secretary, County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors R.J. Ennis and T. Treanor were also in attendance.

The following Road Contracts were accepted. Period from 1st April 1939 to 31st March 1942:-

87. Amount allowed £10.

Abraham Storey, Croghan, Inch, who gave as his Sureties, James Graham, Croghan, Inch, and Andrew Kinsella, Croghan, Inch, tendered at £10 and was accepted.

This was the only tender.

1021. Amount allowed £15.

Andrew McCann, Moteybower, Carnew, who gave as his Sureties, John Sunderland, Baltyfarrell and Thomas O'Loughlin Knock Brandon, tendered at £15 and was accepted.

This was the only tender.

101. Amount allowed £20.

James Farrell, Kilmichael, Arklow, who gave as his Sureties, Patrick Kavanagh, Cloneranny and James Tackaberry, Killowen, tendered at £20. As tender was not signed by Contractor the work was given in charge of County Surveyor.

102. Amount allowed £21.

James Farrell, Kilmichael, Arklow, who gave same Sureties as for No. 101, tendered at £20. 10. 0. As tender was not signed by Contractor the work was given in charge of County Surveyor.

104. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

108. Amount allowed £30.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

124. Amount allowed £16.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor,

125. Amount allowed £12.

A Edward Savage, Gorey Hill, Gorey, who gave as his Sureties, Francis Carty, Coolnastud, and James Hempenstall, Main Street, Gorey, tendered at £12 and was accepted.

126. Amount allowed £20.

n Edward Savage, Gorey Hill, Gorey, who gave same Sureties as for No. 125, tendered at £20 and was accepted.

This was the only tender.

127. Amount allowed £20.

Patrick Kinsella, Ramsfort Park, Gorey, who gave as his Sureties James Hempenstall, Main Street, Gorey and Daniel Kinsella, Knockavota, tendered at £20. As Contractor was not in attendance work was given in charge of Co. Surveyor.

142. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

1015. Amount allowed £12.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

184. Amount allowed £14.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

185. Amount allowed £9.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

186. Amount allowed £14.

ll John Donohue, Ballyconran, Craanford, who gave as his Sureties, Patrick Donohue, Ballyconran, Craanford and Michael Nolan, Ballyconran, Craanford, tendered at £14 and was accepted.

333. Amount allowed £25.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

There was no competition for Road Contracts and all tenders submitted were at figures allowed by County Surveyor.

Haulage: A number of Contractors for Haulage were accepted the lowest suitable quotation in each case being taken.

In some instances in which the meeting considered the quotations too high the work was given in charge of the

LOAN COOLGREANY SEWERAGE SCHEME

The following motion (copy of which was circulated to the members of the County Council on 4th January 1939,) stood in the name of the Chairman:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at meeting of Wexford County Council to be held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on Monday, 13th February 1939, at 10.30 a.m.:— That the Wexford County Council consent to the borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of £2,900 (Two Thousand Nine Hundred Pounds) for the purpose of installing a sewerage scheme at Coolgreany."

In moving his motion Mr. Allen pointed out that 10 years ago a water supply had been installed in Coolgreany. In this village there was a new school, doctor's residence, three shops, Garda barracks and some private houses. The population was 200, and it was essentially necessary that a sewerage scheme should be provided for them.

Mr. Corish seconded the motion, which was adopted nem. con.

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' PENSIONS ACT 1936

Under date 1st February 1939, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (National Health Insurance Section) wrote (A.1227/1939) in connection with the nomination of four delegates nominated by County Council and County Borough Councils to vote for the election of five members of the Committee of Management of the National Health Insurance Society.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Colfer, that consideration of selection of delegates be dealt with at March meeting of the Council.

AUDITORS REPORT MENTAL HOSPITAL COMMITTEE

Under date 20th January 1939, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (A.31411/38) forwarding copy of Auditor's report of the Audit of Accounts of the Enniscorthy District Mental Hospital Committee for two half years ended 30th September last. Attested copies of the Abstracts were also furnished.

It was decided to refer the report to the Mental Hospital Committee.

ANNUAL ESTIMATE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Under date 10th January 1939 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P.72/39(F) Loch Garman) forwarding copy of letter to the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance, assenting to the consideration of their annual estimates and demand for next financial year being considered at meeting of the Board on 16th January 1939.

ANALYST'S REPORT - DECEMBER 1938 QUARTER

According to report submitted by the County Analyst in respect of above quarter, the following analyses had been carried out:- Foods 256; Drugs 70; Waters 3. Total 329. Number adulterated were one whole milk and one butter, also one water had been condemned.

SALE OF HOUSE - SEALING OF DEED

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Keegan and adopted:-

"That the Seal of the County Council be affixed to the Deed of Transfer and Release made between Patrick Fanning, Moneycross, Gorey, of the 1st part, The County Council of the County of Wexford of the 2nd Part, Laurence Darcy of the 3rd part, and Robert Fitzsimons of the 4th part of Part of the Lands of Moneycross Upper, on part of which said Lands the County Council hold a Charge for the sum of £100

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advanced by them to the said Patrick Fanning under the provisions of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, and the balance of which said Loan amounting to the sum of £96. 13. 9 is now to be paid off to the Council out of the proceeds of the sale of the said Lands."

FLOODING AT ORRISTOWN AND RATHMACKNEE

In connection with the appointment of Committee at County Council meeting in January 1939 to inspect and report re flooding at above, Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said that application had been made to have the flooding obviated under a Minor Relief Scheme grant. There was, accordingly, no necessity for a Committee to meet as nothing further could be done in the matter.

KILMACREE FLOODING

Mr. Sean Murphy said he had brought before the Finance Committee over two months ago the question of the flooding of cottage of Patrick Whelan, Kilmacree. It was flooded, owing to defective water table and nothing had been done in the meantime.

The County Surveyor said he had visited the place with Mr. Carson, Health Board Engineer, and pipes would be put in to remedy it. He believed it was a matter for the County Board of Health.

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

"That the County Surveyor submit to Finance Committee a detailed written report as to the steps taken to obviate the flooding at the cottage of Patrick Whelan, Kilmacree.

LICENCES POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT 1908

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem. con.:-

"That licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908
issue to the following:-

New Licences:

Nicholas Culleton, Shelbourne Co-operative Society,
Campile.

Patrick Prendergast, Haggard, Ramsgrange.

Renewals of Licences:

Nicholas Mernagh, Rathnure, Enniscorthy.

William Hogan, Fethard-on-Sea.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENT

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Kelly,
seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted:-

"That the several proposals for payment submitted to
this meeting (including payments to Road Contractors certi-
fied by County Surveyor on Form 22) be and the same are
hereby agreed to and we direct that Pay Orders in respect
of same issue from this meeting."

D. Kelly

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Arthur Doyle, Tomnalossett, Enniscorthy	27. 49.
James Doyle, Garryhastin, Clonagall	26.
Mrs Mary J. Doyle, Gurtin, Inch	50.
Annie Foley, Bormount, Enniscorthy	27. 49.
Edward Kelly, Tomnalossett, Enniscorthy	27.
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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING, MONDAY, 13th MARCH, 1939

MINUTES

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

N. J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary Wexford County Council.

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The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 13th March, 1939.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding, also, Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, Christopher Culleton, John Day, Raymond Doyle, W. P. Keegan John P. Kelly, William Kinsella, James Lawler, Thomas McCarthy, Sean Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan, Myles Smyth, Malachi Sweetman and James E. Walsh.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for (1) Ordinary payments £1489. 9. 3d and (2) loan Vocational School £1067. 5. 0d were examined and signed.

THE LATE POPE PIUS XI

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Ronan, it was decided that the following replies to vote of condolence by County Council in the death of His Holiness, Pope Pius XI, be inserted on the Minutes of the day:-

FROM HIS EXCELLENCY, THE PAPAL NUNCIO: "The Papal Nuncio begs to acknowledge with sincere thanks the message of sympathy sent him on the occasion of the death of the Holy Father and to express his deep appreciation of the sentiments it contained."

FROM MOST REV. DR. STAUNTON, BISHOP OF FERNS: "I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter conveying the vote of condolence passed by the County Council on the death of

our Holy Father, Pius XI. Would you kindly convey my thanks to the members of the Council. I shall transmit to His Excellency, the Apostolic Nuncio, the mark of respect shown to the memory of his Holiness by the County Council of Wexford.

With kind personal regards."

THE LATE MRS. CULLEN

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Col. Quin, it was decided that the following reply from Mr. Thomas Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, to vote of condolence adopted to him by the Council in the death of his mother, be inserted on the minutes of the day:-

"Please convey to the members of your County Council my very sincere thanks for the vote of condolence to me passed by them in my recent bereavement.

Also, I wish to thank you and the other officials for their sympathy, which I appreciate very much."

THE LATE MRS. ROSSITER

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

"That we offer our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. Thomas Rossiter, a former member of this Council, in the death of his mother."

The Secretary, in endorsing the motion, said that Mr. Rossiter had been a valued member of the Council in the most troubled period through which they had ever passed."

AGREEMENT ESTIMATE OF RATES 1939-40

The following statement, issued to County Councillors on 8th March 1939, was submitted:-

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

County Hall,

WEXFORD.

8th March, 1939.

ESTIMATES OF RATES 1939/40

I enclose Forms 42 and 43 with explanatory table in respect of Rates for General and Separate Charges for financial year 1939/40.

The Rates recommended by the Finance Committee are as follows:-

	s.	d.
General Rate	10.	5 $\frac{3}{4}$
Separate Charges (average)		<u>4$\frac{1}{2}$</u>
Total	10.	10 $\frac{1}{4}$.

The Agricultural Grant, £77417, represents an average rate of 5s. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d on Land Valuations, making the average rate on Land, 5s. 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ d in the £.

The amount of Road Estimate, already agreed to at £61,756 is the same as for current financial year.

The following are the main items for which increased allocations in 1939/40 are required:-

	£.
Wexford Bridge Repair (Net)	4440
County Board of Health Demands	1439
Mental Hospital Committee	430
Credit Balance Health District Charges Account, available for 1938/39; not available for 1939/40	2976
	9285.

approximately 6d in the £.

The General Rate recommended for 1939/40 represents an increase of only 2d in the £ on the financial year 1938/39. The increase for Separate Charges is 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d in the £ (average). Particulars of the various Separate Charges are set out on Form No. 43.

The Finance Committee on 17th ultimo did not recommend the inclusion in the Estimate of any amount to provide for deductions from Government Grants to meet arrears of Land Purchase Annuities. Since the meeting of the Finance Committee on the 17th ultimo notification has been received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health that a further sum of £5748. 13. 5d in respect of Government Grants, payable to the County Council in the current financial year, is being applied to meet further deficiencies in the Guarantee Fund under the Land Purchase Acts for the

present year. The Council should make provision for at least a portion of these withheld grants in order to keep the finances of the Council in order.

Taking into consideration the increased estimated expenditure, the Rate recommended for 1939/40 means a slight increase on Rate of 1938/39.

It is, therefore, essential that all outstanding rates be promptly paid so that the County Services can be fully maintained.

N. J. FRIZELLE,

Secretary Wexford County Council.

To Each Member of the
Wexford County Council.

The Secretary said that, of course, it was all right to send that to the Minister, but he did not believe there was any power for the Minister to agree. There was also the question of the overdraft, and there was a letter from the Minister to which he wanted to draw their attention.

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that, if at the expiration of the current session a continuance of overdraft is required, the application should be accompanied by a financial statement as set out in this Department's letter of the 3rd March.

The Secretary said he brought the matter of the deduction from the grants before the Finance Committee, and pointed out to them that they had taken the full amount of Agricultural Grant into consideration in their receipts, and of course, if some provision was not made for it in the rate to be raised it would be more than difficult to carry on, but the Finance Committee decided to refer the matter to the meeting of the County Council. They adopted the following resolution:-

"The Finance Committee desire to point out to the Minister that the past year has been one of the worst that Wexford farmers had to meet during a long term of years. Ratepayers who never previously failed in the payment of land annuities are defaulters this year. The Wexford County Council are faced with heavy expenditure for the repair of Wexford Bridge, while there are also increases in expenditure for County Board of Health and for Mental Hospital. In the circumstances, the Finance Committee believe that an additional rate to meet the deductions in the payment of Government grants would be more than rural ratepayers especially are able to bear, and we request the Department of Local Government and Public Health to withhold those deductions for a year."

The Secretary said that, of course, it was all right to send that to the Minister, but he did not believe there was any power for the Minister to agree. There was also the question of the overdraft, and there was a letter from the Minister to which he wanted to draw their attention:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that, if at the expiration of the current sanction a continuance of overdraft is required, the application should be accompanied by a financial statement as set out in this Department's letter of the 3rd March,

1938. It should also be stated how and within what period the Council propose to eliminate the necessity for continued borrowing."

The Chairman said that as regards the overdraft they could tell the Minister that they were striking a rate adequate to meet all their services within the year, and if for temporary purposes between the two collections they wanted an overdraft, he thought they were entitled to get it. They paid 20s. in the £ every year, and struck a rate sufficient to cover all their outgoings.

The Secretary said they knew the position of the rate-payers, but he had explained that what they should raise was an increase of 6d in the £, but one might as well be talking to a stone wall as the Finance Committee. They thought 2d in the £ would be sufficient.

Mr. Corish said that he was chairman at the meeting of the Finance Committee and they did not feel equal to dealing with the demand without its coming before the Council.

In reference to the recommendation of the Finance Committee as to the Rate to be agreed to the Chairman said it was cutting the cloth very fine, and it depended on a prompt collection of the rate next year, and, in addition, it depended on prompt payment by the Urban Authorities of the amounts due, and they were going to insist in the coming year that the Urban Councils pay their full demand within the financial year. Otherwise, they could not carry on. The Council would be in serious financial difficulties if the full demands, both on their own ratepayers and the Urban ratepayers, were not met within the year. They would have no credit balance as the result of the rate, and would merely get out as the result of prompt payment. He would like the Press to take a note of that, and warn the Urban Councils that the County Council would take any steps in their power to see that the Councils would meet the demands

within the year and in addition meet any deficit at the end of the present financial year.

Mr. McCarthy said that, as had been pointed out, they were certainly sailing very close to the wind in regard to the rate. When the estimate originally came before the Finance Committee the increase they were asked to make was 6d in the £, and they cut that to 2d., but since then a bombshell had been sprung on them in the nature of the notification from the Department that £5,748 would be deducted. It seemed that last year and the year before, there was no such reduction and it seemed that as a result of that they would have to be very careful during the year.

After further discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Miss O'Ryan:-

46 "That Rate for financial year 1939-40 for General Charges in conformity with figures appearing on Form 42 be and is hereby agreed to at 10. 5³/₄d; that rebate on agricultural land (in respect of Agricultural Grant) be allowed in accordance with allocation of said Grant.

That Rates for Separate Charges for financial year 1939-40 in conformity with particulars appearing on Form 43 and as presented to this meeting be and the same are hereby agreed to.

That the following amounts be fixed as the sums to be demanded from the Urban Districts of the County:-

Enniscorthy	£3914. 18. 9
New Ross	£3531. 1. 4
Wexford	£8119. 9. 6."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Thomas Redmond, seconded by Mr. Ronan:-

"That, owing to the great loss sustained by Wexford County Council in consequence of the non-payment of rates for years on derelict farms in this County, we request the

FORM No. 42.

Gross Valuation of COUNTY-AT-LARGE, including

Urban Districts £404,991

Total Valuation of COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT .. £360,677

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

COUNTY OF WEXFORD.

GENERAL ESTIMATE OF RATES.

For the Financial Year Ending 31st March, 1940.

Name of Service. (1)				Net Expenditure on each Service, being the difference between the sums in Columns 2 and 4, and 3 and 5.			Net Amounts Chargeable to Districts.			Calculations of Rates in the Pound.	
				Chargeable to the Whole County or to an Area including any Urban District (6)	Chargeable to Health District only. (7)		Urban Districts.			Net Amounts Leviable off Health District valuation. £360,677 (9)	Rates in the Pound Health District, Valuation— £360,677 (10)
							Urban District of Enniscorthy valuation. £10,995 (8a)	Urban District of New Ross valuation. £9,848 (8b)	Urban District of Wexford valuation. £23,471 (8c)		
County Services	Construction and Maintenance of Roads	£	27,298	£	30,763		741	664	1,582	55,074	Pence. 36.6471
	General		37,550		13,887		1,020	913	2,176	47,328	
	Library		1,069				29	26	62	952	
	Co. Vocational Committee		5,193				150	134	—	4,909	
	Total County Services		43,812		13,887		1,199	1,073	2,238	53,189	35.3928
	Poor Relief		65,354				1,774	1,590	3,787	58,089	38.6533
	Board of Health Charges		3,805		19,185		103	93	220	22,574	15.0211
GROSS TOTALS				140,269	63,835		3,817	3,420	7,827	188,926	125.7143 (10s. 5½d.)

NATURE OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS (Other than Poor Rate).				Amount in which Urban Districts participate	Amount in which Urban Districts do not participate.
(1)				(2)	(3)
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.
A. (Roads)—					
Contributions from Urban Districts	...	...	...	2987 0 0	
Other Receipts: Overline Bridges, etc.	...	...	...	310 0 0	86 0 0
Grant from Road Fund	...	...	...	12703 0 0	
Grant from Road Fund in respect of Additional Allocation	...	...	...
Wexford Bridge	...	...	...	1921 0 0	94 0 0
Bounty in Lieu	...	...	...
Totals	...	...	...	17921 0 0	180 0 0
B. (County Services)—					
Contributions from Urban Districts	...	...	...	4510 0 0	
Recoupment Prosecutors' and Witnesses' Expenses	...	...	...	32 0 0	
Grant in aid of Maintenance of Lunatics	...	...	...	4684 0 0	
Fines under Food and Drugs Acts	...	...	...	52 0 0	
Recoupment under Diseases of Animals Acts	...	...	...	600 0 0	
Rents from County Property	...	...	...	69 0 0	
Recoupment Expenses Collection Motor Duty	...	...	...	360 0 0	
Other Receipts:—					
Harbour Dues	...	...	...	26 0 0	
Recoupment Moiety Expenditure Parliamentary Register	...	...	...	606 0 0	
Share Kilkenny and Carlow Co. Councils, Superannuation	...	...	...
Allowances ex-Union Officials, New Ross	...	...	...	114 0 0	40 0 0
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	20 0 0	105 0 0
Bounty in Lieu	...	...	...
Totals	...	...	...	11073 0 0	145 0 0
C. (Poor Relief)—					
Contributions from Urban Districts	...	...	...	7151 0 0	114 0 0
Grant in aid of Medical and Educational Expenditure, etc.	...	...	...	2036 0 0	
Totals	...	...	...	9187 0 0	114 0 0
D. (Board of Health Charges)—					
Contributions from Urban Districts	...	...	...	416 0 0	236 0 0
Grant in aid of Sanitary Salaries	...	...	...	52 0 0	
Other Receipts	...	...	...		54 0 0
Bounty in Lieu	...	...	...
Totals	...	...	...	468 0 0	290 0 0
F. (Separate Charges)—					
Contributions from Urban Districts	...	...	...	23 15 9	
Totals	...	...	...	23 15 9	
GROSS TOTALS				38672 15 9	729 0 0

Total of Receipts applied (Columns 2 and 3) ...
Amount of Agricultural Grant (applicable to Land only) ...

39401 15 9
77417 0 0
116818 15 9

GROSS TOTAL ...

NATURE OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE.				Amount to Urban Districts Contribute	Amount from which Urban Districts are exempt
(4)				(5)	(6)
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.
A. (Roads)—					
Salaries:					
County Surveyor ...				716 0 0	3 0 0
Postage, etc. ...				80 0 0	1500 0 0
Assistant Surveyors ...					850 0 0
Travelling Expenses ...				10 0 0	589 0 0
Clerks in Surveyor's Office ...					
Retiring Allowances and Gratuities ...				33 0 0	
Cost of Works:—					
Main Roads ...				36580 0 0	
Wexford Bridge, Extra Allocation ...				4803 0 0	27776 0 0
County Roads ...					225 0 0
Printing and Stationery and Advertising ...				10 0 0	
TOTALS ...				42232 0 0	30943 0 0
B. (County Services)—					
Public Works ...				900 0 0	100 0 0
County Medical Officer of Health (part of) ...				250 0 0	
Salaries: Secretary's Office ...				400 0 0	1997 0 0
Salaries: Other Co. Officers, Analyst, Lamplighters, etc. ...				378 0 0	52 0 0
Retiring Allowances and Gratuities ...				55 0 0	147 0 0
Cost of Rate Collection, Irrecoverable Rates, Cost of applotting Rates, Stamps on Rate Receipts ...					5490 0 0
Franchise and Jurors' Lists ...				1526 0 0	
Printing in connection with Registration Act ...				307 0 0	
Valuation ...				208 0 0	
Members' Travelling Expenses ...				189 0 0	
University Scholarships ...				910 0 0	
Primary Scholarships ...				1520 0 0	
Legal Expenses ...				352 0 0	
Coroners and Inquests ...				545 0 0	
Postage and Office Requisites and Stamp Duty on Paying Orders ...				80 0 0	706 0 0
Printing and Stationery ...				10 0 0	340 0 0
Advertising Pleasure Resorts ...				421 0 0	
Other Advertising ...				5 0 0	420 0 0
Contribution Co. Councils' General Council ...					20 0 0
Conveyance of Prisoners ...				50 0 0	
Weights and Measures ...				200 0 0	
Food and Drugs ...				130 0 0	
Salaries: Court Officials, etc. ...				156 0 0	
Rents and Expenses of Courthouses ...				934 0 0	
Library Scheme ...				1069 0 0	
Reformatories and Industrial Schools ...				3299 0 0	
Courtown Harbour, £84; Loan Old Jail, £432; West Wing Co. Hall Loan, £354. ...				870 0 0	
Refund to Wexford Urban, Adjustment Financial Relations ...					45 0 0
Diseases of Animals Acts, Salaries Veterinary and Sheep Dipping Inspectors ...				636 0 0	
Diseases of Animals Acts—Assessment ...				843 0 0	
Diseases of Animals Acts—Other Expenses ...				250 0 0	
Warble Fly Order. Net cost to Rates ...				373 0 0	392 0 0
Audit Fee, £85; Debt Interest, £307 ...					
Superannuation Allowances ex-Union Officers ...				1002 0 0	
Superannuation Allowances ex-R.D. Council Officers ...					217 0 0
Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act £204 Combined Purchasing Act, £158. ...				362 0 0	
Expenses Collection Motor Duty ...				360 0 0	
Prosecutors' and Witnesses' Expenses ...				32 0 0	700 0 0
Contingencies ...					
Money supplied to—					
(a) Mental Hospital ...				26560 0 0	3406 0 0
(b) Committee of Agriculture ...					
(c) Vocational Committee, £4,727; Loans (1) Gorey Vocational School, £84; (2) 3 Rural Vocational Schools, £162; (3) Enniscorthy Technical School, £220 (Chargeable County-at-large, excluding Wexford Urban District. ...				5193 0 0	
TOTALS ...				50375 0 0	14032 0 0
C. (Poor Relief)—					
Money supplied to Board of Assistance ...				65390 0 0	
Repayment of Loans ...				2000 0 0	
TOTALS ...				67390 0 0	
D. (Board of Health Charges)—					
Money supplied to Board for—					
(a) Health District Charges ...					19475 0 0
Money supplied to Board for Joint District Charges—					
Tuberculosis Acts, £2,624; Prevention and Treatment of Diseases, £73; Blind Pensions Act, £200; Midwives Act, £40; Medical Treatment of School Children, £920. ...				3857 0 0	
TOTALS ..				3857 0 0	19475 0 0
F. (Separate Charges)—					
Repayment of Loans ...				205 2 11	30 0 0
Money supplied to Board of Health—					6566 0 0
Public Health Acts, etc. ...					64 2 0
Compensation for Criminal Injuries ...					
TOTALS ...				205 2 11	6660 2 0
Gross Totals ...				164059 2 11	71110 2 0
Total of Payments Charges (Columns 5 and 6) ...				235169 4 11	

No. in Separate Charges Register.	Name* Particulars, Area and Amount of each Separate Charge.
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14	Repayment of Loans, Enniscorthy Union—Enniscorthy Union Area. Amount, £74 16s. 8d.
310	Criminal Injury Decree—Richard Bishop, Garryntinodagh—Decree of Circuit Judge. Rural District of Enniscorthy. Amount, £12 4s. 6d.
311	Criminal Injury Decree—William O'Brien, Garryntinodagh—Decree of Circuit Judge. Rural District of Enniscorthy. Amount, £7 5s. 6d.
16	Repayment of Loans, New Ross Union—New Ross Union Area. Amount, £141 8s. 2d.
15	Repayment of Loans, Gorey Union—Gorey Rural District. Amount, £30.
309	Criminal Injury Decree—William Fitzgerald, Ballinroad, Oulart—Decree of Circuit Judge. Rural District of Gorey. Amount, £44 12s. 0d.
2A	Lighting of Newtownbarry Town—Townlands of Ballinapark and Newtownbarry in Newtownbarry E.D. Amount, £51.
9A	Lighting of Town of Ferns—Townlands of Castlelands, Coolbawn, Ferns Lower and Upper and Ferns. Amount, £16.
10A	Guarantee, Telegraph Office—Bree Electoral Division. Amount, £20.
9D	Public Lighting and Public Health Acts.—Townlands of Ballygillane Little and Ballygillane Big. Amount, £42.
10D	Public Lighting.—Townlands of Bearlough, Walsheslough, Whitehouse. Amount, £37.
20H.D	Public Health Acts—County Health District of Wexford. Amount, £6,400.
29	Repayment of Loan—Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. County Health District of Wexford. Amount, £1,530.

*In the space used for each Separate Charge, the names of Urban Districts should be entered after those of Health Di

†In the cases of Separate Charges defrayed by Boards of Health, viz., Special Expenses under the Public Health Acts, th
ascertained by amalgamating the Balances in favour or against the Special Areas (a) in the County Fund Account, and (b) in
(a) would represent the difference between the money supplied to Board of Health, on demand, and lodgments of the Spe
represent the difference between the actual money expended, and the moneys obtained on demand from the County Council.

Land Commission to take the necessary steps to have these farms divided up among the people of the various districts and who are considered most suitable to acquire same."

DEPUTATION FROM FARMERS

The Chairman said that a deputation of farmers was anxious to come before the County Council and as they had not given the necessary seven clear days' notice of their intention to attend the meeting, he moved the suspension of standing orders so that they could put whatever case they desired to make before the Council.

Mr. McCarthy seconded and the motion was adopted.

The deputation consisting of Messrs. G. Devereux, Ballyfinogue; E. Murphy, Coddstown; F. Leacy, Sion, Crossabeg; J. Mernagh, Kiliame Castle; H. Carty, Galbally, Crossabeg, and J. Murphy, Blackwater, representing County Wexford Farmers' Federation, then came before the meeting.

Mr. Devereux said it was not their intention to dwell on the situation existing in the County, but they came to make an appeal on behalf of those farmers who through no fault of their own had no seed or the money to purchase it, and were refused credit terms by the seed merchants. The harvest of 1938 was only compared with '47 and '79. The return, if any, was so meagre that nothing was left to purchase seeds or manures. Their appeal had been endorsed by the leaders of the Church and other denominations all over the country. From information received, Cavan County Council had endorsed a seed credit scheme, and they, the Wexford farmers, asked that their County Council do likewise. They felt that help granted now would avert a major crisis later, and it would relieve and bring back hope to a section of the people whose lot was not all they would wish and desire it to be. It would ensure that at least his labour on his farm would have a chance of being remunerative

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by the sowing of sound seed of a good percentage germination. That was the reason why the deputation came before the County Council. If any member doubted, if he went to any Rate Collector through tillage districts he could verify those statements. In placing the matter in the Council's hands, it was hardly necessary to stress the urgency of the matter. Seed ^{time} was with them, and it would only be ^{by} prompt and swift action that the crisis could be solved. They assured the Council that it was not their intention to embarrass the Government in any way, but to try and help to promote a spirit of unity and progress so badly needed.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Devereux said that a very large number of farmers had no seeds and a large proportion of those who had tests had shown that they had only 50% germination.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, said that some years ago the County Council had adopted a scheme for supply of seeds and fertilisers through loans. There was not a great deal of money involved but only about 50% of the selected applicants discharged their indebtedness. If the Council now proceeded to adopt a somewhat similar scheme they would be acting in an illegal manner. He then quoted Section 61(2) of the Local Government Act of 1925 which cast on the responsible officer of the Council the responsibility of objecting to anything which might cause an illegal payment to be made or might result in a deficiency or loss to the County Funds. He warned the members that those who supported a scheme of payment for seeds and manures or of guaranteeing same (which would certainly result in loss) would be surcharged. In the first place, as he pointed out, the Council had no legal power to float such a scheme and in the second place there was sure to be loss and consequent surcharge on the members who were in favour of its adoption. Under the previous small scheme there was a considerable

loss to the funds of the County Council. Some of the people who obtained loans never paid a penny, and others paid after proceedings were taken, and some only paid a small amount.

The Chairman asked if there was any estimate of the actual number of farmers who would require to be dealt with on account of the conditions referred to by the deputation.

Mr. Devereux said he supposed that the number would vary in different districts. He had been speaking to Mr. Stafford in connection with the matter and Mr. Stafford told him that for the last three weeks they had refused 560 farmers. He had also spoken to the Manager of the Co-operative Stores, Enniscorthy, in reference to a credit scheme that had been in the Stores, but the position was that they could not embark on the scheme any further.

Mr. Edmond Murphy suggested that the Council guarantee to the seed suppliers two-thirds or half in respect of what would not be paid or something like that. He supposed that some such system would be the only way out of the matter.

Mr. Sweetman - Do you expect the Council to go into the credentials of each applicant, or otherwise, or expect us to guarantee shopkeepers who give out the credit?

Mr. Edmond Murphy - I think if the shopkeeper is bearing a burden he will know his man.

Mr. Sweetman - But, if we guarantee him?

Mr. Edmond Murphy - But, you won't be guaranteeing the whole amount according to my suggestion.

Mr. Jerome Murphy said they did not ask the Council to implement a scheme for farmers who were not inclined to pay. They came there owing to the present state in general. Farmers were in very poor circumstances, and had not the seed and had not the money to buy it. He suggested that the matter of who would pay and who would not pay be left in the hands of the merchants.

Chairman - I would not agree to that if you give a guarantee.

Mr. Devereux said that there might be a very respectable farmer who through no fault of his own, might be in arrears with rates. He would like to stress that a man being in arrears of rates should not be a reason why he should be debarred from a credit scheme. The Rate Collector would be a judge. He suggested that the County Committee would be the body that would be dealing with the matter, and he thought the ways and means would be best found by the Committee working in collaboration with the merchants. It could be decided that the scheme be worked through only a certain class of merchants if they wished it that way.

Miss O'Ryan proposed that they meet the deputation to a certain extent, as far as guardians of the people's rates could reasonably go - that they go into the scheme very carefully, that a small committee be appointed and that each applicant be examined on his merits as it were. It would be a scheme that the Council always favoured - what was known as a credit scheme for seed - because they tried to help the farmers as far as possible.

It was decided, on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Corish - and at the suggestion of the Chairman - that the further consideration of the matter by the meeting be dealt with in committee.

Col. Quin said it was a most wild cat and hair-brained proposal. They had heard Mr. Elgee inform them that half those who had obtained seed under their previous loan scheme had not paid and that the scheme was illegal. Sensible people could not now, in such circumstances, propose a scheme of a similar nature.

Mr. Sweetman questioned how any Committee would be able to devise measures by which they could decide who were fitting to be given a credit guarantee and who were not.

Mr. Walsh considered the County Council should not be asked to move in the matter which he believed was one for Government action.

Mr. O'Byrne and Mr. Bowe supported this view.

Mr. Corish said he was afraid as soon as it was publicly known a great many people would visualise free seed as being provided and there would be great trouble with applicants and sureties when the time for repayment was reached.

The Chairman said they need only become collateral guarantors for applicants to the merchants. He did not believe that in view of the admitted condition of many farmers, any surcharge made against members of the Council would be enforced. He had no doubt about that phase of the proposal. They should examine the scheme, leaving the legal point out of the question and decide as if it were legal whether they would undertake it.

Miss O'Ryan said that referring the matter to the Government was merely shelving it. If anything was to be done it should be by the Council as immediate action was necessary. The special Committee which would be appointed under the scheme would be able to devise ways and means of deciding who should and who should not be given credit.

The Secretary read a skeleton scheme, drafted on the suggestion of the Chairman, and which provided for two solvent sureties and made it imperative on merchants who received a County Council guarantee to take all legal steps to recover the amounts at stake; failing such action, the guarantee was to be regarded as null and void.

Col. Quin said the proposal was most unbusinesslike. If a farmer could provide decent sureties merchants would give seed but it looked as if the County Council would be guaranteeing men of straw.

The Chairman said he could not believe that the case was quite as bad as the farmers' deputation represented it.

He was prepared to recommend a scheme tho' it was illegal.

Mr. Ronan thought the Farmers Federation should be prepared to carry the responsibility.

Mr. McCarthy believed there were insuperable obstacles to the successful working of the scheme. The majority of people who could provide such sureties as would be required by the County Council would be able to obtain seed from merchants. The Committee which it was proposed to set up would find themselves in an impossible position when they came to examine the financial standing of applicants and sureties.

Mr. Bowe said that the sureties who would satisfy the Council would satisfy seed merchants.

The Chairman proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded the following:-

"That the Council adopt a scheme to guarantee repayment of cost of seeds and manures obtained by deserving farmers from seed merchants on a guarantee basis and that the details of such scheme be drafted by the Council at this meeting."

After further discussion Mr. O'Byrne proposed "That the Government be asked to help deserving farmers in the matter of the purchase of seeds and manures by a system of deferred payments".

Mr. Bowe seconded.

The Chairman directed a vote to be taken on his proposal as to whether the County Council would or would Not adopt a scheme.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For adopting a Scheme:- Messrs. Corish, Culleton, Day, Doyle, Keegan, Kelly, Murphy, Miss O'Ryan, Lawlor and the Chairman. - 10.

Against:- Messrs. Bowe, Colfer, Kinsella, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin, M. Redmond, T. Redmond, Ronan, Smyth,

Sweetman and Walsh. - 12.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

Mr. O'Byrne's motion appealing to the Government to promote a scheme was then put and passed.

Mr. Sweetman said that it would not be feasible for the Government to provide a scheme for this year and the Chairman agreed.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 17th FEBRUARY 1939: The Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 17th February, 1939.

Mr. D. Allen, T.D. (Chairman) presided and there were also present:- Messrs. P. Colfer, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy, Sean Murphy, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3952. 12. 1d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following shows the percentage of Rate collected and lodged to 16th February 1939:-

<u>Name of Collector.</u>	<u>Percentage to date.</u>
1. S. Gannon	62.1
2. J. Curtis	60.9
3. P. Nolan	60.7
4. J. J. O'Reilly	59.7
5. P. Doyle	59.0
6. D. Kenny	58.8
7. E. J. Murphy	57.8
8. A. Dunne	56.5
9. J. Quirke	55.5
10. J. Deegan	55.5
11. J. Cummins	55.3
12. M. Kehoe	55.3
13. J. Flood	54.1
14. P. Carty	53.5
15. W. Doyle	53.3
16. M. McCarthy	52.8
17. J. J. Sinnott	48.5
18. W. Cummins	47.3

Average 55.9.

This is 1. 1 % below the percentage at the corresponding period last year.

The Chairman said that the Council would be gravely dissatisfied if in cases in which first moiety has not been paid proceedings were not taken. The Council would not

seek to tie the hands of the Collectors in any way.

The Secretary said that in order to show satisfactory returns on 31st March 1939 it will be necessary for the Rate Collectors to collect previous to that date from a number of ratepayers who had been in the habit of paying during the months of April and May.

Mr. Keegan said an examination of the defaulters' lists would prove that it was the same people who, year after year, did not pay though a number of them were able to pay.

The Chairman suggested that the Rate Inspector should spend the next month in the districts of the six Collectors at the bottom of the list and get them to move very considerably up towards the top of the list. If the first moiety was not paid by the end of January it was usually found the second moiety for the year would remain unpaid. If people did not pay their Rates within a reasonable period the tendency was they would not pay at all as they would be swamped by other commitments.

It was decided to issue circular to the Collectors couched in very strong terms.

The Chairman pointed out that the Department, as the members could observe, were tightening up the collection daily and unless there was real co-operation from the Collectors they would be standing in their own light.

POUNDAGE: The following under date 13th February 1939 (G.2732/2/39 - Lach Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 4th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he sanctions payment of poundage at sevenpence (7d.) to Collector J. Deegan and at sevenpence (7d.) less 5% to Collectors J. Quirke, W. Doyle, P. Doyle, J. Cummins and J. Flood in respect of the lodgment of the

equivalent of the first moiety and arrears of their warrants for the current financial year.

As regards Collectors McCarthy, W. Cummins and J. J. Sinnott no payments can be sanctioned until the required amounts are lodged."

Under date 17th February 1939 the following was read from Collector Curtis, Hon. Secretary to County Rate Collectors' Association:-

"At a meeting of Rate Collectors in Wexford to-day, I was requested to ask you to bring the following before Finance Committee to-day:-

Re Circular letter of 19/11/38 in connection with payment of Poundage, there are a number of Collectors who have qualified for 2nd payment. We would request that these Collectors be paid at once.

Re Remainder, we request that these Collectors be paid in full immediately they qualify.

Re 3rd Interim Payment in respect of lodgment of 75% of current Warrant with 1937/38 arrears by 28th February 1939, we find that practically no Collector can qualify for this payment and we would request that Council make this Payment when Collectors qualify.

We can assure Finance Committee that under these conditions Collectors will do their utmost to lodge the necessary amount as early as possible.

We would point out that the percentage requested to be lodged has not been attained at that date for a number of years."

After some discussion it was decided, on the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the request of the Rate Collectors be considered at next meeting of the Finance Committee.

CONSIDERATION RATE ESTIMATES - FINANCIAL YEAR 1939-40

The Secretary submitted the following particulars of
Estimate of Rate for financial year 1939-40 for County
Services:-

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

ESTIMATE COUNTY SERVICES ACCOUNT FOR YEAR 1939/40

TO BE CONSIDERED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE ON FRIDAY, 17th
FEBRUARY, 1939.

	1939/40	1938/39	Increase	Decrease
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Co. Medical Officer of Health (part of)	250	500		250
Salaries: Secretary's Office	2397	2351	46	
Salaries: Other County Officers, Analyst, Lamplighters, etc.	430	420	10	
Retiring Allowances and Gratuities	202	278		76
Cost of Rate Collection, viz., Poundage & Rate Clerks' Wages	4320	4081	239	
Stamps on Rate Receipts and Rate Collectors' fees for checking Abatement Forms.	226	210	16	
Travelling Expenses Rate Inspector	100	100		
Irrecoverable and Temporary Uncollectable Rates.	5250	5250		
Printing in connection with Regis- tration Act, £307; Postage and Office Requisites £331; Telephone A/c £230; and Stamp Duty on Paying Orders £225.	1093	1019	74	
Franchise and Jurors	1526	1546		20
Valuation	208	208		
Members' Travelling Expenses	189	172	17	
University Scholarships	910	910		
Primary Scholarships	1520	1520		
Legal Expenses	352	320	32	
Coroners and Inquests	545	595		50
Printing and Stationery (General)	350	315	35	
Advertising Pleasure Resorts	421	418	3	
Other Advertisements	425	425		
Contribution County Councils' General Council	20	20		
Elections	1380	-	1380	
Connveyance of Prisoners	50	109		59
Forward	22164	20767	1852	455

	1939/40	1938/39	Increase	Decrease
	£.	£.	£.	£.
FORWARD	22164	20767	1852	455
Weights and Measures	200	120	80	
Food and Drugs	130	130		
Salaries: Court Officials	156	156		
Rents and Expenses of Courthouses	934	865	69	
Library Scheme	1054	1045	9	
do. do. Extra Allocation 1938/39	15	-	15	
Reformatories and Industrial Schools	3299	3230	69	
Courtown Harbour	84	87		3
Instalment Loan Purchase Ground Rent Old Jail	432	443		11
West Wing County Hall Loan	354	371		17
Refund to Wexford Urban - Adjustment Financial Relations	45	45		
Diseases of Animals Acts - Salaries Veterinary & Sheep Dipping Inspectors	636	619	17	
Warble Fly Scheme, Net Cost to Rates	373	373		
Diseases of Animals Acts; Assessment	843	836	7	
do. do. (Other Expenses)	250	204	46	
Audit Fee	85	85		
Debit Interest	307	470		163
Superannuation Allowances - Ex-Union Officers	1002	1032		30
Superannuation Allowances - Ex-R.D. Council Officers	217	217		
Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act	204	181	23	
Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing Act	158	175		17
Expenses Collection Motor Duty (Amount recouped by L.G.D.)	360	360		
Advances Prosecutors and Witnesses	32	440		408
Contingencies	850	850		
Money Supplied to County Committee of Agriculture	3256	3232	24	
FORWARD	37440	36333	2211	1104

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	1939/40	1938/39	Increase	Decrease
	£.	£.	£.	£.
FORWARD	37440	36333	2211	1104
Money supplied to County Vocational Education Committee	4727	4727		
Gratuities ex-officials Co. Vocational Education Committee - Moiety payable by County Council.	-	92		92
Loan Gorey Vocational School	84	84		
Loan 3 Rural Vocational Schools	162	115	47	
Loan Enniscorthy Technical School	220	-	220	
Repairs Ancient Monuments	-	150	-	150
Public Works (already agreed to by the County Council)	1000	1000		
Deduction Government Grants	5000	-	5000	
Money supplied Mental Hospital	26560	26130	430	
TOTALS	75193	68631	7908	1346
Gross Increase County Services			6562	

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It was decided to delete the following items:-
Elections £1380
Deductions Government Grants £5000
Reduction of £5250 Irrecoverable and Temporary
Uncollectable Rates to £844.

It was also decided that £850 for Contingencies be reduced to £700 and that £150 extra be allocated to County Committee of Agriculture.

The remaining figures in Estimate were recommended to the County Council for approval on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Kelly.

It was also decided on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by the Chairman that the County Council be recommended to fix the General Rate in the £ at 10s. 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ d in the £ subject to the same abatement - as in current financial year for agricultural land in respect of the Agricultural Grant.

It was also decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Miss O'Ryan, that the Rates for Separate Charges for financial year 1939-40 in conformity with particulars appearing on Form 43 and as presented to this meeting, be also agreed to and recommended to the County Council for adoption.

PUBLIC WORKS ESTIMATE

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

"That, in accordance with the estimate of County Surveyor as appearing in Road Works Scheme for financial year 1939-40 £1000 be allocated for the repair of the following Harbours:-

Courtown, Poulduff, Carne, Fethard, Slade, Kilmore, Duncannon, Arthurstown and Ballyhack,
and also to include the repair of Courthouses and County Buildings."

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES (ROADS RURAL) 1939/40

The County Surveyor stated that as regards the grant under above, viz., £7,900 (subject to a local contribution of £2,800) the latter sum had been provided in their Road Works Scheme. He stated that under this Grant, District Electoral Divisions were only eligible where it could be shown that at least a minimum of 16 men were unemployed, this being the minimum set out in the procedure adopted last year. The maximum allocation in each Electoral Division would be the number of unemployed multiplied by £30, the factor governing employment under this Scheme. He submitted a list of all the Electoral Divisions eligible for participation under the Scheme as per the factor employed, and the amounts to which they would be entitled. These amounted to £10,890. Consequently the Grant would be distributed among the whole of these divisions with a reduction of £190 over the whole and having regard to the exact amount which each should receive. He suggested the following works:-

Gorey Town: Concreting footpaths and back streets £980.

Ballyvaldon: Coast road South from Kilmuckridge - continuing from Kilmuckridge streets which had been already attended to - £480.

Clonroche E.D.: Palace Lane. Continuance of work carried out last year £600.

Edermine: Road over Edermine Bridge £840.

Enniscorthy Rural: Carley's Bridge road which the Department of Local Government and Public Health had directed to be taken up this year - £1170.

Ferns: Road 48 between Ferns and Strahart - Continuance of the work already carried out on this road - £810.

Rossard: Road 45 between Bunclody and Carnew - continuance of former work £720.

Ardamine: £570 and BALLYGARRETT: £660. Total £1230.
Continuance Southwards of coast road between Courtown and Kilmuckridge.

Cahore: £510 and Ford: £630. Total £1140.
Continuance Northwards of road from Kilmuckridge to Cahore.
Alternatively this latter might be joined with the Ardamine-Ballygarrett job so as to complete the road right into Ballygarrett from Courtown.

Wingfield: Between Hollyfort and Wicklow Gap - £480.

Killurin: Between Carrigmannon and Glynn - £510.

Kilmore: Continuing road Kilmore to Bridgetown - £870.

Ballyhack: Continuing Duncannon Fethard Line £870.

This made the total of £10,700.

The Finance Committee discussed these works and decided that the County and Assistant Surveyor should consult with the local Councillors in Gorey as to the allocation of the £980 for Gorey Town.

In the case of Edermine, the Chairman suggested that the work on the Enniscorthy-Bree Road should be continued instead of improving the road over Edermine Bridge which was subject to comparatively light traffic. Ardamine, Ballygarrett, Cahore and Ford might be joined up so as to complete the road between Courtown and Ballygarrett, the street at Ballygarrett having been already attended to.

In regard to Wingfield the Chairman suggested that the bridge over the Bann recently carried away might be rebuilt under this grant.

The County Surveyor was directed to go into these details and if possible, carry out the Chairman's suggestions.

As regards Kilmore some members recommended that the street of Bridgetown should be done under this allocation.

The County Surveyor pointed out that possibly the street would be interfered with by the proposed sewerage scheme, but Miss O'Ryan stated there was no immediate prospect of this.

The other works were approved and the County Surveyor was directed to amend his Scheme to comply with (as far as was possible) the directions of the meeting.

MAINTENANCE GRANT MAIN ROADS 1939/40

Under date 9th February 1939, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (RGN/201/39) that a grant of £12,703 had been provisionally allocated for the upkeep of the County Wexford Main Roads for year 1939/40. This represented 40% of £31,759, amount passed by County Council for maintenance of Main Roads.

MAINTENANCE OF OVERLINE RAILWAY BRIDGES

The following letter under date 4th February 1939 (No. C.E.90/29648) was read from Mr. G. J. Murphy, Chief Engineer's Office, Great Southern Railways, Westland Row, Dublin:-

"As you are aware, the Wexford County Council under Agreement dated 16th December 1921 maintain a number of road approaches to overbridges between Campile and Rosslare Harbour for an annual payment by the Company of £54. 9. 0.

Mr. Leonard, District Engineer, informs me that three of these approaches, namely, the approaches to bridges Nos. 225 at Ballybro, 226 at Hill of Sea and 227 at Kilrane are now almost disused as there is no thoroughfare along the roads owing to cliff erosion. In the case of Bridge No. 225 a barrier notice is erected to the effect that the road is closed, but the occupiers of three small cottages actually use it. In the case of Bridge No. 226 only a small wooden shack is served, and in the case of Bridge No. 227 one bungalow.

In these circumstances, the County Council is not put to the expense of maintaining the approaches referred to, and accordingly, I shall be obliged if you will bring the matter before the Council with a view to granting the Company a pro

The County Surveyor said that Mr. Leonard had called on him about this matter, but he (County Surveyor) explained that the application should be made to the Council and as a result they had received the letter which had just been read. The statement in that letter was correct. At Ballybro there was a certain amount of usage by people who lived on the road but this was not at all to the same extent as when the road was fully open. At Hill of Sea there was a shack but there was no way down to it. The maintenance of these three bridges worked out at £6. 13. 1d.

On the motion of Mr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Colfer it was decided that the County Council be recommended to fix the future maintenance at £4. 0. 0 per annum for these bridges.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

JAMES DOYLE, GARRYHASTEN, CLONEGAL: Under date 10th February 1939 applicant who sought a loan of £70 on house estimated to be value for £170 wrote in reply to queries from Finance Committee that he was not able to provide any money towards the building of his house and he would require the Grant and Loan if he was to be able to erect it. He held 15 acres of land and as his house fell he had to look for shelter elsewhere.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was decided that the County Council be recommended to agree to advance of £70 to James Doyle, Garryhasten, Clonégall.

ANDREW BROWNE, CLONAMONA, GRAZNFORD: Under date 3rd February 1939 this applicant wrote to the County Solicitor that he was obliged to withdraw his application for loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

DANIEL SULLIVAN, BALLYELAND, DAVIDSTOWN: Under date 3rd February 1939, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.4509/39 - Loch Garman) that the Minister would raise no objection to the proposal of the County Council to increase the amount of advance under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts of Daniel Sullivan, Ballyeland, Davidstown, from £130 to £165.

APPROVAL OF LOANS: Under date 2nd February 1939, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.4188/39 Loch Garman) that the proposals to advance under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, £145 to each of the following three applicants had been approved:-

Annie Foley, Borrmount, Enniscorthy.

Arthur Doyle, Tomnalossett, Enniscorthy.

Edward Kelly, do. do.

Mr. Elgee said that Miss Foley, although she had signed the Mortgage, wrote she was not proceeding with the erection of the house.

In the case of Arthur Doyle, Tomnalossett, Mr. Kelly said that this man applied for a loan in 1936 but heard nothing further until he had a letter from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, that his loan of £145 had been sanctioned. Mr. Doyle said that in the meantime the price of materials had gone up and that he could not erect the house unless he received an additional loan of £75. He had expended £38. 1. 0 in securing the site and legal costs. He was paying 7s. 6d per week rent but found that even with the additional £75, the weekly instalment to pay off loan would not exceed 5s. 4d weekly.

It was decided to refer the matter to Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, with a view to ascertaining if the value of the house could be increased.

THE LATE COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Under date 11th February, 1939, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote forwarding the following account from Mr. J. J. Bolger, Solicitor to County Wexford Board of Health, in connection with the charges against the late County Medical Officer of Health (resigned):-

"The following is a note of the outlay incurred by me in this matter up to the present time:-

		£.	s.	d.
<u>1938.</u>				
Nov. 10.	Paid Fees for copy Charges against Dr. Bastible in Motor Prosecution.		8.	6
Nov. 24	Paid Messrs. Horan & Devine fee for attending in Court on hearing of charges.	2.	2.	0
" "	Paid for copy Order.		8.	6
<u>1939.</u>				
Jan. 23	Paid Mr. C. F. Matheson B.L. Consultation fee.	2.	2.	0
" "	Paid Mr. R. Barry, S.C. Consultation Fee	12.	12.	0
" "	Mr. Bolger, 3 attendances in Dublin (150 Miles each). Total 450 Miles at 4d per mile).		7.	10. 0
		£ 25.	3.	0."

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the County Council be recommended to refund to Mr. J. J. Bolger, Solicitor to County Wexford Board of Health, the sum of £25. 3. 0 expenses incurred in connection with charges made against late County Medical Officer of Health (resigned). That this proposal be subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health."

ROAD MATTERS

BUNCLODY TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: The following, under date 7th February 1939, was read from the Hon. Secretary, Bunclody Town Improvement Committee:-

"My Committee have directed me to complain to the Council regarding the state of Chapel Lane. No repairs are ever carried out by the Council to the surface of this lane. Hollows, in which pools of water lie, cover it and render it at times almost impassible. The shore running through it is broken and choked up and unable to carry away the water. Eighteen ratepayers pay rates in this lane and yet the conditions of their surroundings are totally neglected by both the Boards charged with maintaining them in a proper condition. The gable end of a shop at the upper end of this lane is in danger of being undermined owing to the condition of the lane itself. The state of Irish Street inside the wall on the right hand side also requires the urgent attention of the Council. The exit from it to the pump at the Boys' School is littered with large stones exposed by streams of water rushing down from Irish Street hill, no proper shore being provided to carry it off. Complaints have been made by the residents upwards of twenty in number, but nothing has been done. My Committee urge the Council to have these States of affairs remedied.

With regard to the public portion of the square and the other side of Main Street, the Committee trust that the Council will have the surfacing carried out immediately the fine weather sets in. Strangers remark that the state of the surface of these streets is the worst to be found in any town in Eire.

It is the hope of my Committee that the Council will give these matters favourable consideration. It is their experience that it is useless drawing the attention of officials to them."

In connection with this communication the following report was received from Mr. R. J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

(1) Chapel Lane. This is a little cross lane. It may want a load of stones. There is a built shore on it. This was formerly a sewer, and probably takes some sewage still. There may be a flag broken in it. We are continually repairing these shores in Bunclody.

(2) Place torn with water near Boys School. Water comes down a private lane and tears up this place. This would only happen in a very exceptional flood. There are some artificial water courses up the private lane which are responsible. I had been looking at this some months ago, and had intended to get you out there possibly with Mr. Elgee to see the legal position.

(3) The streets generally. These are not too bad considering the money available. We spent £400 extra the Summer before last, and did a good deal of permanent improvement. If we had about £300 more we would do a great deal more. This would be Summer work."

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor to have what work he could possibly arrange for carried out at Bunclody.

In reply to query the County Surveyor said he expected to be able to have Bunclody Square steamrolled during the Summer.

CURRACLOE ROADS: The following under date 31st January 1939, was read from B. O'Connor, The Hotel, Curracloe:-

"The Curracloe Development Association has asked me to write to you, if you would draw the attention of the members of the County Council at their next meeting to the bad condition of the following roads, the Wexford/Curracloe road, from Fahy's Cross to Johnstown and the Enniscorthy/Curracloe road. We had many complaints from tourists on their bad condition, last season, and we hope they will put them in proper repair before the coming season.

As we are making every effort to develop Curracloe into a leading sea-side resort, we hope the County Council will co-operate with us by providing us with good roads."

The County Surveyor said that two Relief Grants had been spent on this road and as it was now a Main Road he expected he would be able to carry out improvements during the Summer, owing to the fact that he could call on a substantial allocation.

BALLINACOLLABEG LANE, CASTLEBRIDGE: Representations were received as to repair of above lane.

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

"That application for repair of Ballinacollabeg Lane, Castlebridge, under Minor Relief Schemes Vote be made to Office of Public Works."

MEELGARROW LANE, DONARD: Application was received from six ratepayers asking County Council to put this lane into repair. At present, two cars could not pass on it and farmers using it were forced to go through fields.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That Meelgarrow Lane be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote."

BALLYGARRON LANE, KILMUCKRIDGE: Application was received from Mr. John Murphy, Ballygarron under date 19th January 1939 as to repair of above lane. He pointed out that owing to the amount of material drawn over it, it was impossible for him to keep it in order.

Rev. J. Sinnott, P.P., Litter, recommended the application for favourable consideration to the Council.

The County Surveyor said it would cost £100 to put the lane into reasonable repair.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the

following resolution which was adopted:-

"That Ballygarron Lane, Kilmuckridge, be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote."

BALLINCASH LANE: The following under date 31st January 1939, was read from Mr. Michael Fortune, Ballincash, Ferns:-

"The ratepayers of Ballincash are making an application asking the Council to reconsider their decision of January 9th with reference to the above lane.

What we ask the Council to do is to erect a fence across two small fields about fifty perches; together with a small bridge and repair the present lane.

By doing that it would be much more convenient for the ratepayers and the public, as at present it is in a very awkward position.

Trusting the Council will give this due consideration at their next meeting."

The County Surveyor said it had been already pointed out that to comply with the wishes of the deputation that waited on the Finance Committee some time ago would take £650. He did not see what could be done as regards this application, unless the County Council were satisfied to take over the lane as a public road.

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

"That application for repair of Ballincash Lane be recommended to Office of Public Works for inclusion in list for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote."

ASKINVILLAR LANE: Memorial signed by 60 ratepayers pointed out that the present condition of this lane was causing them serious inconvenience. A sum of about £250 would be well spent in providing a bridge to take away the water which at present makes the lane impassable.

Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the

following resolution which was adopted:-

"That application be made to Office of Public Works to have Askinvillar Lane scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote."

TOMNABOLEY BRIDGE AND ROAD: With reference to memorial signed by ratepayers as to improvement of road and erection of bridge at Tomnaboley on Road No. 322, submitted to Finance Committee at their meeting on 20th January 1939, the following report was read from Mr. R. J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"At the part on this road where a stream crosses there is a substantial masonry footbridge. I took the opportunity yesterday of examining this place. There were then very considerable floods. The approaches to the footbridge were not flooded. The stream would have to rise another two feet before there would be any water on these approaches. I would think that this would very seldom occur. Of course, there were three or four very abnormal floods last October and November.

The five opes in the bridge are fenced up with skeoughs. If these were removed, and if the bed of the river was cleaned up for 25 or 30 yards down stream the level of the water on this road would be considerably lowered. The approaches to the bridge could be slightly raised, if necessary. This would not be a very big job.

This road is one of the less important third class roads. There is an alternative route from Boolavogue to Monamolin. This would be about one-third mile longer. The average distance from Boolavogue Church of the ten families mentioned would be rather over $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles, their average distance from Monamolin Church would be 2 miles."

It was decided that the County Surveyor would inspect and report as regards application and that he communicate

with the owner of the land on which the present bridge stands and endeavour to induce him to fence the opes of the bridge by the use of fine mesh wire or by iron bars which would allow water to go through and which would help very considerably to obviate the flooding.

DRAIN IN ESMONDE STREET, GOREY, ON ROAD 44 M: The following under date 11th February 1939 was received from the Town Clerk, Gorey:-

"I am directed by my Commissioners to draw the attention of your Council to the lack of drainage at the lower part of Esmonde Street, where it is alleged that serious flooding takes place after heavy rainfall. Complaints have been made in this matter and I am to ask you to give it your early attention."

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, reported under date 15th February 1939, that the cause of the flooding was due to a shore discharging at the bottom of the river level into which it runs. When the river is in flood the water backs up on to the road and remains there until the level of the river again falls. He was of opinion this could be remedied. Judging from the fall from road to the river bed there appeared to be a sudden drop in the shore. He recommended that this old shore be lifted and a new pipe line laid at such a level as to discharge into the stream sufficiently above the bed to prevent a backwash. He estimated the cost of this work at £25.

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

"That, as regards flooding of Esmonde Street, Gorey, the recommendation of Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, as to the laying of new pipe line be approved and that a sum not exceeding £25 be withdrawn from the appropriate contingency fund to meet this proposal."

FLOODING AT KILMACREE, DRINAGH: Mr. Murphy said that 12 months ago he had brought forward the flooding of a labourer's cottage occupied by Patrick Whelan, Kilmacree, Drinagh. He understood that the County Surveyor, Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, and Mr. Carson, Engineer to the Board of Health, had inspected the place and it appeared the whole trouble was to get the water off the road. It was absolutely necessary that something should be done for this unfortunate man, as his house was flooded to his great inconvenience and loss.

The County Surveyor said he understood Mr. Carson was to bring the matter before the Health Board with a view to putting down pipes that would take the water. If the Health Board put in pipes that would turn the water Southward it would avoid the flooding. Anything necessary beyond ~~that~~ he (County Surveyor) would undertake to do.

Mr. Murphy said he understood that Mr. Carson said he would put in pipes if a fall was provided to take the water away.

It was decided that the County Surveyor should again consider the matter with Mr. Carson and take steps to remedy the complaint.

FLOODING ON ROAD BETWEEN CAMBLIN AND NEW ROSS: The following letter under date 22nd January, 1939, to the County Surveyor, was read from Lt. Col. Tyndall, Oaklands, New Ross:

"I note that the County Council are conferring with the Land Commission about the various breaches in the river banks at Fisherstown, Ballynabanogue and Camblin, but I would stress the point that the jobs at the two former places are big and difficult, and only affect the actual owners or occupiers of land, and to raise the level of the road a matter of 1 to 18 inches or so for about 100 yards, and I do not think it should cost the estimate of £250, for, I under-

stand there is plenty of material available close by from the ruins of the old Poor House which was pulled down. This would save the necessity of quarrying it and drawing it a long distance."

Under date 7th February, 1939, Col. Tyndall wrote as follows to the County Surveyor:-

"I am writing to say that the tide is in again on the road, and that it is impassable for anything except big cars and lorries, and has been so for most of yesterday as well.

So far 8 cars have gone through my place and past my door this morning. It should not be."

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor who said that undoubtedly some steps would have to be taken to obviate the flooding at this place and which was daily becoming worse.

WITHDRAWAL FROM ROAD CONTRACT: The County Surveyor submitted letter from Thomas Tobin, Kilcullen, Templeshambo, Ferns, under date 15th February 1939 stating that he was not in a position to carry out his road contract No. 265, for which he had been accepted as Contractor at Enniscorthy Tenders Committee on the previous day. He stated that the road was too far away from him and his "fittings are not the real best for long journeys".

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

"That the Contract of Thomas Tobin, Kilcullen, Templeshambo, for repair of road 265 be cancelled.

That the road be placed in charge of the County Surveyor and that the County Council be recommended not to accept Tobin for any Contract within the next two years."

DUMPING GROUND AT COURTOWN HARBOUR

Under date 15th February 1939, the following was read from Managing Director, Courtown Brick and Tile Works, Courtown Harbour:-

"Our attention has been drawn to a cutting in the paper re the old quarry we offered you as a rubbish dump at Courtown Harbour.

We now gather it is only the quarry itself you want and not the adjacent land, and in these circumstances we would be willing to accept the sum of £20 for the use of this quarry for the next ten years (or sooner if filled in).

The usage, however, of same would be subject to your being responsible for any accidents, and seeing that the rubbish is properly put into the hole, and not spread over the adjacent ground, and that the right of way past the quarry to the land above is kept open."

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

"That the Manager, Courtown Brick & Tile Works, be informed that the Finance Committee would be prepared to recommend the County Council to take a lease of the disused quarry referred to in his letter of 15th February 1939 for 50 years at 10/- per annum."

DEMANDS ON URBAN COUNCILS

The Secretary stated that the following showed the indebtedness of the Urban Councils to 30th September last:-

Enniscorthy Urban Council owed £3,474. 7. 3d.

New Ross had paid in full to December last.

Wexford owed one quarter of their Demand - £1942 - to September 1938.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the County Solicitor inform the Enniscorthy Urban Council that unless a substantial lodgment on foot of Demand by County Council be made within 10 days from the receipt of his letter, the County Council will be obliged to proceed by Mandamus against this Urban Council."

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Letter from Mr. D. Corish, District Court Clerk, New Ross, under date 7th February, 1939, as to proposed application for the committal of Joseph J. Murphy, $3\frac{1}{2}$ years, and Maurice L. Murphy, 2 years old, children of Joseph J. Murphy, of J.K.L. Place, New Ross, to Industrial School, was referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:

APPROVAL TEMPORARY CLERK

The following letter under date 6th February 1939 (No. G.4508-39 Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 1st instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he sanctions the appointment of Mr. L. Cleary as temporary Clerk for a period not exceeding two months from 23rd ultimo with remuneration at the rate of £3 per week."

SANCTION TO OVERDRAFT

The following under date 7th February 1939 (G.5246/39 - Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 1st instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inform you that, in pursuance of the Local Authorities (Financial Provisions) Act 1921 as extended he has consented to the Wexford County Council borrowing by way of temporary overdraft for the purpose of providing

temporarily for current expenses a sum not exceeding Thirty Five Thousand Pounds.

This sanction extends to the period ending 28th February 1939.

The enclosed duplicate of this letter may be transmitted to the Treasurer."

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to extend the period for overdraft accommodation of £35,000 for Wexford County Council to the end of April 1939."

In connection with overdraft the following letter under date 7th February 1939 (G.5246-39 - Loch Garman) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 1st instant and this Department's communication of even date regarding overdraft accommodation, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that if at the expiration of the current sanction a continuance of overdraft is required the application should be accompanied by a financial statement, as set out in this Department's letter of the 3rd March, 1938. It should also be stated how and within what period the Council propose to eliminate the necessity for continued borrowing."

It was decided to refer this letter to the next meeting of the County Council.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 17th February 1939 be received and considered."

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES (ROADS) RURAL: Miss O'Ryan asked if the work on Grant Schemes could be done early in the year when employment was greatest?

The County Surveyor said the works proposed for the present spring and early summer were out of the 1939-40 grants and that work could not have been started earlier because the money was only made available for the next financial year. The present work was to be done with an advance of £2,240 out of the year's allocation of £10,000. The money advanced was to be spent in April, and the conditions of the grant required that proposals for further work be put forward to be done after June in areas where there were a considerable number of unemployed. A list of seven electoral divisions in which the money may be spent had been furnished by the Department to him, and Kilmore was one of them.

Miss O'Ryan asked that the attention of the Department be drawn to the fact that the money should be spent during the winter when unemployment was greatest. For instance, in Killurin, a big number were unemployed in winter and there was considerable distress, but they would be engaged in fishing for a great part of the remainder of the year. She understood that the same applied to Kilmore.

Mr. Corish - Kilmore would not be as bad as Killurin.

The County Surveyor said work in the Killurin area could not be done out of the £3,000 advanced, as it was not on the Department's list of areas.

The Chairman mentioned that the money could only be

spent after March 31st. Portion of the £10,000 would be spent next winter.

County Surveyor - £7,000 will be spent next winter and £3,000 in the spring and early summer.

Miss O'Ryan said the question of broken time should also be considered. She asked if it meant the men were paid for part of a day that turned wet or if they were paid for a whole day on which it was too wet to start any work. She asked the County Surveyor to give a return of the days on which wages were paid, but no work done on the roads. She held, and she did not care where she said it, that the men would prefer not to be paid for days on which they could not give any return for the money. The money would not be kept back from the men because they would get a day's work later on for the wet day lost.

The Chairman said that the broken time applied to the ordinary road staff.

Miss O'Ryan - It could arise just as well for the relief workers.

Mr. Corish - They get a day in lieu of the wet day on grant work.

The County Surveyor said the men regularly employed were paid by the week and they were paid a full week if they worked all the available days. If a wet day or a Catholic holyday occurred in the week a man was paid a full week's wages if he worked all the days otherwise available in that week. The men doing grant work were only employed on certain days in the week and they got a day's work in lieu of days they could not work.

Mr. Keegan said they should be paid on the same basis as the regular men.

The County Surveyor said he would furnish the data required by Miss O'Ryan at the next Finance Committee meeting.

Mr. R. Doyle said that Miss O'Ryan had raised a very

important point regarding the winter work. In April, not alone did the fishing absorb the unemployed to some extent but the farming activities provided employment.

Chairman - You will spend £3,000 before June and the rest in the winter.

Mr. Corish - It will only be spent where unemployed men are available.

Mr. Bowe asked that a grant be obtained to repair the road from Enniscorthy to Killanne. It required repairs worse than the road to Carley's Bridge.

The Secretary said that the Department allowed the Council last year to change money from the Carley's Bridge road to the Bree road and they insisted on the Carley's Bridge road being done this year.

Mr. Bowe asked if the Killanne road could be done next year.

The County Surveyor said the grants for repair were allocated subject to there being a certain number of unemployed in an electoral division.

On the proposition of Mr. Bowe, seconded by Mr. Lawlor, a resolution was adopted recommending to the County Surveyor the inclusion of the Killanne road in schemes under a future grant.

Mr. Culleton asked if the temporary road workers were paid per hour or per day?

The County Surveyor said that at one time, to expedite work, overtime was carried out and the pay was per hour, but the Conditions of Employment Act put an end to that.

Mr. Culleton asked if the Bridgetown street would be done immediately after April 1st?

The County Surveyor said it was in the Kilmore area, which was one of the eligible electoral divisions for such work.

MAINTENANCE GRANT MAIN ROADS 1939-40: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Murphy:-

"That the Department of Local Government and Public Health be asked to increase by £1922 the 40% Estimate of grant in respect of main roads for 1939-40 in view of the proposed extra expenditure of £4803 on repairs to Wexford Bridge thus increasing the grant on main roads to £14624 on an expenditure of £36562."

CURRACLOE ROADS: Mr. Corish said that Mr. Allen and he had made a special case to have that road included in the main roads.

The County Surveyor said regarding the road from Enniscorthy to Curracloe the Council only allowed him an average of £11 a mile for such roads and he could not do very much with it. He maintained that the road from Fahy's Cross to Curracloe was a good road. He wished he could say that every other road in the County was no worse.

Mr. Sweetman said the road through Ballymurrin to Curracloe was in a shocking condition, but if they could only spend £11 a mile on it they could not do very much.

Mr. Kinsella said he was four years complaining about that road.

MEELGARROW LANE: The following report under date 10th March 1939 was read from Mr. P. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"The taking over of Meelgarrow Lane as a public road, was considered some years ago by the County Council. It is not a through Lane, and I believe the expense of making it so, involving the construction of a small bridge and section of a new road caused the matter to be abandoned.

If a substantial sum were available under a Minor Employment Scheme the lane could be put into a good state of repair."

KILMACREE FLOODING: It was decided on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Culleton, that the extract in this matter appearing on Finance Committee minutes, be furnished County Wexford Board of Health.

WITHDRAWAL FROM ROAD CONTRACT: Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said he was aware that the fact that Tobin had withdrawn from Road Contract was not really his fault.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Lawlor seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That, in view of the statement of Mr. Ennis we dissent from the resolution of Finance Committee of 17th February 1939 penalising Thomas Tobin, Kilcullen, Templeshambo, Ferns for his withdrawal from Road Contract No. 265."

PROPOSED DUMP AT COURTTOWN HARBOUR: The following, under date 1st March 1939, was read from Courtown Brick & Tile Company:-

"We thank you for yours of 27th ultimò, and we note the offer of your Finance Committee, which we are not accepting.

The offer contained in our letter of 15th February was an extremely fair one, and we cannot see our way to depart therefrom."

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 17th February 1939 as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

MINUTES OF 3rd MARCH 1939:- The Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 3rd March 1939.

Present:- Mr. R. Corish (Vice-Chairman) presiding; also, Messrs. Patrick Colfer, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy, Sean Murphy, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4695 was examined and signed.

NEXT MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Colfer, that next meeting of Finance Committee be held on Thursday, 16th March, 1939, as the 17th (ordinary day of meeting) is a holyday.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following is the state of Rate Collection to date of meeting:-

<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Percentage Collected.</u>
1. S. Gannon	66.0
2. John Curtis	64.7
3. P. Nolan	63.3
4. P. Doyle	62.4
5. D. Kenny	62.5
6. J. J. O'Reilly	61.6
7. E. J. Murphy	60.3
8. J. Cummins	59.9
9. J. Flood	59.7
10. J. Deegan	59.4
11. A. Dunne	59.2
12. M. Kehoe	57.9
13. J. Quirke	57.1
14. M. McCarthy	56.5
15. P. Carthy	55.7
16. W. Doyle	54.8
17. W. Cummins	51.7
18. J. J. Sinnott	51.6.
Average	59.1

The percentage at corresponding period last year was 60.1 or 1.3 better than this year.

It was decided to take no action as regards the collection at the moment as the Finance Committee desire to ascertain how instructions issued to Collectors, immediately after last meeting, are being carried out.

POUNDAGE: The following letter under date 17th February 1939 from Mr. J. M. Curtis, Hon. Secretary to County Rate Collectors, adjourned from last meeting, was read:-

"At a meeting of Rate Collectors in Wexford to-day, I was requested to ask you to bring the following before Finance Committee to-day:-

Re Circular letter of 19/11/38 in connection with payment of poundage, there are a number of Collectors who have qualified for 2nd payment; we would request that these Collectors be paid at once.

Re remainder, we request that these Collectors be paid in full immediately they qualify.

Re 3rd Interim Payment in respect of lodgment of 75% of current Warrant with 1937/38 arrears by 28th February 1939, we find that practically no Collector can qualify for this payment and we would request that Council make this payment when Collectors qualify.

We can assure Finance Committee that under these conditions Collectors will do their utmost to lodge the necessary amount as early as possible.

We would point out that the percentage requested to be lodged has not been attained at that date for a number of years."

The Secretary stated that all Collectors had been paid first interim and as regards the second only three Collectors remained unpaid after the last meeting of the Finance

Committee, viz., Messrs. W. Cummins, M. McCarthy and J. J. Sinnott.

When Collector McCarthy reached the standard application for sanction was made and the following letter in reply under date 18th February 1939 (4.2732/3/39) had been received from Department:-

"With reference to your letter of the 14th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he sanctions payment of poundage at sevenpence (7d) less 5% to Collector McCarthy in respect of the lodgment of the equivalent of the first moiety and arrears of his warrant. The arrears referred to may be taken as those applicable to the 1937/38 assessment."

Collectors W. Cummins and J. J. Sinnott reached the specified figure for payment of third interim on 27th February 1939 and application for payment had been made to the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

It was decided to inform Collectors that as they reached the specified amounts as regards interim payments application is made to the Department for sanction.

DEDUCTIONS FROM GRANTS

The following under date 1st March 1939 was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that the draws upon the Guarantee Fund under the Land Purchase Acts in respect of arrears of annuities in Wexford County for the May/June 1938 and November/December 1938 gales exceeded the repayments to the Guarantee Fund of arrears of annuities at previous gales by a sum of £5748. 13. 5d and there will accordingly be a deduction of this amount from the balance of local taxation grants payable for the present financial year.

This amount will be met by the County Share (including

Urban Districts) in the payment on account of Estate Duty Grant for 1938/39, to the extent of £2536. 10. 1d and the balance, viz., £3212. 3. 4d is chargeable against the Agricultural Grant.

After deduction of this amount the balance of the Agricultural Grant for the current financial year will be £27230. 16. 8d and payment will be made at an early date, less any deductions that may be necessary in respect of loan instalments in arrear to the Commissioners of Public Works by the County Council or the Board of Health."

The Secretary stated that as the full amount of the Agricultural Grant had been brought to credit in submitting figures for Rate for 1939-40 it would be necessary to provide for an increase in the amount of General Rate recommended by the Finance Committee, to enable the Council to carry on.

The meeting did not agree but decided to refer the communication from the Department to County Council meeting of 13th March 1939 for consideration and adopted the following resolution; on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"The Finance Committee desire to point out to the Minister that the past year has been one of the worst that Wexford Farmers had to meet during a long term of years. Ratepayers who never previously failed in the payment of land annuities are defaulters this year. The Wexford County Council are faced with heavy expenditure for repair of Wexford Bridge while there are also increases in expenditure for County Board of Health and for Mental Hospital. In the circumstances, the Finance Committee believe that an additional rate to meet the deductions in the payment of Government Grants would be more than Rural ratepayers especially are able to bear, and we request the Department of Local Government and Public Health to withhold these deductions for a year."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

MISS ANNIE FOLEY: Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, submitted letter from Miss Annie Foley, under date 16th February 1939 that she was sorry she could not accept the loan of £145 x since even with the Government Grant it would not be sufficient to cover cost of erection of house. She would endeavour to get a loan from the Bank.

It was decided to adjourn consideration of this letter to next meeting of Finance Committee.

JOHN WICKHAM, BELLEFIELD, ENNISCORTHY: Under date 17th February 1939, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.6037/1939 - Loch gCarman) that the Minister would raise no objection to the proposal of Wexford County Council to advance £170 to this applicant under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

ARTHUR DOYLE, TOMNALOSSETT, ENNISCORTHY: In connection with the application from Arthur Doyle for an additional amount of loan of £75, a certificate was received from Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor for the district, that on reconsideration he fixed the value of house at £265 and site at £10, making a total of £275.

Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That, subject to the sanction of the Minister, loan of £145 to Arthur Doyle, be increased to £175, the maximum amount to which he is entitled, taking into consideration the revised value of house by the Assistant Surveyor for the district."

JOHN BYRNE, 12 PEARSE STREET, GOREY; applied for a loan of £400.

It was decided to point out to him that the County Council had no power to advance the sum for which he applied

unless in respect of a house costing £800 and up to the present the maximum amount on a Housing Loan advanced by the Council was £250 on a house valued for £500, and as a matter of fact this was an isolated case.

It was decided that the Secretary forward loan Form and Regulations to Mr. Byrne and explain to him that in the opinion of the Finance Committee, the County Council would not agree to advance to any one applicant the sum of £400 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

MRS. MARY J. DOYLE, GURTEEN, INCH; applied for loan of £250 on house valued at £300.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Kelly, to recommend the Council to advance to Mrs. M. J. Doyle, Gurteen, Inch, a loan of £200 (the maximum figure). This proposal to be subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

ST. KEVIN'S REFORMATORY SCHOOL, GLENCREE - APPLICATION FOR INCREASED GRANT.

Under date 22nd February 1939, Father W. F. O'Connor, O.M.I., Superior St. Kevin's Reformatory School, Glencree, wrote again calling attention to the serious position of the Institution. Without an increased Grant from the Local Authorities it would not be possible to keep the Institution from closing down.

Father O'Connor came before the meeting and said he believed that it would be more agreeable to the Finance Committee and to himself if he attended and endeavoured to clear up any difficulties relating to the position of the school. He had arranged for an audit of their accounts over the last three years and as he had pointed out in a previous letter unless the School could count on a Capitation Grant of 18/- they would have to close down. Their difficulties were realised by the Department of Education and the City

Manager in Dublin and as a result of conferences with them, the Government had agreed to advance their Capitation Grant by 2/- and Dublin Corporation by 3/-. Of the 160 boys in the Institution 80 came from the City of Dublin and the other 80 were representative of all parts of Ireland. There were 10 boys from Wexford County in the Institution at the moment but three of these would be leaving very soon. If it were possible to secure any position for any of their boys they released them before their time was fully served. The average number from Wexford was eight. In regard to the finances of the school they had obtained a loan of £1600 from a Parish which was building a Church and did not require the money at the time. Now, however, the Parish Priest wanted it repaid without delay. They owed various creditors £1500 and their overdraft in the Bank was £535. To the funds of the Oblate Community a further sum of £1600 was due. To meet this big amount incoming Grants would realise only £980 and the greater proportion of this would not be available until May. He pointed out that all money which was received by the Order for Missions, Retreats and Masses was pooled with the School account. The School, Church and buildings were private property, not a penny having been received for their cost from the State or local Authorities. The farm was also provided independent of any State or Rate money. Although it was not compulsory on the Institution to accept boys he would never refuse one so long as there was any possible chance of keeping the school going.

After discussion, the following resolution was adopted unanimously on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That the County Council be recommended to increase their Capitation Grant to St. Kevin's Reformatory School, Glencree, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow, from 5/- to 8/-, making the Capitation Grant 8/-, this proposal to operate as from 1st April, 1939."

COUNTY COUNCIL INSURANCES

The following quotations for County Council Insurances for year 1st April 1939 to 31st March 1940 were submitted:-

Messrs. McDonagh & Boland, 51 Dame Street, Dublin (on behalf of Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corporation Ltd.):-

Employers Liability Insurance: Common Law 1s. 6d per cent
Remainder (excluding Medical and Surgical fees) 50s. per cent.

Public Liability Insurance: 6s. 6d per cent on all wages and salaries (This quotation includes liability arising from Fire or Explosion but excludes steam boiler or steam vessel explosion. Indemnity £2500 any one accident and £5000 in year.

Subsequently the quotation was made (by wire) to cover unlimited liability in any one year.

Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., 2 & 3

Westmoreland Street, Dublin (on behalf of "Ocean" Company):-

Employers Liability Insurance: Common Law 1s. 6d per cent.
Remainder (excluding medical and surgical fees) 50s. per cent.

Public Liability Insurance: 6s. 6d on all wages and salaries on behalf of the Ocean Company and 6s. 0d per cent on behalf of Ocean and New Ireland Assurance Company (This quotation includes liability arising from Fire or Explosion but excludes steam boiler or steam vessel explosion).
Indemnity £2500 any one accident and £10,000 for year.

Subsequently the quotation was made (by wire) to cover unlimited liability for any one year.

Corbett and O'Callaghan, Edinburgh Buildings, William Street, Galway:-

Employers Liability Insurance: Common Law 1s. 5d per cent.
County Employees 60/- per cent.

The County Surveyor said that as between Messrs. McDonagh and Boland and the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. the quotation of the latter (taking the

Ocean and New Ireland Companies) would be £14. 10. 0 in favour of the Public Bodies Company. The increase in the Rate for employees was 15s. per cent as compared with last year and which he regarded as extremely high. The cause of the increase arose principally from the accidents under the Employment Relief of Roads Rural. This did not affect them so much in Wexford but in other Counties it was an important factor and the quotations were made out for the country as a whole. The increase in total was from £900 to £1500. He estimated the premium on Relief Work would run to £150. There were far more accidents on these occasional works than with the regular staff.

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

"That quotation for County Insurances for year 1939-40 from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. as follows be accepted as per their letter of 2nd March 1939, viz.: Common Law 1s. 6d per cent. Remainder 50s. per cent for Employers Liability Insurance and 6s. per cent on all wages-Indemnity £2500 any one accident and unlimited for year for Public Liability Insurance."

It was decided to direct County Surveyor that Insurances in connection with Employment Grants be paid from appropriate Grant in each case.

VALUATION BILL

Letter from Minister for Finance under date 11th February 1939 (F.79/1/38) and which appears on Minutes of County Council meeting of 13th ~~February~~ 1939 was read. This letter pointed out that the 2½d Rate on the total valuation of the Counties (less lands) would represent less than half the entire cost of a New General Valuation and that $\frac{2}{5}$ of One penny in the £ on the Counties (including lands) would also be less than half the cost of the annual revision.

The letter continued "In the circumstances, the Minister considers that the rates of contribution proposed in the Bill are not onerous on rating authorities, having regard to the advantages to them of having an up-to-date cadastre prepared and maintained for the levying of Rates".

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

"That the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council desire to point out to the Minister for Finance that they considered very carefully the provisions of the new Valuation Bill - as regards impost on local authorities - before adopting their resolution that in their opinion the amount now paid for Annual Revision, viz., £195, is an ample contribution from Wexford County. They believe it is inequitable to ask Wexford County Council to provide £1131 towards the General Valuation with an annual contribution of £678. They are strongly of opinion that the existing charge only should obtain in the future."

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES ROADS (RURAL) SPRING AND SUMMER
WORKS 1939-40

Under date 27th February 1939 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (RU/206/3) that subject to An Dail providing the necessary funds it was proposed to release for Spring and Summer Works under Employment Schemes £2440 subject to the provision of a local contribution of £860.

The County Surveyor said this dealt with portion of the scheme for £10780 made up of grant £7980 and County Council contribution £2800 (already included in Road Works Scheme). The Finance Committee already decided on the allocation of the full amount and this advanced release would be spent on the most pressing of the works in the general scheme having regard to the incidence of Unemployment.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT ACT

The following, under date 23rd February 1939, was read from the County Surveyor:-

"From time to time I have received notification from the Inspector of Mines and Quarries in regard to notices that must be fixed in various quarries. I have sent Forms to the several Assistants concerned, and instructed them to have cause of complaint remedied. I have now asked them for specific reports in regard to each quarry complained of and shall submit these to your Meeting of Finance Committee on 3rd prox."

It was decided to request the County Surveyor to do what was possible to meet the requirements of the Inspector for Mines and Quarries as regards the notices to be posted in the various quarries of the County Council.

CONTINGENCY FUNDS

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to distribute the balances in Contingency Funds as he believes most advisable having regard to the maintenance amount of selected roads."

ANNUAL PRINTING CONTRACT

For the annual printing for County Offices "The Echo", Enniscorthy, tendered at £103. 13. 6d and "The Free Press", Wexford, at £116. 16. 8d.

The lower tender, that of "The Echo", was accepted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Murphy.

PRINTING INDEX CARDS FOR MOTOR TAXATION OFFICE

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

"That the quotation of "The People", Wexford, for

supply of 3000 Index Cards (printed both sides) at £2.14.6d for Motor Taxation Office be accepted."

TULLABEG MILL LANE

The following under date 20th February 1939, was read from Mr. Thomas O'Brien, Tullabeg Mills, Camolin:-

"I beg respectfully to apply to your Council for leave to draw 12 tons of broken stones from the Council's Quarry at Clologue, 2½ miles from my place. They are required for the repairs of the Mill lane on which there is a public right of way. I would draw the stones at my own expense.

I would like to express my thanks for what you did about two years ago in giving me a supply of stones for the same laneway.

The laneway is in a bad state of repair at the present time."

The County Surveyor said this was a rather peculiar case owing to the large amount of public traffic passing over the lane.

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor.

PALLIS BRIDGE - RIVER BANN (GOREY DISTRICT)

The following report under date 3rd March 1939 was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

"I shall be glad if you will bring the matter of Pallis bridge before the Finance Committee at meeting to-day. The Committee is already aware that this bridge was destroyed during the heavy floods some time ago. On the 3rd February I made a special inspection of the bridge with Mr. Treanor, and was of opinion that the interference with the structure by Mr. Lee of Arklow, Contractor for the Gorey-Courtown Water Works, was responsible, at least to some extent, for the destruction of the bridge. I thereupon wrote to Mr. Lee notifying him to the effect, and asking for his

observations on the matter. He attended at my Office on Monday, 27th ultimo, and we fully discussed the matter, but came to no definite conclusion. I then arranged with Mr. Lee to examine into the question further on the spot, and agreed to meet him on 2nd instant. I met Mr. Lee on this date, and Mr. Treanor accompanied me. Mr. McCarthy, Engineer for the Water Works, was also present. I pointed out to Mr. Lee the reasons for my decision to hold him responsible, and he questioned these. I informed him that I would bring up the matter before the Finance Committee meeting to-day, and suggested that he should attend the meeting, and lay his case before the Committee. He agreed to do this, and I shall be glad if the Committee will take up the matter."

The County Surveyor pointed out that Mr. Lee, who was contractor for the local water works, did not ask permission to cut through the abutment of the bridge and he (County Surveyor) believed that Mr. Lee's action in this respect contributed very largely to the bridge being carried away by the flood, as the hole which was made undoubtedly weakened the structure. It was a very serious matter, both for the County Council and Mr. Lee, as a new bridge would cost about £500.

Mr. Lee, who was present, said he carried out the work according to plans and specifications supplied to him by the Board of Health. He admitted he did not receive any permission to cut the hole in the abutment in the bridge.

The County Surveyor stated that if Mr. Lee had asked for permission to cut the hole where he did it would certainly have been refused. Mr. Lee had worked under him (County Surveyor) before and he found him a very good contractor. In the present instance he probably acted bona-fide but very unwisely and certainly very wrongly. It was impossible to say that the damage to the bridge was

caused entirely by Mr. Lee's action, but in his (County Surveyor's) opinion it was a strong contributory cause and the bridge might have stood up to the flood but for Mr. Lee's action. Mr. McCarthy, Consulting Engineer for the water works, was present when he (County Surveyor) met Mr. Lee, but he took no part in the discussion in which Mr. Lee contended that the hole made by him in the abutment did not cause the fall of the bridge.

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

"That the County Surveyor communicate with Mr. McCarthy, Consulting Engineer for Waterworks and ascertain what instructions were given to Mr. Lee, Contractor, as regards cutting through the abutment of Pallis River Bridge.

Also, that the County Surveyor inspect plan and specifications of water works in the offices of the County Board of Health and ascertain if any provision was made therein for the safety of the bridge, while the work of laying pipes for the water works Scheme was in progress.

That he report to next meeting of Finance Committee."

BALLYKELLY-BALLYMURRIN LANE

Mr. Denis Kehoe, Aughmore, The Ballagh, Enniscorthy, wrote under date 28th February 1939, that the above lane which led to his farm was in a bad state of repair at present and if something was not done in the matter he would not be able to get to his farm to till it. There were other persons on this lane.

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

"That application for repair of lane Ballykelly-Ballymurrin be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote."

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936

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

"That, as obtained in previous seasons, the Veterinary Inspectors of Wexford County Council be employed to supervise the work of Inspectors under the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order 1936, for season 1939, at the following remuneration:-

Enniscorthy District: Mr. F. S. Ringwood £25.

Gorey District: Mr. T. A. Mernagh £25.

New Ross District: Mr. J. Lynch £15 and Mr. F. W. Taylor £10.

Wexford District: Mr. F. Staples £25,

and that the Department of Agriculture be requested to sanction this proposal."

DEMAND FOR RENT OF FIELD

Under date 1st March 1939 the following was read from Mr. John Keating, Ballyconnigar, Blackwater, Enniscorthy:-

"Please find the enclosed Bill for rent of field. I received one rent of £4 for two years. It's now 16 years without getting one shilling since for rent. My field was a commons. I could never shut the gate. As the County Council is now finished with field I would like immediate settlement for same for depot as the lorry made the field useless to me. I could not put an animal out on it for that length of time.

Hoping you will get this through as I have now calls for Rates to meet."

The County Surveyor said the only record he had in the matter was that Mr. Keating was paid £1. 10. 0 fourteen years ago. He (County Surveyor) could not remember what agreement had been made with Mr. Keating 16 years ago, but always understood Mr. Keating gathered stones from the

shore, put them into this field, broke them, and he was paid so much per yard. If that procedure had continued there would be no question to raise now but they had been prevented for some few years back taking stones for road material from the foreshore and he (County Surveyor) believed Mr. Keating would be entitled to be paid something in the nature of damage to the field. He asked that the matter should be investigated by a small Committee of the Finance Committee.

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

"That Messrs. McCarthy and Kelly be appointed as a Committee to investigate and report to the Finance Committee regarding the claim of Mr. John Keating, Ballyconnigar, Blackwater, for compensation for damage to field used as a dumping ground for road material."

FLOODING ROAD CAMBLIN - NEW ROSS

The following report as to flooding of Road No. 62 furnished by Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district, was read:-

"On December 15th in a letter to you I mentioned a figure of £250 as the estimated cost of raising the flooded section of the above road. The flooded length is 150 Lineal Yards. Width is 6 2/3rd L.Y. Area 1,000 Square Yards.

If the filling is got for nothing as has been suggested the haulage, placing and consolidation will cost 4/- per cubic yard.

300 c. y. filling @ 4/-	£ 60
Strengthening and surfacing 1,000 square yards @ 3/-	£150
Strengthening and raising parapet walls	£ 40
	£250.

I understand that lately the road was flooded to a depth of 1' 9". On two occasions I have seen bigger floods,

and I am aware that on three dates there was well over 2 feet of water on the road."

Consideration adjourned to next meeting of Finance Committee.

CLERICAL ASSISTANCE

Under date 25th February 1939 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (R/RS/32):-

"With further reference to your communication of the 2nd instant I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he will raise no objection to expenditure up to £100 for payment of temporary clerical assistance required for the year 1939 in connection with the Conditions of Employment Act and payment of road workers."

ILLNESS OF CLERICAL ASSISTANT, CO. COUNCIL OFFICES

The following under date 1st March 1939 was read from Dr. Alice Barry, F.R.C.P.I., Resident Medical Superintendent, Peamount Sanatorium, County Dublin:-

"Mr. Stephen Hayes has improved in health but is not yet fit to resume work."

The Secretary stated he had on 3rd March 1939 written Mr. Hayes that as his sick leave expired on 13th March 1939 it would be necessary for him to furnish medical certificate for a further period.

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

"That, in the event of medical certificate for further sick leave being received from Mr. S. Hayes, Clerical Assistant, County Council Offices, the employment of Laurence Cleary, Roche's Terrace, Wexford, be continued for such further period at his present remuneration, viz., £3 per week. And that the Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction this proposal."

URBAN DISTRICT DEMANDS

In connection with amount due on foot of Demand of County Council on Urban District Council, Enniscorthy, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, submitted the following under date 27th February 1939, from Messrs. J. A. Sinnott & Co., Solicitors for the Urban Council:-

"Mr. Stephen O'Connor, Chairman of the Enniscorthy Urban District Council, has handed us your letter of the 25th instant, written on behalf of the County Council and has asked us to reply thereto.

He instructs us to inform you that the Urban Council intend to take immediate steps to deal with their indebtedness to the Council. It may not be possible to take the necessary steps within the period mentioned in your letter but such action will be taken with as little delay as possible and our client asks us to give to the County Council his assurance that everything possible will be done to clear off the present indebtedness of the Urban Council."

The letter was considered satisfactory.

The Secretary stated that Wexford Urban District lodged £975 on the 28th February 1939 and promised to lodge a further similar amount in a few days.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 3rd March 1939, be received and considered."

ST. KEVIN'S REFORMATORY, GLENCREE: Miss O'Ryan said she was at the Finance Committee meeting and Rev. Father O'Connor's representations were most convincing. It was the only Reformatory in the country, as apart from their industrial schools. Boys sent there were given a great chance, because they had not the stain of prison on them. It was a very small amount they were asked to pay and she thought they should agree to the recommendation.

Mr. Sweetman asked if the assistance of the Wexford County Council would be sufficient to keep the school going?

The Secretary said that a good many other Councils had agreed to it.

Mr. Corish supported Miss O'Ryan's proposition and said the school was situated in healthy surroundings in Wicklow and was worthy of support.

Mr. Doyle - Did he give any reason why the increase is needed?

Secretary - Owing to the high cost of living; everything going up.

Mr. Sweetman said that he was in favour of the recommendation, but he thought the General Council of County Councils should be asked to consider the matter.

Chairman - No other Council will refuse the increase.

Mr. Sweetman said that it was definitely a service that should be taken over by the State.

Chairman - The State contribute more than 50 per cent at present.

Mr. Sweetman - They should contribute 100 per cent for such a service, because they have control over it, which

we have not.

Secretary - It is a voluntary institution and Father O'Connor produced an audited balance sheet covering three years.

On the proposition of Mr. Sweetman, seconded by Mr. Corish, it was decided to approve of the recommendation of the Finance Committee and also to send a resolution to the General Council of County Councils to ask them to endeavour to have the institution supported entirely by the State.

PALLIS BRIDGE, RIVER BANN: The following under date 10th March 1939 was read from County Surveyor:-

"As directed by the Finance Committee I have obtained copy of Plans and Specification from the Secretary of the Health Board, for above, and I have thoroughly examined these. I also went through the Specification with Mr. Elgee and discussed the various clauses in the Specification. There is no doubt in my mind that Mr. Lee's action in interfering with the masonry behind the abutment was largely if not entirely responsible for the collapse of the bridge during heavy flood. Under the Specification I should have been notified before any attempt was made to interfere with public property. If this had been done I certainly would have objected to the work as carried out by Mr. Lee. There are a large number of clauses in the Specification which deal with this matter, but as the reading of these into my complaint is a matter for lawyers I do not offer any opinion."

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

"That the correspondence relative to the destruction of Pallis Bridge be referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, for consideration and advice with power to take Counsel's opinion should he consider this step necessary."

FLOODING NEW ROSS - CAMBLIN ROAD: Mr. Walsh said that he did not think it would be very costly to raise the road where the flooding took place about 18 inches.

The County Surveyor said that the material available at the Old Workhouse would be dearer by the time the Council drew it out, than material quarried at Ballykelly.

Mr. T. Redmond said there was no use raising the road until the river banks were repaired. At every spring tide the road was flooded.

Mr. Corish said he and Mr. Allen would approach the Land Commission directly and get an answer to the resolution sent from the previous meeting of the County Council.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Miss O'Ryan, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 3rd March 1939, as submitted to this meeting, be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

CONFIRMATION MINUTES OF TENDERS COMMITTEES

The following Minutes of Tenders Committee meetings of Enniscorthy, New Ross and Wexford were confirmed on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Corish:-

MINUTES OF TENDERS COMMITTEES

ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT: Committee met on 14th February 1939 in Enniscorthy Courthouse.

Present:- Mr. John P. Kelly (presiding), Messrs. J. J. Bowe and James Lawlor.

The County Secretary, County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors T. Cullen and R. J. Ennis were in attendance.

The following Road Contracts were dealt with. Period from 1st April 1939 to 31st March 1942:-

NO. 164. Amount allowed £25.

James Cullen, Ballingate, Carnew, giving as his Sureties, Thomas O'Hara, Ballingate, Carnew and Robert Murphy, Ballingate, Carnew, tendered at £25 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

165. Amount allowed £30.

Patrick O'Hara, Ballingate, Carnew, giving as his Sureties, Thomas O'Hara, Ballingate, Carnew and Robert Murphy, Ballingate, Carnew, tendered at £30 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

166. Amount allowed £40.

Patrick Farrell, Ballycadden, Ferns, giving as his Sureties, Mogue O'Rourke, Oldtown and John Kehoe, Lackendarragh, tendered at £40 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

237. Amount allowed £19.

Denis Doyle, Ballyprecus, Newtownbarry, giving as his Sureties, Aidan Jordan, Glasslacken and Michael Doyle, Ballyprecus, tendered at £15 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

262. Amount allowed £38.

William Doran, Thomonia, Kiltaly, giving as his Sureties, James Doyle, Ballybreen, Ballindaggin, and Martin Kearns, Coraduff, Kilmyshal, tendered at £38 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

263. Amount allowed £25.

Michael Tobin, Coolycarney, Ballindaggin, giving as his Sureties, Thomas Murphy, Coolycarney and Thomas Walsh, Coolree, tendered at £23. 15. 0, and James Farrell, Killealy, at £25.

The tender of Michael Tobin was accepted.

264. Amount allowed £27.

Thomas Tobin, Kilcullen, Templeshambo, giving as his Sureties, Michael Quigley, Boolabeg and Martin Jordan, Kilcullen, tendered at £27 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

265. Amount allowed £21.

Thomas Tobin, Kilcullen, Templeshambo, who gave same Sureties as for No. 264, tendered at £21 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

266. Amount allowed £16.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

267. Amount allowed £24.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

281. Amount allowed £25.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

282. Amount allowed £27.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

373. Amount allowed £45.

John Quigley, Grange, Rathnure, tendered at £44. 10. 0 and Thomas Cooney, Grange, Rathnure at £39. 10. 0.

Given in charge of County Surveyor as Cooney did not produce his sureties.

397. Amount allowed £19.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

398. Amount allowed £28.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

399. Amount allowed £30.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

400. Amount allowed £29.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

401. Amount allowed £45.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

1014. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

418. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

421. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

423. Amount allowed £16.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

442. Amount allowed £15.

James Furlong, Ballyvaldon, Blackwater, giving as his Sureties, John Furlong, Killincooley, Kilmuckridge and Andrew Kehoe, Ballinamona, Kilmuckridge, tendered at £12. 10. 0, and Thomas Leary, Kilnew, Blackwater, at £14. The tender of James Furlong was accepted.

443. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

446. Amount allowed £30.

Patrick Corrigan, Knocknasillogue, Blackwater, giving as his Sureties, Peter Smyth, Merchant, Enniscorthy, and Thomas Carroll, Slaney Place, Enniscorthy, tendered at £27. 14. 6d, and Martin Murphy, Knocknasillogue, Blackwater at £28. 12. 0d.

The tender of Patrick Corrigan was accepted.

447. Amount allowed £30.

James Furlong, Ballyvaldon, Blackwater, giving same Sureties as for No. 442, tendered at £25. 15. 0, and Patrick Corrigan, Knocknasillogue, Blackwater at £28. 14. 6d.

The tender of James Furlong was accepted.

490. Amount allowed £28.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

491. Amount allowed £25.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

1019. Amount allowed £10.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

515. Amount allowed £10.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

516. Amount allowed £30.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

517. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

518. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

1017. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

1018. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

532. Amount allowed £20.

Joseph Cullen, Ballyrannell, Glenbrien, giving as his Sureties, Peter Kehoe, Merchant, Enniscorthy, and Francis Pierce, Coolnahorna, Enniscorthy, tendered at £20 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

536. Amount allowed £25.

Charles Gordon, Ballymurn, Enniscorthy, giving as his Sureties, James Flood, Ballymurn and James O'Leary, Ballylucas, Ballymurn, tendered at £24 and Joseph Cullen, Ballyrannell, Glenbrien at £27.

The tender of Charles Gordon was accepted.

561. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

563. Amount allowed £25.

Charles Gordon, Ballymurn, Enniscorthy, giving same Sureties as for No. 536, tendered at £22. 10. 0, Patrick Leary, Ballinaslaney at £24. 10. 0 and Joseph Cullen, Ballyrannell, Glenbrien, at £24. 17. 6d.

The tender of Charles Gordon was accepted.

Haulage Tenders: A large number of Haulage Tenders were dealt with, the lowest tender being invariably accepted on the recommendation of the Surveyors.

In reply to Mr. Kelly it was stated by Mr. Ennis that several haulage contractors had not carried out their work last year.

Mr. Kelly expressed the opinion that these contractors should not, if possible, be employed in the future.

NEW ROSS: The New Ross Tenders Committee met in Courthouse, New Ross, on 16th February, 1939.

Present:- Mr. J. E. Walsh, presiding, also, Messrs. P. Colfer, J. Kennedy, M. Redmond and T. Redmond.

The Secretary, County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors J. F. Birthistle, T. Cullen and P. O'Neill were also in attendance.

The following Road Contracts were dealt with. Period from 1st April 1939 to 31st March 1942:-

463. Amount allowed £10.

Michael Ryan, Ballybawn, Rathnure, giving as his Sureties Nicholas Lennon, Finchogue and Thomas Conran, 10 North Street, New Ross, tendered at £9. 17. 6d and was accepted. This was the only tender.

464. Amount allowed £13.

John O'Brien, Ballygibbon, Rathnure, giving as his Sureties, Thomas Conran, North Street, New Ross and Peter Kehoe, North Street, New Ross, tendered at £13 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

465. Amount allowed £10.

Nicholas Dunne, Monamolin, Rathnure, giving as his Sureties, Michael O'Connor, South Street, New Ross and John Flynn, Ballindoney, tendered at £9. 9. 0 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

466. Amount allowed £10.

Nicholas Dunne, Monamolin, Rathnure, giving as his

Sureties, Michael O'Connor, South Street, New Ross, and John Flynn, Ballindoney, tendered at £9 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

471. Amount allowed £40.

William Rochford, Templenacroha, Palace East, giving as his Sureties, Patrick Nolan, Templenacroha and John French, Draper, South Street, New Ross, tendered at £40 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

472. Amount allowed £10.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

473. Amount allowed £24.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

474. Amount allowed £8.

James Byrne, Gobbinstown, Ballywilliam, giving as his Sureties, John Byrne, Boherstooka, and John Doran, Gobbinstown, tendered at £8 and Richard McGrath, Knockroe, Palace East at £8.

The tender of James Byrne was accepted.

573. Amount allowed £10.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

575. Amount allowed £25.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

577. Amount allowed £10.

Richard McGrath, Knockroe, Palace East, giving as his Sureties, Edward Colfer, South Street, New Ross and Richard Cleary, John Street, New Ross, tendered at £10 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

579. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

580. Amount allowed £10.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

598. Amount allowed £20.

William Rochford, Templenacroha, Palace East, giving same Sureties as for No. 471, tendered at £20 and was

accepted. This was the only tender.

599. Amount allowed £20.

Michael Hayden, Brocorra, Adamstown, giving as his Sureties, Michael Wallace, Ballagh and Denis Delaney, Ballagh, tendered at £19. 15. 0 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

600. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

601. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

602. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

603. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

604. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

605. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

606. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

661. Amount allowed £12.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

662. Amount allowed £16.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

663. Amount allowed £36.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

664. Amount allowed £21.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

665. Amount allowed £10.

Michael Hanlon, Ballyverogue, Campile, giving as his Sureties, John Whitty, Camblin and Patrick Hanlon, Ballyverogue, Campile, tendered at £10 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

666. Amount allowed £9.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

667. Amount allowed £7.

Michael Hanlon, Ballyverogue, Campile, giving same Sureties, as for No. 665, tendered at £7 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

668. Amount allowed £10.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

685. Amount allowed £17.

Thomas Cooney, Ballykelly, New Ross, giving as his Sureties, Patrick Hanlon, Ballyverogue and Thomas Walsh, Mary Street, New Ross, tendered at £17 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

686. Amount allowed £25.

Thomas Cooney, Ballykelly, New Ross, giving same Sureties as for No. 685, tendered at £25 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

687. Amount allowed £25.

Thomas Cooney, Ballykelly, New Ross, giving same Sureties as for Nos. 585 and 686, tendered at £25 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

688. Amount allowed £9.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

690. Amount allowed £8.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

691. Amount allowed £8.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

692. Amount allowed £8.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

694. Amount allowed £18.

Michael Hanlon, Ballyverogue, Campile, giving as his Sureties, John Whitty, Camblin, and Patrick Hanlon, Ballyverogue, tendered at £18 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

695. Amount allowed £12.

Joseph Nolan, Oldcourt, New Ross, giving as his

Sureties, William Power, Ballintreskin, New Ross and John Hearn, Ballykelly, New Ross, tendered at £11. 17. 0 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

696. Amount allowed £7.

Edward Power, Ballykerogue, Campile, giving as his Sureties, Thomas Deegan, Garryduff and Robert Quinn, Quay Street, New Ross, tendered at £6. 12. 6d and James McGrath, Dunbrody, Campile at £7. The tender of Edward Power was accepted.

697. Amount allowed £10.

James Caulfield, Aclamon, Campile, giving as his Sureties, Patrick Shannon, Curraghduff, Campile, and Robert Caulfield, Aclamon, Campile, tendered at £9. 10. 0 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

698. Amount allowed £10.

James McGrath, Dunbrody, Campile, giving as his Sureties, Richard Finn, Ballyvelig, Campile and James Cleary, Killowen, New Ross, tendered at £10 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

699. Amount allowed £14.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

700. Amount allowed £9.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

702. Amount allowed £9.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

720. Amount allowed £6.

Patrick Quirke, Ballygarven, Gusserane, giving as his Sureties, Martin Rossiter, Boley, Ballycullane and Luke Day, Boley, Ballycullane, tendered at £5. 17. 6d and was accepted. This was the only tender.

721. Amount allowed £13.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

722. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

726. Amount allowed £13.

Patrick Rossiter, Boley, Ballycullane, giving as his Sureties, Luke Day, Boley, and Martin Rossiter, Boley, Ballycullane, tendered at £11. 19. 0 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

742. Amount allowed £10.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

744. Amount allowed £9.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

745. Amount allowed £25.

Patrick Kennedy, Ballyvergin, Foulksmills, tendered at £25. As sureties failed to attend work was given in charge of County Surveyor.

746. Amount allowed £15.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

747. Amount allowed £14.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

749. Amount allowed £10.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

750. Amount allowed £12.

Patrick Kennedy, Ballyvergin, Foulksmills, tendered at £12. As sureties failed to attend work was given in charge of County Surveyor.

799. Amount allowed £7.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

801. Amount allowed £10.

William Keating, Boley, Ballycullane, giving as his Sureties, Luke Day, Boley, Ballycullane and Martin Rossiter, Boley, Ballycullane, tendered at £10 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

802. Amount allowed £9.

John Redmond, Nuke, Arthurstown, giving as his Sureties, Michael Farrell, Nuke, and Richard Walsh, Nuke, Arthurstown, tendered at £9 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

803. Amount allowed £19.

John Redmond, Nuke, Arthurstown, giving same Sureties as for No. 802, tendered at £19 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

805. Amount allowed £12.

Patrick Keating, Nuke, Arthurstown, giving as his Sureties, Michael Farrell, Nuke and Richard Walsh, Nuke, Arthurstown, tendered at £12 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

806. Amount allowed £15.

Patrick Keating, Nuke, Arthurstown, giving same Sureties as for No. 805, tendered at £15 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

807. Amount allowed £6.

Patrick Keating, Nuke, Arthurstown, giving same Sureties as for Nos. 805 and 806, tendered at £6 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

808. Amount allowed £15.

John Redmond, Nuke, Arthurstown, giving same Sureties as for Nos. 802 and 803, tendered at £15 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

826. Amount allowed £20.

Patrick Murphy, Ballybrack, Foulksmills, giving as his Sureties, Michael Donnelly, Cullenstown, and Martin Rossiter Boley, Ballycullane, tendered at £20 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

827. Amount allowed £8.

James Kinsella, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, giving as his Sureties, William Bennett, Loughnageer and Patrick Kinsella, Loughnageer, tendered at £8 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

828. Amount allowed £11.

Patrick Murphy, Ballybrack, Foulksmills, giving same Sureties as for No. 826, tendered at £10. 14. 0 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

829. Amount allowed £11.

Patrick Rossiter, Boley, Ballycullane, giving same Sureties as for No. 726, tendered at £9. 19. 0 and Patrick Gordan, Ballycullane, at £10. 10. 0. The tender of Patrick Rossiter was accepted.

832. Amount allowed £16.

Thomas Walsh, Tintern, Saltmills, giving as his Sureties, Patrick Walsh, Clonmines and Edward Colfer, South Street, New Ross, tendered at £15. 10. 0 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

833. Amount allowed £14.

James Kinsella, Loughnageer, Foulksmills, giving same Sureties as for No. 827, tendered at £13, and Thomas Walsh, Tintern at £14.

The tender of James Kinsella was accepted.

848. Amount allowed £6.

John Murphy, Tallaught, Ballycullane, giving as his Sureties, Patrick Walsh, Clonmines and Patrick Forrestal, South Street, New Ross, tendered at £6 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

852. Amount allowed £8.

Edward Mallon, Aldridge, Duncannon, giving as his Sureties, Michael Clegg, Kilbride, and John Culleton, Kilbride, tendered at £8 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

853. Amount allowed £17.

Edward Mallon, Aldridge, Duncannon, giving same Sureties as for No. 852, tendered at £17 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

854. Amount allowed £23.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

855. Amount allowed £12.

Andrew Power, Boley Hill, Fethard, giving as his Sureties, William Powell, Ramstown and Alice Auld, Conna, tendered at £12 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

856. Amount allowed £12.

Andrew Power, Boley Hill, Fethard-on-Sea, giving same Sureties as for No. 855, tendered at £12 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

870. Amount allowed £18.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

873. Amount allowed £8.

Thomas Orange, Conna, Fethard-on-Sea, giving as his Sureties, Alice Auld, Conna and William Powell, Ramstown, tendered at £8 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

875. Amount allowed £8.

Daniel Grace, Ramstown, Fethard-on-Sea, giving as his Sureties, Walter Byrne, Lambstown and William Devereux, Lambstown, tendered at £8 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

Haulage Tenders: A large number of haulage tenders were dealt with, the lowest most suitable tender being accepted in each case.

WEXFORD: The Wexford Tenders Committee met in Courthouse, Wexford, on 18th February 1939.

Present Mr. R. Corish (Vice-Chairman County Council) presiding; also, Messrs. C. Culleton, Sean Murphy, and Miss O'Ryan.

The Secretary, County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors J. F. Birthistle and T. Cullen were in attendance.

The following Road Contracts were dealt with, the period being from 1st April 1939 to 31st March 1942:-

623. Amount allowed £20.

James Walsh, Kereight, Kyle, giving as his Sureties, Denis McDonald, Saunderscourt, Wexford, and William Gaynor, Merchant, Main Street, Wexford, tendered at £20 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

624. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

625. Amount allowed £30.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

626. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

627. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

628. Amount allowed £21.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

643. Amount allowed £25.

Patrick Leary, Ballinaslaney, giving as his Sureties, Michael Fitzpatrick, Ballinaslaney, and Michael Stamp, Ballincarrig, tendered at £25 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

644. Amount allowed £25.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

645. Amount allowed £25.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

648. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

649. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

761. Amount allowed £20.

John Furlong, Ballinclair, Killurin, giving as his Sureties, Joseph Doyle, Lambstown, and Timothy Connors, Ballinclair, tendered at £20 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

762. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

763. Amount allowed £30.

Henry Long, Seaview, Barntown, giving as his Sureties Edward Woods, Kingsford, Barntown, and William Wright,

Forth Commons, tendered at £28. 10. 0 and Thomas Barron, Cools, Barntown, tendered at £30.

The tender of Henry Long was accepted.

765. Amount allowed £14.

William Brett, Shelmalier Commons, Murrintown, giving as his Sureties, William Wright, Shelmalier Commons, Murrintown, and John Merryman, Rockview, Barntown, tendered at £13. 9. 0 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

781. Amount allowed £10.

Henry Long, Seaview, Barntown, giving same Sureties as for No. 763, tendered at £9. 12. 0 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

782. Amount allowed £16.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

785. Amount allowed £7.

James Dowd, Seaview, Barntown, giving as his Sureties, John Stafford, Greenlake, Murrintown, and William Wright, Forth Commons, Taghmon, tendered at £6. 9. 10d, and James Murphy, Newbog, Taghmon, at £6. 17. 0.

The tender of James Dowd was accepted.

786. Amount allowed £8.

James Dowd, Seaview, Barntown, giving same Sureties as for No. 785, tendered at £7. 9. 10d and was accepted. This was the only tender.

889. Amount allowed £18.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

890. Amount allowed £18.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

891. Amount allowed £15.

John Martin, Rochestown, Ballymitty, giving as his Sureties, Edward Gough, Richfield, and Patrick Walsh, Rochestown, tendered at £15 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

892. Amount allowed £20.

John Martin, Rochestown, Ballymitty, giving as his Sureties Edward Gough, Richfield, Taghmon, and William Lane, Harpurstown, Taghmon, tendered at £20 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

912. Amount allowed £30.

John Davey, Balloughton, Wellingtonbridge, giving as his Sureties, James Davey, Moor, Wellingtonbridge, and John Neville, Ballyfrory, Wellingtonbridge, tendered at £23. 12. 6; William Waters, Vernegley, Wellingtonbridge, at £27. 17. 0 and James Harpur, Haggard, Bannow, at £26. The tender of John Davey was accepted.

914. Amount allowed £9.

Robert Sheridan, Blackhall, Bannow, giving as his Sureties, John Neville, Busherstown, Duncormack and James Harpur, Haggard, Bannow, tendered at £7; William Waters, Vernegley, at £8. 9. 0 and John Davey, Balloughton, at £7. 10. 0.

The tender of Robert Sheridan was accepted.

915. Amount allowed £12.

John Davey, Balloughton, Wellingtonbridge, giving same Sureties as for No. 912, tendered at £11. 7. 6d and was accepted. This was the only tender.

916. Amount allowed £12.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

917. Amount allowed £12.

John Davey, Balloughton, Wellingtonbridge, giving same Sureties as for Nos. 912 and 915, tendered at £11. 7. 6d and was accepted. This was the only tender.

918. Amount allowed £14.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

931. Amount allowed £20.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

933. Amount allowed £7.

William Brett, Shelmalier Commons, Murrintown, giving same Sureties as for No. 765, tendered at £6. 19. 0 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

936. Amount allowed £11.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

937. Amount allowed £14.

Patrick Keilty, Sweetman, Bridgetown, giving as his Sureties, Edward Mernagh, Bridgetown, and John Egan, Ballyharty, Bridgetown, tendered at £14 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

958. Amount allowed £28.

John Cullen, Killag, Duncormack, giving as his Sureties Edward Goff, Richfield, Duncormack and Patrick Kehoe, Gibberpatrick, Duncormack, tendered at £28 and was accepted. This was the only tender.

1013. Amount allowed £10.

James Murphy, Newbog, Taghmon, giving as his Sureties, James Murphy, Cools, Barntown, and William Wright, Taghmon, tendered at £9. 10. 0 and Martin Flood, Murrintown, at £10.

The tender of James Murphy was accepted.

975. Amount allowed £14.

No tender. Given in charge of County Surveyor.

1011. Amount allowed £11.

Given in charge of County Surveyor.

1012. Amount allowed £10.

Given in charge of County Surveyor.

Haulage Tenders: A large number of quotations for haulage work were disposed of and the lowest suitable tender taken in each case.

DEFAULTING LAND ANNUITANTS

The following, under date 6th March 1939 (412/39 Wexford) was read from Irish Land Commission:-

"I am directed by the Land Commission to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 2nd March 1939 and to state that Schedules of Defaulters in respect of Instalments of Land Purchase Annuity to 1st November/December 1938 are at present being prepared. Copies of the Schedules will be sent you as soon as possible."

PROPOSED NEW BRIDGE FOR WEXFORD

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

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at meeting of Wexford County Council to be held on 13th March 1939:-

(a) That Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of considering the following resolution

(b) That the Wexford County Council, having regard to the condition of existing bridge at Wexford, hereby agree to the erection of a new bridge on the site of the old bridge opposite Old Courthouse, Wexford, and failing this, on a site parallel to the existing structure or on such other site as the Council are able to provide. And that the necessary preliminary enquiries as to the interests involved in selected site be made forthwith.

That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be approached with a view to securing the largest possible Government Contribution towards the cost of proposed new bridge."

The Secretary mentioned that no reply had been received from Department of Local Government and Public Health as regards repairs to the existing bridge.

The Chairman said that before discussing Mr. Corish's motion it would be well to have a reply from the Department as to old bridge repairs.

Mr. Corish said he only desired to have a preliminary investigation made.

He then agreed to the adjournment of his motion until the reply of the Department relative to the repairs of old bridge had been considered. X .

RESIGNATION OF MR. JOHN CONNORS, COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Under date 15th February 1939, the following letter was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"In reply to your enquiry I write to say that in my opinion, the resignation of Mr. Connors must appear on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Council, in order that same can be made effective, and the necessary Declaration as to the vacancy of the seat cannot be completed until a Resolution of the Council dealing with same has been passed at that meeting."

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

"That we hereby declare the office of County Councillor vested in Mr. John Connors, vacant, and further declare the intention of this County Council to co-opt at meeting to be held on 3rd April 1939 a successor to Mr. Connors, this to be the first business to be transacted at said meeting."

TEMPORARY STOREKEEPER, MACHINERY YARD, ENNISCORTHY

For the position of Temporary Storekeeper, Machinery Yard, Enniscorthy, applications with references were read from the following:-

1. Bates Thomas, Kiltale, Enniscorthy.
2. Bennett Patrick, 14, The Shannon, Enniscorthy.
3. Byrne Patrick, Kilmyshall, Clohamon, Ferns.
4. Carty Nathaniel, Brownswood, Enniscorthy.
5. Carley Sean, 77 Irish Street, Enniscorthy.
6. Connolly Matthew, Bree, Ballyhogue, Enniscorthy.
7. Daly Seumas, Taghmon.

8. Dempsey Kevin, Boolavogue, Ferns.
9. Doyle Seumas, Boley, Ballycullane.
10. Doyle Michael, Ballybeg, Kilcotty.
11. French James, Moneylawn, Gorey.
12. Foley Thomas, Kiltrea, Enniscorthy.
13. Furlong Thomas Francis, 5 Emmet Place, Wexford.
14. Flynn Edward, Spring Park, Palace East, New Ross.
15. Joyce William, Templeudigan, Ballywilliam.
16. Kirwan Daniel, St. John's, Enniscorthy.
17. Kirwan Michael, 49, St. Johns Villas, Enniscorthy.
18. McCoy Francis, Oylegate, Enniscorthy.
19. Morrissey Michael, Cherryorchard, Enniscorthy.
20. Murphy Laurence, 22, St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy.
21. Murphy James, 11, Cathedral Street, Enniscorthy.
22. Merriman Thomas P., Coolishal, Wellingtonbridge.
23. Mullaly Thomas, Effernogue, Ferns.
24. O'Neill James, Larkfield, Killanne.
25. O'Rourke Thomas, 16, John Street, Enniscorthy.
26. O'Leary Martin, 9, Shannon Hill, Enniscorthy.
27. Reddy Patrick, Green Street, Wexford.
28. Ryan Luke, Courtnacuddy, Enniscorthy.
29. Sheehan James, Station House, Palace East.
30. Walsh Michael, Hillside Cottage, Kilmuckridge, Gorey.

It was decided to take a vote as between the candidates.

The following is the result:-

For Thomas Bates: Mr. Bowe (1).

For Seumas Daly: Messrs. Day, Doyle, M. Redmond
and T. Redmond. (4).

For James French: Messrs. O'Byrne and Smyth. (2).

For D. Kirwan: Mr. Sweetman (1).

For Michael Kirwan: Messrs. Colfer, Keegan, Lawlor,
Murphy, Miss O'Ryan, Ronan and the Chairman. (7)

For Martin O'Leary: Messrs. Corish, Culleton, Kelly
and McCarthy. (4).

For James Murphy: Mr. Kinsella (1).

For Thomas O'Rourke: Mr. Walsh. (1).

(Col. Quin was not present when this and subsequent polls were taken).

Bates, Murphy, D. Kirwan and O'Rourke, with one each, and French with two, fell out and a poll was taken between Daly, Michael Kirwan and O'Leary with the following result:-

For Daly: Messrs. Day, Doyle, M. Redmond, T. Redmond and Smyth. (5).

For Michael Kirwan: Messrs. Colfer, Keegan, Lawlor, Murphy, Miss O'Ryan, Ronan, Sweetman and the Chairman. (8).

For O'Leary: Messrs. Corish, Culleton, Kelly, McCarthy, Bowe, Kinsella, O'Byrne and Walsh. (8).

The final poll was then taken between Michael Kirwan and O'Leary with the following result:-

For Michael Kirwan:- Messrs. Colfer, Keegan, Lawlor, Murphy, Miss O'Ryan, M. Redmond, T. Redmond, Ronan, Sweetman and the Chairman. (10).

For O'Leary: Messrs. Bowe, Corish, Culleton, Day, Doyle, Kelly, Kinsella, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Smyth and Walsh. (11).

The Chairman declared Martin O'Leary elected.

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

"That, in accordance with the terms of advertisement and of the Conditions of Appointment, Martin O'Leary, 9, Shannon Hill, Enniscorthy, be appointed Temporary Storekeeper for Machinery Yard, Enniscorthy, at £2 per week for a probationary period of three months and that the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be sought for said appointment."

OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE NO. 1

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

"That Mr. Philip Barnwell, Carrig-on-Bannow, and Mrs. Bradish, Coolbrook Cottage, Wellingtonbridge, be appointed members of Old Age Pension Sub-Committee No. 1 vice Rev. Mr. Bateman and Mrs. McCutcheon resigned."

DELEGATES - COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT NATIONAL HEALTH

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

"That, in accordance with letter received from Department of Local Government and Public Health (National Health Insurance Section) under date 1st February 1939 (A.1227-1939) the following be nominated as the four delegates of this Council to take part in the election of five members of the Committee of Management of the National Health Insurance Society:- Messrs. P. Colfer, C. Culleton and P. Ronan, County Councillors and John Connors, Kiltomas, Ferns, ex-County Councillor."

REPRESENTATIVE IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That Mr. John P. Kelly be re-appointed as Representative of Wexford County Council to attend and vote at General Meetings of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., and to exercise every other right and power incidental to such membership."

ACCIDENT TO MR. THOMAS CULLEN, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR

The following under date 10th March 1939 was read from the County Surveyor:-

"For the information of the Council I beg to report that Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, met with a serious

accident to his eye while assisting at blasting operations in Edenvale Quarry on 3rd instant. I have notified the Insurance Company in regard to this."

COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

The following under date 24th February 1939 (P.H.6762/39 Loch Garman Sc) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 17th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has approved of the proposal of the Wexford County Council to fix the remuneration for the position of County Medical Officer of Health for Wexford County at £800 per annum with vouched travelling expenses not exceeding £200 per annum.

I am to add that the prescribing of age limits and qualifications in connection with the abovementioned post is a matter for the Local Appointments Commissioners in consultation with the Minister, but it is open to the County Council to transmit any suggestions on the subject for the consideration of the Commissioners."

As regards new appointment acknowledgment of Statutory Request and copy of Sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in connection with the vacancy was received from the Local Appointments Commission.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936 - SANCTION TO INSPECTORS

Under date 2nd March 1939 (L.350-39) the following was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to your letter of the 24th ultimo, regarding the arrangements for the enforcement of the above Order during the present season, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state, for the information of your Local Authority, that he offers no objection to the

reappointment of the 13 Temporary Inspectors employed last season with remuneration in each case at the inclusive rate of £2. 10 per week. Each Inspector should be required to give, in writing, the undertaking referred to in paragraph 7 of this Department's communication L.400/39 of the 26th January, last."

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT, 1908

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. T. Redmond:-

"That new licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 be issued to Walter Boggan, Merchant, Kilmuckridge. And that renewals of licences be issued to

Mrs. Brigid Doyle, 70 Main Street, Gorey
John Doyle, 22 North Street, New Ross,
William J. Kelly, Bunclody, and
Patrick Hanrahan, South Street, New Ross."

Mr. Walsh proposed and Mr. R. Doyle seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That duplicate licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 be issued to James Hennessy, South Street, New Ross, John Roche, Camolin and Henry Hill, Ballycanew, as originals have been mislaid."

NATIONAL INSURANCE - SICKNESS AND DISABLEMENT BENEFITS

The following resolution received from Cork County Council was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to increase the Sickness and Disablement Benefits to insured persons, and also to restore them dental, opthalmic and hospital treatment."

EASTER SUNDAY COMMEMORATION

Mr. Edward Drummond, Secretary of the Wexford Branch of above, wrote inviting County Councillors to the Annual Easter Sunday Commemoration Ceremony.

The Chairman proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That all members of this Council who can conveniently do so are invited to attend the Easter Commemoration Ceremony."

NEXT MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. M. Redmond:-

"That, as 10th day of April (next fixed date for monthly meeting of County Council) falls on a bank holiday Said monthly meeting be held on 3rd April 1939."

J. J. Allen
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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING - 22nd MARCH, 1939

M I N U T E S

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

N. J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary Wexford County Council.

By directions of the Chairman of the County Council (Mr. D. Allen, T.D.) a special meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 22nd March 1939.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, T.D. (Chairman) presiding, also, Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, John Day, Raymond Doyle, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, James Lawler, Sean Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Michael Redmond, Patrick Ronan and Malachi Sweetman.

The Secretary and County Solicitor were in attendance.

The meeting was called to consider the following communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health as to Seed Supply Scheme:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has received representations that in some areas special facilities are necessary this year to enable occupiers of land who cannot procure seed potatoes and/or seed oats out of their own resources to obtain supplies on loan terms through the County Councils.

The Minister desires each County Council to consider whether there is a need for a seed supply scheme in the County or any part of it, and if there is a need, the adoption of a suitable scheme. You are, therefore, requested to communicate with the Chairman of the Council without delay with a view to summoning a meeting and bringing the matter before the Council as early as possible.

If a meeting of the Council has already been summoned for any other purpose a supplemental agenda might be issued so that the adoption of a scheme could be considered at that meeting.

If the Council adopt a scheme steps should be taken to give adequate publicity to the facilities available. A

form of public notice, which can be adapted as necessary to local circumstances is enclosed, together with forms of authorisation to obtain seed and undertaking to pay.

A Bill to validate any action taken by the County Council in accordance with these instructions will be introduced in due course."

The Chairman said that as a result of that letter he deemed it wise to call the meeting to give the Council an opportunity of deciding if they would adopt any scheme. Some Councils had already done so. Personally, he believed they should adopt a scheme, and they would find out if there were many people who needed a credit scheme, and if there were people, as was suggested, who had bad seeds as a result of last year's bad weather. He thought the Council should take the opportunity of providing them with a credit scheme in order that they might sow good seeds in the present season. He proposed that they adopt a scheme.

Mr. Colfer seconded, and said they all knew it was necessary to get some scheme, because in a good many cases farmers had bad seeds and just as many, possibly, had no seeds at all, and were faced now with the problem of getting all the seeds they wanted this year. The price of seed this year was very high, and it was not so very easy to get the money for it. He thought a credit scheme would be very acceptable.

Miss O'Ryan supported the proposition. She thought they should give every facility to enable people to sow land so that there would be more production. They could not possibly expect to collect rates unless the people could sow to the best advantage. If they could give any assistance they would be wanting in their duty if they did not do everything they possibly could. She thought that if it was realised by the members that they had the power in the matter everyone would be in favour of it, and that they

should give every facility they could to people not only to sow their lands, but in the best possible way, because the prosperity of the farmer meant the prosperity of the people at large.

Mr. Bowe said that on the last occasion he voted against the scheme because it was absolutely illegal. Furthermore, he did not think that any member could be expected to accept liability for any default all over the County and that was the position in which they were placed. The Minister had promised to introduce a Bill. Any scheme the Council adopted was bound to fall back on the ratepayers if people defaulted. The deputation before the Council at the last meeting did not expect them to give seed to people who had no intention of repaying. He would have preferred that the Exchequer would have borne any loss. Still he believed they should promote a scheme legally under the Government to assist people. He was sure that every member would be only too glad to support any such scheme. They had got to be very careful in selecting applicants. He suggested that they should be as careful of the rates as of their own pockets.

Mr. O'Byrne said they were glad to see the scheme brought forward, but he felt disappointed because he held $\frac{1}{2}$ that the scheme was necessary from a national and county point of view, and he thought that when the Minister was taking responsibility to indemnify the members of the Council against financial liability he should take some responsibility for loss to ratepayers. He considered that the Minister ought to have taken up some portion of the possible loss. It certainly would have shown the Minister's confidence in the scheme. He regretted the Minister had not taken any part of the financial liability.

Mr. Day agreed that a scheme was never worse wanted. He had to do with the Co-operative Stores, Wexford, and

that morning the Manager said he never saw so many people seeking credit.

Mr. Keegan said it would be a wild cat scheme if they gave its advantages to every Tom, Dick and Harry. It looked as if they were going to adopt a scheme and he thought it should be for seed all round - he meant oats, wheat and barley. Wheat was a guaranteed cash crop, and as Miss O'Ryan remarked, if they were to collect the rates they ought to give the people the seed.

The Secretary said they would have to work the scheme through a committee, and it would be necessary to give that Committee plenary powers. They would have to meet constantly as the season was going over rapidly.

Mr. Corish said it was obvious to everyone even before the deputation came before the Council that there was great necessity that something should be done for the farmers after the very bad season. He thought that within living memory there had not been a worse winter. As far as he had been able to ascertain a great many farmers were practically penniless and with very little prospects of being any better. There was, of course, a certain risk attached to the scheme considered at last meeting but they had not power then to say that individual members of the Council would be indemnified from loss. They must assume, of course, that the farmers were honourable men, and that they were going to fulfil obligations to the Council, and that any guarantees the Council entered into would be observed. It would be in their interest, because in years to come something similar might happen. Although there was a risk, there might be a greater risk if they did not come to the assistance of farmers. They might at the end of the year find themselves unable to collect rates from a good number. They were only carrying out their duty in doing all they could in trying to keep agriculture on a solid footing.

The proposition to adopt a scheme was then passed unanimously.

Miss O'Ryan believed it would be better to have a Guarantee Scheme rather than a Loan Scheme. The merchants knew all the men, had given seed before, and had the men on their books and could examine them much better. The Council could do it, but it would take too long. The merchants surely would have no objection if they knew the Council guaranteed the credit.

Chairman - I believe myself that a guarantee would be much easier, from the point of view of working, for the Council, and far less liable to abuse than a Loan Scheme. There is the danger with a Loan Scheme that the money advanced would not be applied for the purpose for which it was intended by the Council.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution which was passed nem. con.:

"That the scheme for supply of seeds and fertilisers by this Council be worked on a guarantee basis."

Mr. Ronan proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Council guarantee to repay up to a maximum of £12 cost of seeds and fertilisers obtained under their supply scheme and that all amounts guaranteed up to that figure represent three fourths of the total cost of seeds and fertilisers obtained by any one applicant. That guarantee apply to seeds giving a satisfactory test for purity and germination."

The following Committee were then appointed and given plenary powers to work the scheme which is to be operative for the month of April only:-

Enniscorthy District:- Messrs. J. J. Bowe and J. P. Kelly.

Gorey District:- Messrs. W. P. Keegan and M. Smyth.

New Ross District:- P. Colfer and T. Redmond.

Wexford District:- Mr. Day and Miss O'Ryan,
to meet every Friday up to the end of April 1939 at 3.30
p.m. in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public
Health be requested to declare the Seeds and Fertilizers
Committee of Wexford County Council as an "authorised"
Committee to enable its members to claim usual travelling
expenses. That the Chairman and Mr. Corish interview the
Minister with a view to having this request made operative."

Mr. Bowe said that the success of the scheme would
depend on the number of people who would pay up. Those
were the people who were going to make a success of the
scheme and not the Committee.

The Chairman said that nothing did the farmer more
damage in the past than that his neighbours had not
confidence enough in him.

In reply to Mr. Colfer, the Secretary said as the
Council had decided on two sureties it was too late now to
propose that they accept one surety. It would require
notice of motion to have this latter suggestion considered
by the Council.

The following is a copy of the Scheme agree to:-

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

SCHEME FOR SUPPLY OF SEEDS AND FERTILISERS

To facilitate the purchase of Seed Potatoes, Seed
Wheat, Seed Oats and Seed Barley and also Fertilisers to
approved ratepayers, Wexford County Council are prepared to
guarantee to Seed Merchants and to recognised Seed Suppliers
payment of three-quarters of the cost of the Seed and
Fertilisers, up to a maximum of £12, in the case of any
one applicant.

Seed supplied under this Scheme must have been subject to test for purity and germination and up to standard.

Ratepayers who desire to avail of the Scheme should obtain application form from the Secretary to the County Council, County Hall, Wexford, to whom it should be returned when completed.

Applications must be supported by two securities, both ratepayers.

Certificate will be required on Application Form from Rate Collectors that sureties have paid their rates up to 30th September 1938 and this certificate must be secured by applicants.

Recipients of Seed etc. and their sureties will be held jointly and severally liable for the payment of amount guaranteed by the County Council.

Sureties, who, as stated must be ratepayers, cannot themselves benefit under the Scheme.

The County Council guarantee will become operative only when satisfactory evidence is received from Merchants and Seed Suppliers that it has been found impossible to collect amount from persons supplied with seeds and fertilisers under the scheme.

The first payment received from approved applicants by Merchants or Seed Suppliers during the year after the sale of seed or fertilisers must be applied towards the cost of seeds etc. under this Scheme.

Particulars of amounts unpaid by selected applicants are to be furnished by Merchants and Seed Suppliers to County Council by 1st December 1939.

Applications will be dealt with by a special Committee of the Council in rotation.

The latest date for receipt of applications is 29th April 1939.

Accepted applicants will be notified from County Council Offices after meeting of Committee.

Applicants are requested to note that the County Council do not pay for Seeds and Fertilisers as supplied. These must be paid for direct by selected applicant to the merchant supplying same, after harvesting of crop and, at latest, by 1st December 1939. The County Council guarantee ensures payment to merchants of three-fourths of cost of supplies, up to a maximum of £12, in any case in which the latter has found it impossible to collect the amount from a recipient of supplies under the Scheme.

Denis Allen

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING - 3rd APRIL, 1939

MINUTES

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

N. J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary Wexford County Council.

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The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 3rd April 1939.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding; also, Messrs. Moses Bolger, (new member), Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, Christopher Culleton, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, James Lawler, Thomas McCarthy, Sean Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor, and the five Assistant Surveyors of the Council were in attendance

The Minutes of ordinary meeting of 13th March 1939 and of special meeting on 22nd March 1939 were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £4384. 9. 4d Ordinary payments and £38936. 10. 0 Transfers to Public Bodies, were examined and signed.

CO-OPTION OF MEMBER

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

"That, in accordance with the decision of this County Council and in compliance with advertisement as to co-option of member of said Council vice Mr. John Connors, Kilthomas, Ferns, resigned, signed by three members of the Council, we hereby elect Mr. Moses Bolger, Coolnaleen, Camolin, Farmer, to the vacancy thus created."

The Chairman, in putting the motion, welcomed Mr. Bolger and hoped he would find the most pleasant relations with his confreres.

Mr. Bolger thanked the Council for his election and then signed the Declaration of Office.

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THE LATE BROTHER FORAN, CHRISTIAN BROTHERS, WEXFORD

The Chairman proposed a vote of condolence with the family of the late Brother Foran (Christian Brothers, Wexford) and with the Order in his tragic death. In moving his motion the Chairman said that Brother Foran was Superior in Wexford for many years and was a member of the Scholarship Committee of the County Council for a considerable time. He was an outstanding figure in his profession and his death was a great loss to the County and to the Scholarship Committee.

Col. Quin seconded.

The Secretary said he knew Brother Foran very intimately. He was a very clever man, and as a member of the Scholarships Committee he gave exceptionally fine service, because he was most keenly interested in education. He could say, personally, that Brother Foran was a splendid teacher, and was a great loss to the cause of education.

THE LATE MRS. ROSSITER, WEXFORD

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

"That the following reply to vote of condolence by Wexford County Council relative to the death of Mrs. Rossiter, Dempsey's Terrace, Wexford, be inserted on the Minutes of the day:-

'The family of the late Mrs. Mary Rossiter, 8 Dempsey's Terrace, Wexford, return sincere thanks for your kind expression of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement.'"

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

FINANCE COMMITTEE 16th MARCH 1939: The Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 16th March 1939.

The following were present:- Messrs. Patrick Colfer, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy, Sean Murphy, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

Mr. McCarthy was moved to the Chair on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. O'Byrne.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3310. 7. 9d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following is the state of the Rate Collection to the date of the meeting:-

<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Percentage of Warrant Collected.</u>
1. J. Curtis	76.1
2. S. Gannon	69.8
3. D. Kenny	68.7
4. E. J. Murphy	68.3
5. J. J. O'Reilly	66.6
6. P. Nolan	65.4
7. J. Cummins	65.4
8. A. Dunne	65.2
9. P. Doyle	65.1
10. M. Kehoe	64.3
11. J. Flood	64.0
12. J. Deegan	62.9
13. M. McCarthy	60.3
14. P. Carty	59.7
15. J. Quirke	59.6
16. W. Doyle	56.7
17. J. J. Sinnott	56.6
18. W. Cummins	54.6

Average 63.6

The average 63.6 per cent is 2.9 per cent behind the collection at the corresponding period last year.

The Rates Inspector said he had not been out in the district of Mr. W. Cummins but he would arrange visits there

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as soon as possible.

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

"That, as Collector J. M. Curtis has lodged a sum equivalent to 75% of current year's Warrant and Arrears applicable to 1937/38 Assessment, application be made to the Minister for approval of third interim payment of Poundage Fees in his case."

APPLICATION FOR REMISSION OF RATES: The following under date 24th February 1939 was read from Mr. Vincent A. Doyle, Brandon, New Ross:-

"I beg to apply for a remission of rates on my land at Marshmeadows, New Ross, owing to the continuous flooding of the holding, from the River Barrow. I spent a considerable amount on my Banks and Sluices, which are both perfect, but the damage is due to a breach almost a mile distant from my land. I would be glad if you would put this appeal before the next meeting of your Council."

It was decided to recommend Mr. Doyle to apply for revision of his valuation.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

D. SHEEHAN, EFFERNOGUE: Messrs. J. A. Sinnott, Solicitors, Enniscorthy, wrote that this applicant was proceeding with his application for loan. The reason for delay was the doubt in Mr. Sheehan's mind as to continuation of the system of Government Grants and that the County Council would not advance loans except in cases in which such grants were available. It would have been impossible for Mr. Sheehan to have the house finished by the 31st March next, taking into consideration the date on which he applied for the loan. They would be glad to know if any loan had been granted in this case.

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The Secretary stated that in January last Messrs. Sinnott & Co. withdrew the application but evidently they now wished to have it re-instated. Mr. Sheehan had been recommended for loan of £175 on a £350 house.

It was decided to inform Messrs. Sinnott & Co., Solicitors, Enniscorthy, accordingly.

JOHN BYRNE, PEARSE STREET, GOREY: Applicant, a factory worker, applied for loan of £315 on house at Ramsfort, Gorey, of an estimated value of £350.

It was pointed out that the maximum loan available in this case is £175 according to the County Council regulations.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Kelly, to recommend loan of £175 provided Mr. Byrne is able to secure Government Subsidy.

ANNIE FOLEY, BORRMOUNT: At the meeting of Finance Committee on 3rd March 1939 Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, submitted letter under date 16th February 1939 from applicant that she would not accept loan of £145 as, even with the Government Grant, she would not have enough money to cover the cost of erection of house. She said she would endeavour to get loan from the Bank.

Mr. Kelly said that Miss Foley wished to withdraw her decision refusing to accept the loan. She was now building a larger house estimated to cost £300.

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

"That Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor for the district, be asked to furnish a revised valuation as regards change in plan of house proposed to be erected by Miss Annie Foley at Borrmount. Provided Mr. Cullen certifies that the value of house can be taken at £300 the Finance Committee will be prepared to recommend the County Council to advance loan of

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£205 to Miss Foley, this proposal to be conditional on Miss Foley executing a mortgage for the revised amount.

MRS. CATHERINE O'DEA, SWEETFARM, ENNISCORTHY: Applicant, described as "housewife", applied for loan of £230 on a £300 house.

The maximum amount available according to County Council regulations is £205.

After discussion it was decided to recommend Mrs. O'Dea to apply for tenancy of a labourer's cottage.

ALLEGED INJURY TO MILL

The following, under date 7th March 1939, was read from Messrs. Shortle Bros., Castlebridge:-

"We have to again report to you ~~of~~ damage done to roof and loft of our Mill at Crory on Friday, 3rd instant, during blasting operations in Ballyboggan Quarry. When is this to cease?"

The County Surveyor said that Messrs. Shortle Bros. had not made any specific claim although he had asked for particulars. These had not been supplied. If they were lodged with him he would forward them to the Insurance Brokers who had been supplied with copies of all the correspondence in the matter.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES - (ROADS URBAN)

Letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) under date 6th March 1939 (RU/206/5) as to proposed scheme for road and footpath works in New Ross Urban District for year 1939-40 costing £3180, financed by State Grant of £2795 and local contribution of £385, was read.

Letter under date 10th March 1939 (RU/205/109S) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) as to Scheme of Road Works in New Ross Urban District

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for year 1938/39 which, if possible, were to be completed to allow of the final payment being made prior to the 31st March 1939.

The amount of grant in this case is £1397 and of local contribution £193. The payment of grant was subject to the usual conditions.

Under date 14th March 1939 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (RU/206/6) as to the release of £840, portion of grant of £2795 already referred to, and provided £115 of the local contribution of £385 was forthcoming for employment schemes to be carried out during Spring and Summer. The grant was subject to the usual conditions. A scheme covering the expenditure of the £955 was to be submitted as soon as possible.

These communications were referred to the County Surveyor who pointed out the difficulties in carrying them out practically simultaneously and having them completed within the period fixed by the Department.

PARKING OF CARAVANS AT COURTOWN HARBOUR

The following under date 7th March 1939 was read from Courtown Harbour Committee:-

"We wish to bring to the notice of your Council at the next meeting, the following proposition from this Committee:

The parking of caravans on the County Council's property is becoming a serious source of nuisance particularly on the piece of waste ground overlooking the south beach. We would suggest to the County Council that notices should be erected as soon as possible notifying caravan owners that there is no parking ground on the County Council property in Courtown Harbour."

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

"That the County Council be recommended to adopt

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resolution to prevent parking of caravans on waste ground at Courtown Harbour, but to agree that motor cars be allowed to park for a limited time, though not to remain overnight.

That, if the County Council accept these proposals, the County Surveyor have notices of the Council's decision exhibited at Courtown Harbour."

LANEWAY AT TINNACREE QUARRY

The following, signed by Mr. John Donohoe, Tinnacree, and Messrs. Thomas Buttle, Edward Kelly, Owen Nolan and John Sunderland, was read:-

"We, the undersigned Ratepayers and owners of land, in the townlands of Dundrum and Tinnacree, on the laneway leading to the quarry opened a few years ago by the County Council at Tinnacree hereby respectfully request the Wexford County Council to build fences, and repair existing fences on the laneway leading to this quarry.

We desire to point out the advantages -

- (1) That fencing would keep Cattle from trespassing on the laneway. The trespass of Cattle impedes the drainage of the lane, and is the chief cause of its present bad repair.
- (2) By having the laneway fenced it would be easier kept in repair, thereby facilitating the haulage of stones, and the transit of County Council machinery to and from the quarry.
- (3) There are over thirty unemployed men in the district, and it would give much needed employment in the district.

We hereby further agree to give the County Council free use and right of way on the laneway at all times, provided our access to the lands ~~is~~ restricted in no way, which means that two gates at a certain point must be kept closed when required."

It was decided that County Surveyor present detailed report in this matter to next meeting of the Finance

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BALLYBEG LANE, CARNEW

Under date 7th March 1939, Mr. Patrick Kinsella, Munny House, Carnew, wrote asking that Ballybeg Lane should be put into repair. He pointed out that there were twelve unemployed men in the immediate area and the people of the district were anxious the Relief Grant should be applied for to provide work for these men. The repair of Ballybeg Lane would be most suitable as it was at present in a deplorable state.

It was decided that Ballybeg Lane be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

DANGEROUS CORNER

Under date 13th March 1939 Messrs. F. Kavanagh, J. Mahon and A. Gilbert, Gurteen, Buncloody, and a number of others, wrote calling attention to the very dangerous corner at Gurteen leading to Clohamon where numerous accidents had taken place. They wrote they would be grateful if it could be made safe.

Referred to County Surveyor.

NIGHT WATCHMEN AT WEXFORD BRIDGE

Mr. Murphy asked if it would not be possible to change the employment of watchmen at Wexford Bridge.

The County Surveyor said he would not advocate any change. He would be re-starting the repair work on the bridge very soon and there would be a good deal of employment.

FERRYCARRIG CASTLE

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

"That the Land Commission be informed the National Advisory Committee under National Monuments Act have declared Ferrycarrig Castle to be a National Monument and the Wexford County Council would be glad if the Land Commission would vest their interest in this Castle in the County Council."

TOMNAHELY LANE

Under date 13th March 1939 Mr. P. J. Fanning, Cullenogue, Gorey, wrote urging the repair of lane leading to the farm of Mrs. Martin Kinsella, Tomnahely, Castletown. The portion leading from Keyes' house to Mrs. Kinsella's yard is almost impassable and it was dangerous to cross a gullet there covered with flag stones.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that Tomnahely Lane be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

NEGLECTED WATER TABLES

The following, signed by Michael Murphy, Ballinellard, Blackwater; Michael Murphy, Garryadden, and Thomas O'Brien, under date 9th March 1939 was referred to County Surveyor for report:-

"We, the undersigned, wish to bring under the notice of your Council that the water tables at each side of the road from Ballinellard turn to Ockanard Bridge, Electoral Division of Castle Talbot, are in such a neglected state, it has left our land adjoining the road flooded as the outlet is altogether closed up, and the expense we have borne in having the land shored. Please see to same at your earliest convenience and oblige."

DICTOGRAPH TELEPHONES

Under date 7th March 1939, Estimate was received from Dictograph Telephones Company, 59 Dame Street, Dublin, for the installation of a Municipal Dictograph Installation consisting of

One three key Master Station (in 10 Key Cabinet)

Three HL or WL 10-1 lamp substations

together with cable, junction boxes, batteries and all other necessary material, all to be installed in an efficient manner and maintained and guaranteed for a period

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of ten years from date of completion upon payment of the quarterly rental of £2. 16. 0 (Two Pounds and Sixteen Shillings) subject to the terms and conditions of the Company's Rental Agreement.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to approve of installation etc. of Municipal Dictagraph Installation on the terms and conditions set out in estimate of Dictagraph Telephones Ltd. under date 7th March 1939."

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following under date 6th March 1939 was read from the Secondary Education Branch of the Department of Education, 1 Hume Street, Dublin, C.2.:-

"With reference to your communication of the 23rd January last conveying the terms of a resolution passed by the Finance Committee of your Council regarding the scholarship holder, Eibhlis Ní Charthaigh, Clochar Lughaidh, Monaghan, I am to direct your attention to Rule 49 of the Department's regulations for 1937-38 which states that a pupil may not benefit in the same school year from an Intermediate Scholarship awarded by the Department and a scholarship provided by a County Council or paid from any public fund or endowment to the total value of more than £50. As this pupil will receive £50 in respect of the scholarship provided by the Wexford County Council the Department regrets that it has no power, in view of the terms of Rule 49 referred to above, to pay her any sum in respect of the Intermediate Scholarship for which she qualified on the results of the Intermediate Certificate Examination, 1938."

The meeting were in favour of amount of both Scholarships being paid to Miss Carty. If this is definitely impossible owing to the Department's Regulations, they considered it preferable to save the amount from Scholarship

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payable by County Council and to favour payment of Intermediate Scholarship £15 by the Department of Education and to reduce amount of County Council Scholarship for the one year from £50 to £35.

ILLNESS OF CLERICAL ASSISTANT

The following medical certificate was Submitted:-

"Peamount,
Co. Dublin.

11th March, 1939.

Mr. Stephen Hayes requires another fortnight's leave; at the end of that period he should be fit to return to work.

A. Barry, F.R.C.P.I."

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

"That Mr. Stephen Hayes, Clerical Assistant, County Council Offices, be granted further sick leave up to and including 25th March 1939.

That the services of Laurence Cleary, Temporary Clerk, employed as substitute for Mr. Hayes, be retained and as no assistant was employed for approximately the first month of sick leave of Mr. Hayes, we ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to sanction the continued employment of Mr. Cleary up to 22nd April 1939 in order to deal with arrears of work which accrued during the first month of Mr. Hayes' sick leave."

APPLICATION FROM TEMPORARY CLERK

The following under date 28th February 1939 was read from Mr. Patrick Beary, Temporary Clerk:-

"I beg to apply to your Council to have my employment fixed on a permanent basis from year to year at a remuneration of £3 per week. My present rate is 1s. 3d per hour which for a full week of 44 hours, works out at £2. 15s. per week.

In support of this application I would like to point out (1) I have been employed by your Council since March 1926 (periods varying from three to eight months each year up to and including the year 1933 and almost continuously from January 1934 to the present.) (2) I have acted as Chargehand of the temporary Rate Staff each year since 1928 during the preparation of the Rate Books and Collectors Receipts and Demand Notes and subsequently assisted generally in your Department and (3) I am married with a family of five young children.

Hoping you will submit this application to Finance Committee at most convenient opportunity."

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Colfer, to recommend the County Council to increase the remuneration paid Mr. Beary, Temporary Clerk, by 1d per hour from 1s. 3d to 1s. 4d per hour.

PRINTING RECEIPT AND DEMAND NOTES OF RATE COLLECTORS

Two tenders were received for the printing of above:-

"The People", Wexford tendered at £33. 10. 0d and Messrs. English & Co., Quay, Wexford at £35.

The tender of "The People" was accepted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Kelly.

COUNTY COUNCILS GENERAL COUNCIL

The Secretary to above wrote that the Spring meeting of the General Council would be held on 3rd May and that any matters which County Councils desired to have discussed should be furnished before 20th April 1939.

It was decided to point out there should be included on Agenda Paper for the above meeting a request that the Reformatory School of St. Kevins¹ at Glencree, Lough Bray, Enniskerry, County Wicklow, should be financed entirely by the State.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASE

Intimation of application to New Ross District Court as to committal of James Barron, Rosbercon, New Ross, aged 15, ~~committed~~ to Glencree Reformatory School was received from Sergeant Kelly, Garda Síochána, New Ross.

It was decided that County Solicitor should ascertain if the residence of this boy was in the Administrative County of Wexford.

OVERDRAFT

Under date 6th March 1939 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.5246/39 - Loch Garman) that the Minister had sanctioned the period ^{for} overdraft accommodation to a maximum of £35,000 up to 31st March 1939.

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction overdraft of £35,000 for the period from 1st May 1939 to 31st July 1939."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 16th March 1939 be received and considered."

PARKING OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN COURTTOWN HARBOUR: Col. Quin said that people who came there in caravans had the right to sleep in them; otherwise it was hitting at the liberty of the subject. It appeared to be simply a matter of some vested interest in the hotels. He was strongly against the recommendation.

The Secretary said the effect of the resolution would forbid caravans from parking in Courtown and only allowed motor cars to park for a limited time.

Mr. Ronan said that the caravans had no sanitary arrangements.

Mr. Corish - They are a menace to the health of the district. Hotels and restaurants pay rates and these people do not have to pay.

Mr. Keegan said the square in Courtown filled up on Sundays with buses and cars, and on the place that the caravans parked there was a wide walk, but it gets blocked up on Sundays with the caravans. The people in the hotels were perfectly right to object.

Miss O'Ryan - It is most insanitary to have them there.

Col. Quin - How is it insanitary to have cars parked there all night? People come there for the week-end, and they have to put their cars there.

Mr. Corish - I have no objection to the cars.

County Surveyor - Some of the cars have a lean-to erected which makes them into a tent.

Col. Quin said that they should let people with motor cars have as cheap a holiday as possible.

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Mr. Bolger said he saw caravans parked on the road from Gorey to Courtown.

Col. Quin - Are the tinkers barred, too? They have their caravans anywhere they like.

The County Surveyor said the tinkers had the road from Newtown to Ferrycarrig in an awful state.

Mr. Keegan suggested that the harbour master in Gorey, with the Assistant Surveyor and the Gardai, should arrange something to meet the needs of the matter.

Mr. Corish - What good is a caravan that squats to such a place as Courtown? These people bring their own food and do not contribute anything to the place. There are people in Courtown who have only a few months to make money out of boarders and it is unfair to let these people set up a domicile without paying rates.

Col. Quin said that people who required a cheap holiday should be encouraged to have it.

Miss O'Ryan said the people who had the caravans were able to pay their way in hotels.

Col. Quin - Everyone has the same rights and the tinkers can have their caravans on the road.

Chairman - It is a free country. The Guards move tinkers off the roads whenever they are a nuisance and we are only giving them the same power regarding the caravans.

The Chairman proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That consideration of the recommendation of the Finance Committee be adjourned and that the County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyor for the district, after interview with Harbour Master at Courtown, be requested to offer suggestions for consideration at next meeting of the Finance Committee as to the parking of motor vehicles at Courtown Harbour, as the Council at present are not in favour of the recommendation of the Finance Committee as regards parking of private

motor cars." Passed.

On the motion of Mr. Lawlor, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 16th March 1939 as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

FINANCE COMMITTEE - MEETING 31st MARCH 1939: The Minutes of above Finance Committee meeting were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 31st March 1939.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, T.D. (Chairman County Council) presided, also, Messrs. Patrick Colfer, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy, Sean Murphy, Sean O'Byrne and Miss N. O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £7404. 7. 7d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following gives the state of Rate Collection to 30th March 1939:-

<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Percentage of Warrant Collected.</u>
1. J. Curtis	83.2
2. E. J. Murphy	78.5
3. S. Gannon	78.4
4. J. Deegan	78.0
5. J. Cummins	76.7
6. P. Nolan	76.1
7. D. Kenny	74.3
8. J. Flood	73.1
9. M. McCarthy	72.8
10. J. J. O'Reilly	72.8
11. P. Doyle	72.6
12. M. Kehoe	70.1
13. A. Dunne	69.2
14. W. Doyle	65.9
15. P. Carty	65.9
16. J. Quirke	64.9
17. W. Cummins	61.9
18. J. J. Sinnott	<u>61.6</u>

Average 71.8 per cent.

The percentage collected at 31st March 1938 was 73.2%.

Under date 25th March 1939 Mr. Seumas Murphy, Inspector Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote that he would interview the Rate Collectors and go into the

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question of the Rate Collection generally early in April 1939.

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

"That the Rate Collection for year 1938/39 close finally by 15th May 1939."

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

"That, as Collectors reach the standard for payment of third interim (irrespective of date) application be made for the approval of the Minister to payment."

The following under date 30th March 1939 (G.2732/5/39) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 22nd instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state he raises no objection to the payment of third interim poundage fees to Collector J. Curtis as proposed."

SEEDS AND FERTILIZERS SCHEME COMMITTEE

Under date 27th March 1939, Mr. Smyth wrote that it was impossible for him to attend the meetings of the above Committee as he was over 40 miles from Wexford. If he had been at the meeting of the County Council at which the appointments to the Committee had been made he would not have consented to act.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to appoint Mr. Sean O'Byrne as a member of Seeds and Fertilizers Committee vice Mr. Smyth, resigned."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

APPLICATION INSTALMENT LOAN: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That application be made to Office of Public Works for further instalment of Loan (No. 8794) under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts amount £3000 and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to authorise the issue of this instalment of £3000 to the Wexford County Council."

ELLEN LEARY, BALLYWALTER, KILMUCKRIDGE: This applicant was sanctioned for loan of £100 and was paid £50 in December 1936. The woman is now an inmate of the Mental Hospital and the house has not been completed. Her husband, though written to by County Solicitor, will not take any step to complete the erection of the house.

Referred to County Solicitor for report and action.

SANCTION OF LOANS - BERNARD BERNE, BALLYBANOGUE, ENNISCORTHY: Under date 22nd March 1939 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.9207-39 Loch Garman) that the Minister approved of loan of £135 to the above.

JAMES LAMBERT, CURRAGRAIGUE, BALLINDAGGIN: Under date 20th March the Department wrote (H.6901) that the Minister approved of loan of £100 to above applicant.

ARTHUR DOYLE, TOMNALOSSET, ENNISCORTHY: Under date 16th March 1939 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.4183/2/1939) that no objection would be raised by the Minister to fixing amount of loan to this applicant at £175, being £30 in excess of the amount already sanctioned.

JOHN FIELDING, SEAVIEW, BARN TOWN: In this case loan of £100 had been sanctioned. The estimated value of house is

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£200 and the maximum loan £110. Applicant stated he required £25 to finish his house.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district, had stated that the house would probably be valued at a higher figure if the situation had been more attractive, and if the land adjacent to the site were not of such poor quality.

It was decided that Mr. Birthistle be asked for revised valuation of house as, in the opinion of the Committee, the site would be considered quite good by many people.

RICHARD REDMOND, COOLBAWN, FERNS: This applicant described as working Foreman, County Board of Health, applied for loan of £170 on a house the estimated value of which is £240.

The Secretary stated that the maximum amount of loan in this instance was £145.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to approve of advance of £145 to Richard Redmond, Coolbawn, Ferns, for erection of house under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts."

ANNIE FOLEY, BORRMOUNT, ENNISCORTHY: In this case the revised valuation of house by Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, was £290. Maximum amount of advance was therefore £190. The amount already agreed to was £145.

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

"That original loan of £145 to Annie Foley be increased by £45, making advance £190."

JOHN MURPHY, KELLYSTOWN, ADAMSTOWN: Applicant described as a labourer, applied for loan of £200 on a house estimated to be valued at £400.

It was decided to adjourn application to next meeting

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of Committee as in their opinion the plan of house submitted would not represent house value £400.

JOHN WICKHAM, 22 IRISH STREET, ENNISCORTHY: Mr. Kelly stated that in this case a loan for £170 had been sanctioned and the grant was £70. Total £240. Up to the present Mr. Kelly pointed out Wickham had incurred an expenditure of £352. 12. 0 to complete the house.

It was decided to refer the application to Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, for revised valuation of house.

HOUSES IN GOREY URBAN DISTRICT ELECTORAL DIVISION: In connection with two or three applications for loans in this district and in which certificates of grant from Government had been cancelled the Chairman gave notice of motion to move at May meeting of the County Council that the scheme for erection of houses under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be amended as regards erection of houses in Gorey Urban Area in consequence of withdrawal of Government grants from Urban Districts.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936

SANCTION OF REMUNERATION TO VETERINARY INSPECTORS: The following, under date 21st March 1939 (L.350-39) was read from Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to your letter of the 4th instant in the matter, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that he will be prepared to approve of the payment of the following bonuses to the Local Authority Veterinary Inspectors at the end of the present treatment period under the above Order provided that, in the first instance, a detailed report as to the work done by each Veterinary Inspector is submitted through your Local Authority to this Department and that each such report is considered satisfactory:-

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Mr. F. S. Ringwood, M.R.C.V.S.	-	£25.
Mr. T. A. Mernagh, M.R.C.V.S.	-	£25.
Mr. F. Staples, M.R.C.V.S.	-	£25.
Mr. J. Lynch, M.R.C.V.S.	-	£15.
Mr. F. W. Taylor, M.R.C.V.S.	-	£10."

COMPLAINT OF LAY INSPECTOR NO. 10 AREA: The following under date 23rd March 1939 (L.350-39) was read from Department of Agriculture:-

"2 am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that a report has been received from a Departmental Veterinary Inspector regarding the work of Mr. William Carty, Yoletown, Ballycullane, temporary Inspector under the above Order in District No. 10.

On the 15th instant the Departmental Inspector visited Mr. Carty's residence and was handed a notebook containing lists of the townlands in which Mr. Carty intended to carry out inspections each day during the week ending 18th instant. The Departmental Inspector failed to trace Mr. Carty in any of the townlands listed for the day of his visit, but finally located the temporary Inspector in a townland listed for the previous day. From the private notebook in which Mr. Carty entered particulars of inspections carried out the Departmental Inspector noted the names of three stockowners stated to have been visited on the 14th instant. These stockowners resided in townlands not listed for inspection on the date in question. When interviewed by the Departmental Inspector they denied that they had been visited by Mr. Carty this year

In view of the apparent unreliability of this temporary Inspector the Minister has decided to withdraw approval of his appointment as from the 25th instant, pending an investigation of his case by your Local Authority. Mr. Carty should be notified accordingly forthwith, and the Department advised, as soon as possible, of your Local Authority's findings in the matter."

The following, under date 27th March 1939, was read from William Carty:-

"I received your letter and enclosure of the 24th instant and note their contents.

My explanation is as follows:- On March 11th, when making out list of townlands to be visited during week ended March 18th, I failed to take account of Ballycullane Fair on Monday 13th, which left me a day late with my work, and as when I did take it into account, I expected to be able to finish the lot during the week, I did not change the dates for the different¹ days work, and did actually visit all the townlands listed.

In regard to three stockowners alleged to having denied being visited by me, I find that the Departmental Inspector, although visiting their premises, did not in fact, interview any of the stockowners concerned."

The following, under date 30th March 1939 (L.350-39) was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to refer to your letter of the 28th instant and its enclosed copy of an explanation received from Mr. William Carty, Yoletown, Ballycullane, regarding certain irregularities in the performance of his duties as a temporary Inspector under the above Order reported by a Departmental Veterinary Inspector.

Mr. Carty's explanation with regard to the Departmental Inspector's failure to trace him in the townlands listed for inspection on the 15th instant has been noted.

As regards the question of the inspections recorded by Mr. Carty as having been carried out on the 14th instant on the premises of the three stockowners concerned (Messrs. Myles Dunne, Kilbraney; Pat Murphy, Ballygarvan; and Denis O'Connor, Ballygarvan), I am to state that the Departmental Inspector reports as follows:- Mr. Dunne was absent from home at the time of his visit but two members of his house-

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hold stated that Mr. Carty had not visited the premises on the 14th instant. Mr. Murphy was confined to bed owing to illness. His wife stated that Mr. Carty had not called on the 14th instant. In Mr. O'Connor's absence from home, the Departmental Inspector interviewed his son who denied that Mr. Carty had visited the premises on the date recorded.

I am to request that you will be so good as to bring this communication to the notice of the Finance Committee at its meeting on the 31st instant, at which, it is noted, the Department's communication of the 23rd instant will also be considered."

It was decided to hear William Carty, Inspector, with regard to the complaint.

He said that on 14th March he was with the three farmers referred to in the correspondence. He did not call to their houses but met them on their lands.

The Chairman said it appeared to be Mr. Carty's contention that if the Inspector had interviewed the three stock-owners themselves he would have found that Mr. Carty had been with them.

In reply to Mr. Keegan, Mr. Carty said he did not write up in his report his attendance at the three farms. As the Inspector had questioned the attendances he thought it better to omit mention of them in his official reports.

In reply to the Chairman he said he saw the cattle on the farms of Murphy and Dunne but not those on Mr. O'Connor's as he knew he could rely on the word of Mr. O'Connor. In some cases, but not many, he did not see cattle.

The Chairman said it was part of the duty of an Inspector to see all cattle.

Mr. Carty said that he saw them as far as possible but where cattle were on outfarms and at a distance from a residence he could not see them all as he would lose too much

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time. He met Mr. Murphy on the 14th when the latter was putting out his cattle. He did not see any other member of the Murphy family; at Dunne's he saw only the owner who was on the land following a fair of horses.

In reply to the Chairman Mr. Carty said that he had a record of the visits on the 14th in his private notebook; it was from this the Inspector obtained the particulars of the three farms in question. He wrote up his daily reports once a week. Mr. O'Connor offered to give him a note to show he (Mr. Carty) was at his place on 14th. He was sure he could get notes to the same effect from the other two. But, owing to the fact that the visits had been challenged by the Inspector he did not get these notes or enter the visits in his report. He thought he was carrying out his duties exceptionally well. Up to the present he believed that one person only had dressed his cattle. He had up to now visited about half his district and by 1st May he would cover it all.

The Chairman said that at this rate of progression Mr. Carty would have no means of knowing how many of the people he had seen had dressed their cattle.

After further discussion it was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Keegan that the Secretary communicate with Messrs. Dunne, Murphy and O'Connor and ascertain from them if Mr. Carty had interviewed them on their lands in connection with Warble Fly Order on 14th March 1939. If affirmative replies are received the Department of Agriculture are to be requested to re-instate Mr. Carty in his position. It was also decided that the attention of Mr. Lynch, M.R.C.V.S., be called to the small number of cattle dressed in Mr. Carty's district.

The following resolution, proposed by Chairman and seconded by Miss O'Ryan, was adopted:-

"That, in connection with administration of Warble Fly

(Treatment of Cattle) Order 1936 we recommend the County Council to give general authority to the Secretary of the Council to suspend any temporary Inspector where such action appears to be necessary."

Under date 27th March 1939 David Grean, Kilmyshal, Clohamon, Inspector under Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order, No. 1, wrote:-

"It has been reported to me to-day that a cow, the property of Patrick Keane, Kilanure, had died^{as} a result of dressing under Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order. I also reported the matter to Mr. F. S. Ringwood, M.R.C.V.S."

The following report under date 28th March 1939 was read from Mr. Ringwood, M.R.C.V.S.:-

"I had a report from Buncloody Guards on 27th that Patrick Kane, Kilanure, Buncloody, had a cow dead and that they suspected the Warble Fly dressing to be cause of death. I examined the carcass last evening and in my opinion the dressing was not the cause of death. I have sent a report to the Department."

DRAINAGE COMMISSION

The following under date 21st March 1939 (E.9) was read from Drainage Commission, 6 Harcourt Street, Dublin:-

"With reference to previous correspondence, it occurs to me that it might be of assistance to the representatives of your Council who intend to give oral evidence before the Drainage Commission if I were to indicate some of the points likely to arise in the course of their examination.

The Commission will of course fully discuss with the Council's representatives the written statement already submitted and will afford them every opportunity to elaborate or expand the various points raised in it or to put forward any other views they may have on matters within the terms of reference.

The Commission will discuss the advisability of under-

taking a comprehensive scheme of drainage for the whole country. Such a scheme, if undertaken, would cost several million pounds. Obviously one of the major questions to be considered is as to how the cost of such a scheme would most equitably be apportioned between (a) the State, (b) the Local Authorities and (c) the occupiers of the benefited lands. It would be well that your Council's representatives should be fully prepared to deal with this important aspect of the problem. In this connection it may be well to remind you:-

- (a) That a comprehensive scheme of drainage would only effect about 700,000 acres or approximately 4% of the total area of Eire.
- (b) That the annual improved value to the lands actually benefited would be but a very small percentage of the actual cost of the works.
- (c) That under the 1924 Act the average Government Grant was about 30% and the County Council contribution averaged 10%, so that 60% of the cost fell to be borne by the occupiers of affected lands. Under the 1925 Act the State grant was on average roughly 50% and the County Councils contributed 25% and the remaining 25% is being borne by the occupiers. Under both these Acts the occupiers must in addition bear the full cost of maintenance.

It would be essential that adequate provision should be made for the future maintenance of such large scale drainage works. Having regard to the more or less general omission in the past to maintain drainage works satisfactorily the views of the Council would be appreciated as to:-

- (a) the system of maintenance best calculated to preserve the works in good condition.
- (b) the authority to be entrusted with the supervision of the districts and with the actual work of maintenance and whether this should be a Central State Department or local authorities or a combination of both,
- (c) how the cost of annual maintenance is to be provided - what contribution the Council would make to annual maintenance - would the Council be prepared to meet the full annual cost of maintenance by way of County rate - if a contribution is suggested from the benefited occupiers should such a contribution be made as at present by way of Drainage Rate or by way of increased Poor Law Valuation.

Some indication should be given as to the total rate in

the £ on the Poor Law Valuation of the County the Council would be prepared to strike in aid of (a) the construction and (b) the maintenance of a comprehensive scheme of arterial drainage.

The fact should be borne in mind that catchment areas which often extend into more than one county are the natural units for treatment of rivers both for construction and maintenance purposes.

The Commission will desire to know whether there are in the County any considerable areas in need of drainage other than those mentioned in the written statement of evidence already submitted. Questions will be asked as to the desirability of eliminating the necessity for obtaining the prior consent of occupiers before drainage works are carried out, the extent of fishing or milling interests in the County and their importance relative to the need for drainage, the desirability of taxing towns and urban areas for drainage purposes, the line of demarcation between arterial and field drainage, the degree of flood relief to be aimed at and kindred matters coming within the terms of reference.

In relation to existing Drainage Districts situated in the County but not in charge of the County Council, it would be useful if the Council's representatives could indicate the present condition of these districts and whether the Drainage Boards or Trustees continue to function. The Council may have an opinion to offer as to the desirability of abolishing those old Boards and Trustees and transferring their responsibilities to County Councils or other maintenance authority.

It is the desire of the Commission that the representatives of the Council should be accompanied by the County Secretary and County Surveyor, who can give useful information on various matters such as the methods of administration, supervision and control of existing Drainage Districts

under the Council's charge, particulars of their present condition and the annual expenditure on maintenance.

You will, I am sure, appreciate that I write this letter to you solely with the object of being of assistance to your Council's representatives, and so that they may have a full opportunity of discussing amongst themselves the points I have referred to, and that they may thereby be in a better position to present fully to the Commission the official views of the Council thereon.

If I can be of further assistance, please let me know, and I will gladly do what I can in the way of supplying any other information or help required."

The following under date 27th March 1939 (E.36) was read from Secretary, Drainage Commission:-

"With reference to my letter of the 21st instant indicating the points likely to be discussed in the taking of oral evidence from the representatives of your Council, it occurs to me that the County Surveyor, as the sole representative may find it difficult to reply adequately on behalf of the Council to questions in relation to certain important matters such as the extent to which the Council might be prepared to contribute towards the construction and other costs of a comprehensive scheme of Arterial Drainage.

Having regard to the nature of the evidence which, as indicated in my letter of the 21st instant, the Commission wish to receive from representatives of County Councils it is the desire of the Commission that each Council should be represented before them by their Chairman and one or two members in addition to the County Secretary and County Surveyor. In view of this your Council will no doubt consider it advisable to appoint some of their members to submit with the assistance of their officials the official views of the Council.

It would suit the programme of the Commission to take

at their meeting at this office on Tuesday, the 4th proximo, at 11 a.m., oral evidence from the Wexford County Council. Will you please let me know as early as possible whether this arrangement will suit the representatives of your Council and whom these representatives will be.

As the matter is urgent perhaps you will be good enough to 'phone me a reply."

The Committee decided to submit the following memo. to the Council:-

"In the opinion of the Finance Committee major and secondary schemes should be constructed entirely by State funds and maintenance of major schemes dealt with from same source. As regards secondary schemes such as tributaries of rivers maintenance should be covered by a levy of 75% on improved lands and 25% on County Health District. That as regards subsidiary drains emptying into drains of an established scheme the County Council should be empowered to compel local landowners on whose lands such subsidiary drains are situate to clean up same when they interfere in any way with the effective discharge of water.

That the Acting County Medical Officer of Health be asked for report as to the ill effects upon the general health of the community of dampness in soil and particularly as to the incidence of diseases of the respiratory organs."

THREATENED CLOSING OF RAILWAY LINE - MACMINE-NEW ROSS

The following, under date 21st March 1939, was read from the Town Clerk, New Ross:-

"The New Ross Urban District Council after due consideration of the position respectfully beg to solicit your help in preventing what cannot fail to represent an intolerable state of affairs for New Ross should the Directors of the Railway close down the railway service from Macmine to Waterford.

You will recognise the importance of this matter when

this Council consider it essential to address you with a view to directing all the forces at their command towards the prevention of a prima facie disregard of the primary right of the public to the services of transport by rail.

Upon representations from local industrialists, merchants, farmers and labour the Council instituted enquiries and believe now it is actually the intention of the Railway Company to close this line and that without any consultation with the interests affected in New Ross, Waterford, Carlow, Kilkenny and Wexford - to name only a few of the principal towns.

In view of the facts that the Railway Company is receiving aid from the Government, use the roads at the expense of the rates, deliver goods to consignees and so monopolize complete transport, there would appear to be some necessity for the Directors of the Company to at least satisfy the public of New Ross that the closing of this line will benefit the town. The Council is prepared to prove that such action will certainly not benefit the Shareholders of the Railway Company.

You will kindly understand the considered majority opinion in New Ross is that serious dislocation of business with consequent loss of revenue to the town must immediately result should the Directors persist in their ill-considered intention. Our young industries will suffer beyond repair and much harm will result to trade and labour generally.

A Committee of the Council has been formed to meet the Minister for Industry and Commerce and the Secretary of the Railway Company to discuss the situation and trust you will use all your influence towards the object in view."

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

"That we strongly protest against the proposed closing of Railway line from Macmine to New Ross which is a direct

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blow to the town of New Ross. We consider this step to be unnecessary if effective management obtained in other directions and certainly to be against the interests of the Railway shareholders."

ROAD MATTERS

KILLINICK - TACUMSHANE ROAD ETC.: Under date 18th March 1939 Mr. W. Ross, Hon. Secretary Ballymore Fianna Fail Club, forwarded resolution from Club expressing dissatisfaction with the bad state of Killinick Tacumshane road during the past winter, also asking ~~that~~ a wire fence be erected at the turn at Ballyrane and calling attention to the poor drainage at Killinick village. It was requested that a danger sign should be erected at Killinick village where there was a very bad turning. Attention was also directed to the necessity for cleaning up the river at Assaly to which the attention of the County Council had been already called.

The County Surveyor said he was doing what he could on this road with the available money. He promised to fill the potholes. As regards cleaning the river at Assaly the County Council had applied for its inclusion in works to be done under Minor Relief Schemes Vote and this was all that could possibly be done.

RECTORY ROAD, ENNISCORTHY: Mr. Kelly, County Councillor, wrote under date 15th March 1939 that a number of residents had called his attention to the condition of this road. It was covered with water during the past winter and people could not get to Mass on Sundays. The sides were used as a dumping ground which prevented the water on the road from getting away. The road was potholed. Several new houses had been recently erected in the neighbourhood and it would be a great matter if the place was cleaned up and the water

let off. The job could be done by the ordinary staff of the Council.

The following report under date 30th March 1939 was read from Mr. T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor for the district:

" A good deal of extra work was carried out on this road last year but there is always trouble to maintain proper drainage. Water courses and streams in the neighborhood are being constantly choked by the dumping of rubbish and debris. This renders the road not only unsightly but causes flooding and serious damage to road surface."

The County Surveyor said he had issued an advertisement to the local papers warning people who were guilty of the practice of depositing rubbish on this road they would be prosecuted, but it was difficult to catch them as the practice was carried out at night. He would have warning notices erected in the vicinity of the portion of the road used as a dump.

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor with a recommendation that he would employ a Road ganger as watchman to identify parties who were utilising the road as a dump and also that the County Council be recommended to take legal proceedings in this matter if advised by County Solicitor.

ROAD TOMNAFINCHOGUE TURN TO CASTLE ELLIS: Mr. Kelly, County Councillor, wrote under date 15th March 1939, that a number of residents had called his attention to the road from Tomnafinchogue turn to Castle Ellis through Kilcotty and the Ballagh which was in an awful state. The driver of the mail van from Enniscorthy to Blackwater had a number of the springs of his van broken recently and it was a wonder how any motor vehicle could use it. A considerable amount of traffic from Enniscorthy to Blackwater passed over this road and it was now so bad that something in the way of repair should be done immediately.

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The County Surveyor said there was a small amount only allocated for this road. Some work had been done at the Ballagh but the worst end was at Enniscorthy. There was small depressions - not exactly pot holes - in the road which made it very "harsh" on traffic. He expected he would be able to do something in the way of improvement within the next couple of months.

LANEWAY BALLYGOMAN - BARNTOWN: Under date 25th March 1939 application was made to have a lane between the bounds of Ballygoman and Barntown to the road at Cromwell Cottage which was in bad repair improved with funds under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

It was decided, on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that this lane be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

PALLAS BRIDGE (RIVER BANN): The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from Mr. P. H. McCarthy, Engineer in charge of Gorey and Courtown Water Supply:-

"I acknowledge receipt of yours of the 10th instant, and note contents. I note that you consider the responsibility for this damage rests solely on Mr. Lee. I presume that the reason is that Mr. Lee did not apply for permission to open up under the Bridge. If this is the case there is of course a technical liability on the Contractor.

My own opinion on this matter is that even accepting this fact it would be very difficult to fix the entire responsibility for this collapse to be due to a small opening in the wall. You will realise that my position in this matter is rather difficult and should proceedings be taken against Mr. Lee he will have to employ an independent Engineer to act for him."

The County Surveyor said that Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, was taking the opinion of Counsel in the matter.

ROAD TAGOAT VILLAGE - ROSSLARE HARBOUR: The following under date 23rd March 1939 was read from the Hon. Secretary, Rosslare Harbour and Kilrane Fianna Fail Cumann:-

"I am directed by my Cumann to draw the attention of the Council to the dangerous state of the road between Tagoat village and Rosslare Harbour. Between these two villages there are at least a dozen dangerous turns, which constitute a serious menace to life and property. With the tourist season approaching and considering the amount of motor traffic which this will entail to and from Rosslare Harbour, the danger will be increased. It would be greatly appreciated if your Council would do something towards lessening the danger by widening the turns.

Another matter we would like to bring under your notice is the flooding of the roads, fields and houses in the locality. During the last winter the roads and houses in Ballygeary and Ballygillane districts were under water for days at a time. This as you know, constitutes a grave inconvenience and entails great losses to the occupants of the houses, besides being a menace to public health. Even at the present time although the weather has been dry for some time, part of the locality is covered with water. We would indeed be very thankful if your Council will enquire into these complaints with a view to having them remedied."

Under date 30th March 1939 the following report was read from Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"With reference to complaints from Kilrane Fianna Fail Club, please notify all concerned that the road matters are all provided for a considerable time ago. With regard to the complaints of flooding this will continue in bad weather until the land drainage over this entire area is thoroughly overhauled. I have made repeated applications for drainage work in this area."

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The County Surveyor said they had an Improvement Grant for this road and the worst corners which were between Kilrane and Ballygeary would be dealt with. As regards the flooding he believed they could do nothing.

Miss O'Ryan said while the surface of so many roads was bad she did not think it advisable in the interests of the travelling public that money should be diverted for the purpose of easing corners; it should be spent in providing additional material.

The Chairman said they were not providing sufficient metalling for their roads. There was a considerable amount of money spent on other work besides road metal. According to their outlay they should be able to provide 22 yards of material per mile (if nothing was dealt with but material). Some roads were not getting two yards per mile.

RUANMORE LANE, KILMUCKRIDGE: Under date 28th March 1939 Messrs. John Fanning, Andrew O'Brien and Thomas Murphy, wrote asking for repair of above lane. It was a mile long and it could not be kept in order by three ratepayers.

Rev. J. Sinnott, P.P., Litter, and Mr. R. J. Hughes, Ballinlow, Kilmuckridge, wrote recommending the application.

It was decided to schedule Ruanmore Lane for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

APPLICATION COMPENSATION ALLEGED CRIMINAL INJURY

Notification was received on behalf of Thomas Nolan, Monument Place, Wexford, of his intention to apply for £15 Compensation for malicious damage done to house at Farnogue, Wexford, his property.

Referred to County Solicitor to defend.

PRINTING - SEED AND FERTILIZERS SUPPLY SCHEME

The following quotation for printing work from "The People", Wexford, at £5. 5. 0 was submitted:-

500 Copies of Scheme and 1000 application forms under Seed and Fertilizers Supply Scheme also quotation for 500 Forms S.G.2 and S.G.3 at £1. 19. 0d.

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

"That quotation from "The People" newspaper for printing forms etc. required under Seed and Fertilizers' Supply Scheme amount £7. 4. 0 be accepted."

ILLNESS OF CLERICAL ASSISTANT

The Secretary stated that at the meeting of Finance Committee on 16th March 1939 the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. Stephen Hayes, Clerical Assistant, County Council Office, be granted further sick leave up to an including 25th March 1939."

The following medical certificate was submitted:-

"This is to certify that Mr. Stephen Hayes is not yet fit to resume duty and will require another ten days."

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

"That, in accordance with medical certificate under date 29th March 1939 a further ten days' sick leave be granted Mr. S. Hayes, Clerical Assistant, County Council Offices, as from 27th March 1939."

SANCTION OF EMPLOYMENT TEMPORARY CLERK

The following, under date 24th March 1939 (G.4508-3-39) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 20th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he sanctions the retention of Mr.

Laurence Cleary as temporary clerk up to the 22nd proximo on terms hitherto approved."

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES

Under date 21st MARCH notification was read from District Court Clerk, New Ross, as to the proposed committal to St. Patrick's Industrial School, Kilkenny of William Donovan (6 years and nine months old) illegitimate child of Annie Connick, Bigerin Loftus, New Ross. The woman's husband, Laurence Connick, was unemployed and they had three other children aged 5, 3 and 1½ years respectively.

Referred to County Solicitor.

Under date 23rd March 1939 Sergeant O'Connor, Garda Siochana, Campile, wrote that James and John J. O'Neill, Whitechurch, New Ross, would be charged at New Ross Court on 4th April with house breaking and it was the intention of the Garda to seek to have them committed to an Industrial School.

Referred to County Solicitor.

VALUATION BILL

Under date 24th March 1939 the Department of Finance wrote (F.91-1-38) acknowledging receipt of further resolution from Finance Committee and confirmed at General meeting of County Council relative to the charge to be made Local Authorities for new valuation and for annual revision.

BALLYCONNIGAR STONE DEPOT - REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCIL COMMITTEE.

The following report of Committee under date 30th March 1939 was submitted:-

"On the 22nd instant the Committee visited Ballyconigar and inspected the site on Mr. Keating's land. There were present Messrs. McCarthy and Kelly, M.C.C.s, also Mr. Lawlor, M.C.C., the County Surveyor and Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor. Messrs. Keating, Senior and Junior were both present.

The County Surveyor gave the history of the take. It appears that some 16 years ago it was decided, in lack of a regular quarry to prepare broken sea stones for the local

roads. Mr. Keating with others agreed to gather the stones and Mr. Keating allowed a portion of his field to be used as a dump. There is no record of any written agreement, but Mr. Keating, junior, states it was agreed to pay £2 per annum for the dump. He says the County Council paid £4 some 16 years ago and nothing since. The County Surveyor states the only record of payment he can find is £1. 10. 0 14 years ago and that this was evidently to cover use when others than Mr. Keating used the dump. After the first couple of years Mr. Keating alone gathered the stones, and by agreement broke them, hiring the Council stonebreaker for the purpose. The County Council paid him so much per cubic yard for the broken stone, and the County Surveyor takes it this covered all cost. No doubt there is some small deterioration of the surface due to usage as dump, and as the Council is no longer allowed to take material from the seashore the owner may have some claim for damages. His claim for rent is statute barred, and he made no demand on the County Council for rent for many years. It is only now when the use of dump etc., terminated that he puts in a claim.

The total area of the field is approximately $2\frac{3}{4}$ acres, and the part used as dump is not more than half an acre. The Committee offered Mr. Keating £5 to cover damage to surface, but Mr. Keating would not accept this.

As an alternative the Committee suggested that the County Council purchase a strip, say sixty feet wide by about one hundred yards long to provide a right of way to shore in substitution of the County Road washed away. This strip is on site of old dump and is about one quarter acre in area. The County Council would fence off the strip and the price suggested was £15. This should be in settlement of all claims by Mr. Keating. Mr. Keating stated they did not wish to part with any land and when pressed, stated that nothing less than £100 would be taken for the strip. Mr.

Keating was asked to reconsider the matter, and to communicate with the County Secretary before the Finance Committee Meeting on 31st instant."

The County Surveyor said he had received a Bill for £28 "for rent of surface ground for 14 years at £2 per year".

Mr. Patrick Keating, Junior, was allowed to come before the meeting and in the course of explanation of his claim said he would be satisfied if he received £21, being 14 years' rent at £1. 10. 0 per annum.

After consideration, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That we approve of report of Committee which investigated claim of Mr. John Keating, Ballyconigar, Blackwater, for payment for surface damage to his field which had been utilised as a stone breaking depot, and that without prejudice Mr. Keating be offered £5, the sum fixed by the Committee to cover said damage."

FORD 15 CWT. TRUCK

The County Surveyor said that when the Council decided to purchase a lorry it was agreed that the 15 cwt. Ford Truck should be sold. He had received offers of £55 and ~~£5~~ £50 for it. If, however, they disposed of it it would be necessary to take the big lorry off routine work for one day or more each fortnight or provide some means of transport for the machinery overseer. It would take about £50 per annum to run the lorry and as the Machinery Overseer covered about 8000 miles per annum it would mean £100 at 3d per mile. If they kept the truck for a year it would mean it might be worth only £10 at the end of that time.

It was decided to recommend the County Council to retain the truck in service.

STOREKEEPER IN MACHINERY YARD, ENNISCORTHY

The County Surveyor stated that the services of Martin O'Leary, 9 Shannon Hill, Enniscorthy, temporary storekeeper recently appointed, were urgently needed in the Machinery Yard but up to the present sanction had not been received from the Minister. He (County Surveyor) wanted to proceed with stock taking immediately.

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to approve of the appointment of temporary storekeeper in Machinery Yard, Enniscorthy, as the services of this official are now urgently required."

ROCK DRILL EMPLOYEES

Mr. Colfer said that the 7s. 6d extra per week voted to Rockdrill Employees had not been paid.

The County Surveyor said he thought sanction of the Minister was necessary and if it was decided this was not required he would have payment made as from the date of the County Council's approval of the increased amount.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 31st March 1939 be received and considered."

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER: The following, under date 1st April 1939 (L.350-39) was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that a report has been received from a Departmental Veterinary Inspector regarding the work of Mr. John Morrissey, Camross, Foulksmills, temporary Inspector under the above Order in County Wexford (District No. 9).

On the 16th ultimo the Departmental Inspector called at Mr. Morrissey's residence and found that, despite the explicit instructions issued in the matter, no written particulars as to the townlands in which Mr. Morrissey intended to carry out inspections on that and the following day were available. When interviewed, the temporary Inspector stated that he had visited "Foleys", Camross that morning. Both James and Moses Foley denied, however, that they had been visited by Mr. Morrissey that day or on any previous occasion this season. It is also reported that Mr. Morrissey's official notebook did not contain any record of visits of inspection carried out by him subsequent to the 11th ultimo. It would appear that inspections are first recorded by the temporary Inspector in a private pocket book which does not, however, give the dates of such inspections.

In view of the foregoing irregularities the Minister has decided to withdraw approval of Mr. Morrissey's further employment as a temporary Inspector as from the 4th instant pending investigation of his case by your Local Authority, and he should be notified accordingly forthwith. The Local Authority's findings in the matter should be notified to this Department as soon as possible."

Mr. M. Redmond said that Mr. Morrissey who lived three miles from him seemed to be carrying out his duties with satisfaction. The Point-to-Point Races at Rochestown might have interfered with Morrissey's itinerary. The Inspector to Department went to four places on that day which Mr. Morrissey had just left.

Miss O'Ryan said they would not complain of a close watch being kept on the work of the Inspectors more particularly as there appeared to be some doubt as to whether the warble fly pest was really being brought under control.

It was decided that the Secretary investigate the complaint of the Department in this instance and report result to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

The Chairman said it seemed from Returns that in four areas there was only a very small number of cattle dressed. In one district only five as against over 400 in another district.

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

"That in all cases in which the number of cattle dressed under Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order appear to be below the average the Veterinary Inspectors and the Lay Inspectors for the district be requested to furnish their observations. The Council will be compelled to take drastic action in the case of Inspectors who are neglecting their duty."

Col. Quin dissented from the recommendation of the Finance Committee regarding Inspector Carty.

DRAINAGE COMMISSION: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Molfer:-

"That the County Council appoint the following members as a Committee to offer evidence to the Drainage Commission on their behalf:- The Chairman (Mr. D. Allen), and Messrs:

Sean Murphy, T. Redmond and M. Smyth, to meet immediately at the conclusion of the business of the Finance Committee on the 14th April."

Under date 1st April 1939 the Secretary to the Drainage Commission, 6 Harcourt Street, Dublin, wrote that it was noted the Representatives of Wexford County Council could not attend to tender evidence on 4th April 1939. A later date for the purpose would be arranged.

PROPOSED CLOSING RAILWAY LINE MACMINE - NEW ROSS: Mr.

Walsh proposed that the Finance Committee's resolution be adopted and said that a good many Councils had supported it. The Railway Company had announced they were about to close some branch lines but nobody visualised that a line that goes straight through and connects two main lines and serves the traffic between New Ross and Waterford could be described as a branch line. It was a main line in itself. There had been no change in the time table from New Ross to Dublin for a number of years. A person could not get from New Ross to Dublin and back again on the same day with any reasonable time to do business in the city. It was ridiculous that a train took $4\frac{1}{2}$ to five hours to travel 86 to 90 miles. If the Railway Company provided a better service more people would avail of it.

Mr. Colfer, seconding, said that if the line was closed it was probable that none of the farmers along it could grow any more beet.

Mr. Corish, supporting the resolution, said that there was another aspect for consideration. If the line was closed it would be impossible to have in New Ross in future big G.A.A. fixtures such as the County Feis or the Waterford V. Wexford match on last Sunday, because they crowds could not be brought by 'bus. That would be a big loss to New Ross. The County Council should make strenuous efforts to

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help the New Ross Urban Council protest. He could not understand the Railway Company because they deliberately embarded upon road traffic, while at the same time they say that such traffic was against their best interests.

Mr. M. Redmond said that at Chapel Station that morning there was an application for 17 wag~~g~~ons for cattle. That was only one station on the line. What would it amount to if the people wh~~a~~ loaded cattle at all the stations in the year had to go elsewhere with this traffic?

Mr. T. Redmond said that at last New Ross fair 62 wag~~g~~ons of cattle were loaded. How would the cattle be dealt with if the line was closed? Considering the whole district from Macmine to Waterford, thousands of cattle were railed out of it and in addition there was the beet traffic already referred to. Cattle dealers and merchants in Waterford had told him (Mr. Redmond) that they would much prefer to have the South Wexford line via Rosslare closed rather than the Macmine to New Ross line. It would not affect them as much. Any other interest in South Wexford would agree.

Mr. McCarthy supported the resolution and said that the Railway Company may close the passenger traffic and keep on a restricted goods service, and he thought that the people who were arranging for the public meeting of protest in New Ross should put statistics before that meeting and before the Railway Company that would justify them in continuing the services. New Ross was one of the principal towns in the County and if the line was closed it would affect the trade in the whole county.

Miss O'Ryan inquired if the Railway Company were allowed to put all their traffic on to the roads, what would become of them? That traffic was at present carried on steel rails. She thought the County Council should send a resolution to the Minister for Industry and Commerce in

the matter. That Department gave the Railway Company a monopoly of the traffic of the country and assisted the company a great deal, and they should not allow the Railway Company to get away from their responsibilities. If all this traffic to New Ross is diverted, New Ross would become a wilderness. The Railway Company should be able to take the responsibility of giving a railway service to New Ross when they have the monopoly.

Mr. Walsh said that the statistics suggested by Mr. McCarthy would not support the case too well, because the Railway Company had not given a reasonable service to New Ross.

Col. Quin said he had no sympathy with the Railway Company which was losing money by overcharging and unbusinesslike methods. It was far cheaper to send things by lorry than by rail, whereas the rail service should be 50 per cent cheaper. The mid-day train came down from Dublin practically empty, because the Railway charged too much. Now their charges had gone up again. People were getting the bus habit. It was absolutely disgraceful to close the New Ross line.

Mr. T. Redmond said the return ticket from New Ross to Dublin by rail was 18s. 11d and by bus 14s. 6d. Instead of feeding the railways the bus traffic was run in opposition. The Railway Company were bringing the traffic on to the roads, which were maintained by the rates and in respect of which the Railway Company paid no maintenance charge.

Col. Quin - Railway lorries charge 50 per cent more than private lorries.

The Chairman said it was a most serious matter and a national question of which the Government should take notice. The Government handed over the whole transport business to the Railway Company and left the power in their hands to

close down lines. That was all wrong. Here was a suggestion to isolate one-third of the County Wexford, including an important town. It was no wonder the railways were not paying when the Company had their two servies, road and rail, competing with each other. At the present time the County Council were paying 60 per cent of the cost of the roads and if all the rail traffic was thrown on to the roads the cost of upkeep would be trebled. The ratepayers were not able to keep up the roads at present and if the rail/traffic is thrown on the roads their upkeep would become a national matter, because the ratepayers would refuse to carry the burden. He proposed that a strong resolution be sent to the Government saying that the County Council were of the opinion that the question of closing railway lines should be a national concern and not a matter for the Railway Company alone.

The County Surveyor said that he was in communication with the Chief/^{Roads}Engineer of Local Government Department regarding this matter and he pointed out that a large number of the county roads, apart from the main roads, would require re-construction to carry the proposed traffic and the cost of that reconstruction would not be less than £20,000.

Mr. Keegan said the return fare by train from Gorey to Wexford was 6s. by bus and only 5s. 6d by train, the reverse of the position in New Ross to Dublin. The railway was reducing its staff every day and it was plain they wanted to throw all the traffic on the roads and let the ratepayers maintain them. In 1921 the fare to Wexford from Gorey was 11s. 4d. This was reduced to 7s. 6d when the bus came on the road and then to 4s. 6d., and now it was up to 5s. 6d again since the railway got the monopoly. The railway made the money all the time, because the traffic had to pay it.

Mr. O'Byrne said the single ticket from Gorey to Wexford by bus was 3s. and by rail 4s. 6d.

Miss O'Ryan proposed a resolution protesting against the proposed closing of the line and expressing the opinion that closing of any line should not be left to the discretion of the Railway Company but should be a matter for the Minister for Industry and Commerce after hearing all the interests concerned, ^{which} was seconded by Mr. Corish and passed unanimously.

The Chairman remarked that it was probable there would be new transport legislation after the Transport Tribunal had made their report.

Miss O'Ryan remarked that the Railway Company seemed to be cutting their own throats by bringing traffic cheaper by road than by rail. Their own competition was the most dangerous to them.

County Surveyor - They have to maintain their lines, but you would have to maintain the roads for them.

Mr. T. Redmond - The train to Dublin leaves New Ross at 8.30 a.m. and the bus leaves at 9 a.m. and they travel parallel routes to Dublin and arrive about the same time and the bus is a cheaper fare.

Col. Quin - A Railway Company director told me the bus traffic is the only traffic that pays.

The Chairman said that the privately owned lorries and registered carriers were seriously affecting the railway traffic. If the County Council were going to fight for the railways being kept going they could not fight for other modes of traffic. They could not have their cake and eat it, and they should remember that serious pressure would be brought on them later by other traffic interests in County Wexford. There should be other ways of meeting the matter than by a monopoly or taking the monopoly away.

On the suggestion of the Chairman it was then decided to ask the General Council of County Councils to consider

the loss the County Councils would sustain by the closing of railway lines throughout the country and the diversion of traffic to roads which were never constructed to bear the weight of vehicles used by the Railway Company at present for the conveyance of goods.

In the opinion of this Council the General Council should take steps to have the view point of the Councils in this matter receive due consideration from a proper tribunal.

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Colfer, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 31st March 1939 as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

APPLICATION OF FOUR ASSISTANT SURVEYORS FOR INCREMENTS TO SALARIES - REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following report of Special Committee to deal with the above was read:-

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

APPLICATION ASSISTANT SURVEYORS

The following application on behalf of four Assistant Surveyors from the Wexford Branch of the Local Government Officials Union was referred to a Committee consisting of the following Councillors for examination and report:-

Messrs. J. J. Bowe, C. Culleton, R. Doyle, Michael Redmond, T. Redmond and J. E. Walsh.

"On the 12th October, 1936, this Branch of the Local Government Officials' Union put in an application on behalf of four District Surveyors to have their salaries placed on an incremental basis.

The Surveyors are definitely paid the lowest salaries of any Surveyors in the country. Moreover, not alone are

the commencing salaries in other Counties higher than the present fixed salaries in County Wexford, but, in most of the other Counties they increase by yearly increments of £10 to £15, to a maximum of £400.

It may be pointed out that the Wexford Roads are among the most difficult to maintain on account of its being such an intensive tillage county.

The Surveyors concerned are naturally not satisfied to remain the lowest paid of their class in the country, and now ask the Council to accede to their request for increments of £15 per annum to a maximum of £400.

There has been some suggestion for combined services in this County, but it would now appear that any such scheme would not be feasible or satisfactory for many years to come.

It is consequently respectfully requested that this application be now definitely dealt with. Their salaries are £275 per annum with no increments and the average length of service of the four men concerned would be eighteen years.

The following is the report of Committee:-

The Committee appointed to consider application from Wexford Branch of Local Government Officials' Union to have the salaries of four Assistant Surveyors placed on incremental scale, met on 13th March 1939.

After exhaustive and lengthy consideration they came to the conclusion that under existing financial circumstances of County Council and ratepayers they could not reasonably recommend the application at the present time.

(Signed) J. J. Bowe.
C. Culleton.
R. Doyle.
M. Redmond.
T. Redmond
J. E. Walsh.

Mr. Corish said he was sorry to have to disagree with the findings of the Committee especially when one of his own colleagues was a member. At the same time he could not understand why their surveyors should be in a position inferior to others in a similar position in other Counties in so far as basic salaries were concerned. It might be pointed out that the Deputy Surveyors were receiving more money than the submission of salary would lead one to believe, but when they examined the position of other Surveyors in other parts it would be found in twenty out of twenty-six Counties salaries were a good deal higher than the salaries paid to their Deputy Surveyors. The average maximum salary was about £400. He thought that annual increments of £10 up to that amount were received, and he thought they would also have to take into consideration that a number of the young men concerned had gone into the service of County Councils from Universities and the initial salaries were more than the maximum that Wexford County Council paid to their Deputy Surveyors. He thought it only right that they should give the Deputy Surveyors something to look forward to, and put them on an incremental basis. Mr. Ennis had 21 years' service, Mr. Cullen 16, Mr. Birthistle 16 and Mr. O'Neill 14.

In view of the good service and attention given, Mr. Corish submitted it was not very good treatment at this stage when the cost of living had increased considerably, that the Committee should turn down the application in its entirety. He submitted that these Officers should be put on an incremental basis. It might have influenced the Committee that at present the Deputy Surveyors were getting a certain amount of money, because of grant work in the County, but it must also be admitted that this meant extra work, and that money was also paid in other Counties to Surveyors/^{who were} on an incremental scale, and who would eventually reach £400. He moved that salaries be increased by increments of £10 up to £400. It would not be a very large impost on the rates.

Mr. Kelly seconded.

Mr. Culleton said that as he stated at the meeting of the Committee and to the Surveyors, he would not oppose an increase, or to have the Surveyors put on an incremental basis, but he could not see his way to make a proposal unless the other members of the Committee were agreeable to act in a similar manner, and another way he looked at the matter - to look at it in a consistent way - they had asked that an increase be given to men working under the Surveyors. He had no hostility at all to the Surveyors - he would like to see their position improved, but the estimate was cut down to such an extent that they could not give a half-crown or even 1s. a week extra to men on roads and in quarries, and he thought it would be very peculiar to turn around with a reduced estimate to recommend an increase to men who were their supervisors. At the same time he agreed with and would support Mr. Corish's proposition.

Mr. T. Redmond, another member of the Committee, said that they went into the position most minutely and every aspect of the case was considered, the point raised by Mr.

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Culleton having been discussed at great length. That the Council decided not to increase road workers' wages was another point that weighed very much with the Committee, and the conclusion arrived at eventually was that in view of the financial position of the County Council and the rate-payers generally, as disclosed at the meeting an hour or two previously, they could not possibly recommend an increase at the present time. He was going to stand by that. He was just as much in favour of an increase for the Deputy Surveyors as any member of the Council. He believed they had long and faithful service. No one could say a word to the service they had given, but when they looked at the position of other sections of the public, the very least they could say was that the Surveyors were as well off as last year and the year before, but other people could not say that. For those reasons he was going to stand by the decision that they arrived at, that they could not reasonably recommend an increase in the Deputy Surveyors' salaries at the present time. That did not rule them out from making a future application, if the financial position of the Council and the ratepayers generally improved.

Mr. Colfer said there was one thing he would like to point out, and it was that he thought that any Committee that was appointed there to go into a certain matter should try to arrange that question without dragging in other things. It had been drawn up that increased salaries could not be given to Surveyors because it could not be given to workingmen. Everyone got an opportunity there of voting for the workingmen, and if they wanted to do it they could have done it. He thought that any Committee appointed to decide a matter should decide it on merits, and not drag in other matters.

The Chairman said that a Committee appointed had a right to consider a matter from any aspect they wished.

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Mr. Corish said it was only right to point out that his proposal at the moment would cost £40, but eventually it would cost £500, and that was only about a third of a penny in the £ in years to come, so that it would be a very small impost on the rates. In 21 out of the 26 Counties Surveyors' salaries were on an incremental basis.

In reference to the question of notice of Mr. Corish's motion being required he submitted he was entitled to bring his proposition as an amendment to the Committee's report. If a vote were taken on the Committee's recommendation, it would be waste of time for him to give notice of motion. He asked the Chairman to defer a decision on the recommendation until his motion was being considered.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, stated that in his opinion notice of motion would be necessary for any proposal such as referred to by Mr. Corish.

The Chairman thought the Council had a right to decide in regard to accepting or rejecting the report of the Committee. That did not bind them in any way for the future.

On a show of hands the recommendation was adopted by 13 votes to four.

Mr. Corish - My notice of motion would be absolutely useless now.

Chairman - There is nothing to prevent you from handing it in.

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

"That the report of the Committee which considered application of four Assistant Surveyors to have their salaries placed on an incremental basis be received and approved."

NATIONAL MONUMENTS LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The following report of meeting of above Committee held on 15th March 1939 was submitted and approved on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

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A meeting of County Wexford Local Advisory Committee - National Monuments Act - was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 15th March 1939.

Present, Very Rev. Canon Cloney (presiding); Rev. P. Murphy, P.P., Rev. J. Ranson and Miss K. A. Browne.

The Secretary County Council was also in attendance.

The following letter, No. C.94/49/1/36 was read from Office of Public Works:-

"With reference to your letters of the 20adh and 25adh Meitheamh last on the subject of Ferrycarrig and Mount Garrett Castles, we have consulted the National Monuments Advisory Council in the matter and have to state that these Castles are National Monuments within the meaning of the Act.

In this connection we wish to add, however, that we are advised that a number of Churches situated in graveyards and therefore vested in the Local Authority are in need of repairs, and would be specially eligible for attention. Of these, the most important is the fortified Church at Clonmines, but those at Clone and Bannow are also in need of conservation works."

It was decided to communicate with Rev. M. Rossiter, Crossabeg, and the Land Commission relative to Ferrycarrig Castle and with Lord Mountgarrett as to Mountgarrett Castle.

As regards the burial grounds at Clonmines, Bannow and Clone, the Secretary to the County Board of Health wrote that he was asking the Engineers concerned for a report on each burial ground.

In connection with Mayglass Churchyard, the following under date 19th February 1939 was read from Miss Browne, a member of the Committee:-

"I have just been to Mayglass Churchyard where a number of people had assembled for the "Patron". Father Lambert and several men showed me where serious damage had been done

to the old ruin by the Health Board men. A huge trunk of ivy which has kept the gable standing for at least a century has been sawn through in two places. Mr. Leask's advice to cut the ivy has been taken indiscriminately. No one in their senses would have done what has been done in Mayglass. I think we had better have a meeting and send a request to the Health Board to send an engineer to examine the ruins before workmen are let loose on them, and to ask for an engineer's report on the state of the Mayglass gable. It is thought to be dangerous now."

Miss Bröwne said that Father Lambert C.C., Mayglass, had remonstrated with the men who were engaged in cutting the ivy and pointed out to them they would injure the structure but without effect. The gable was at an angle at the moment and if it fell it would destroy some costly tombstones and crosses.

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Board of Health be requested in cases in which it is necessary that ivy on ancient monuments must be trimmed to secure the advice of their Engineers previous to any work of this description being undertaken so that injury to monuments will not result.

The Committee would be glad to have a report on the present condition of ancient monument on Mayglass graveyard."

Fr. Ranson referred to the ruins in Clone and said they were in a bad condition, falling down with the weight of ivy. Some of the carved stones were scattered about the graveyard.

It was decided that the following letter be forwarded the Board of Health:-

"At the meeting of the National Monument Local Advisory Committee today, attention was called to the condition of the ancient ruins in Mayglass Churchyard. It was stated

that serious damage had been done to this recently. A trunk of ivy which had kept the gable end of the ruin standing for a century had been sawn through in two places.

It was further stated that Father Lambert C.C., remonstrated with the men engaged on the work but they paid no attention to his suggestions. The Committee considered that from the manner in which the ivy was dealt with, that as the gable of the ruin is *at* a slight angle at the moment and as the ivy was practically its only support, it may fall any time causing damage to several valuable tombstones and crosses.

They would be glad to have a report from the Engineer of the Board of Health under whom this work was carried out, as to the present condition of the gable ruin. Regarding this matter of removal of ivy they also suggest that any future work of this description should be done under the directions of the engineer. The members of the Committee, viz., Miss K. A. Browne, Rathronan Castle, Bridgetown, Very Rev. Canon T. Cloney, P.P., Templetawn, Chairman, Rev. P. Murphy, P.P., Glynn, Rev. J. Ranson, C.C., Enniscorthy and Mr. E. R. Orpen, Monksgrange, would be glad to meet your Engineer in connection with any work which might be necessary to be carried out in respect of any ancient monuments, in graveyards which are vested in your Board.

Attention was also called to the condition of the graveyard in Clone, Ferns. Portion of the structure had fallen down possibly with the weight of the clinging ivy and some of the carved stones are scattered around the graveyard. It might be possible for your Board to have some restoration carried out there."

In connection with Coolhull Castle it was decided to again communicate with Office of Public Works and ask them

to declare this to be a historic monument.

The owner is willing to have it vested in the County Council and would - in fact - carry out any small repairs necessary to the structure if cement for the purpose was supplied.

It was decided to ask the County Surveyor to make an inspection of Fethard Castle and report to the County Council in the matter.

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Mr. Colfer thought there was some recommendation from the Ancient Monuments Committee to cut the ivy. Now, he thought, they were coming back the other way.

The Secretary said that Mr. Carson (Health Board engineer) informed him he would be glad to meet the Committee any day.

Miss O'Ryan suggested that the report be referred to the Health Board.

Secretary - Mr. Carson says he will meet the Committee.

Miss O'Ryan said there was more or less an insinuation there that the Health Board were a group of irresponsible people that went out to do work and damage ancient monuments without any regard to them. Anything done was under the direction of engineers and at the request of the Committee.

INJURY TO SHEEP FLEECES, SHEEP SKINS, ETC.

The following under date 29th March 1939 (L.4637-38) was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state for the information of your Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts, that it has come to his notice that the value of fleeces, sheepskins and lambskins has been considerably depreciated by the use of dips or bloom powders which contain material of the nature of a dye. Such dips or bloom powders impart a yellow colour to the wool and thus render it unsuitable for general manufacturing purposes inasmuch as the colour is not removed by the washing or scouring process at the mills.

It is, accordingly, suggested that in the interests of flock owners and the woollen industry, all Local Authorities who supply sheep dip in connection with compulsory dipping operations should, when inviting tenders for supplies thereof, consider the question of requiring a guarantee to

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the effect that any dip tendered for is free from colouring matter which cannot be readily washed out from wool.

The Minister will be glad if the matter can be considered by the Local Authority at an early date and he will also be glad to be duly informed of the action decided on in regard thereto."

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Murphy, that the Secretary issue advertisement in the three local papers calling the attention of sheepowners to the advice of the Department of Agriculture as regards the injury done by the use of coloured dyes and bloom powders.

THE CONDITION OF WEXFORD BRIDGE

Mr. Corish asked if there was any word about Wexford Bridge. Was that snake-like route going to continue for the remainder of their lives? He thought it was a terrible state of affairs.

The Chairman said the County Surveyor should go to Dublin and have the matter finished up with the Engineers of the Department.

Mr. Corish said that he would be in Dublin on Wednesday if the County Surveyor could arrange an interview for that day. Certainly something ought to be done. They would be into the summer before any move would be made.

The County Surveyor said he heard from Mr. Delap, Consulting Engineer, that he was to see Mr. Courtney of the Department that day.

+ Mr. Corish - It is going on long enough for their minds to be made up as to what they are going to do.

It was decided that the County Surveyor make arrangements in regard to an interview with Mr. Courtney, Chief Roads Engineer of the Department of Local Government and Public Health and that the Chairman and Mr. Corish, T.D.'s accompany the County Surveyor. +.

FLOODING AT FISHERSTOWN AND GREAT ISLAND

The following under date 24th March 1939 was read from Irish Land Commission:-

"With reference to your letter of the 17th December last enclosing extracts from the Minutes of Meetings of your Council and Finance Committee regarding flooding at Great Island and Fisherstown on the above Estates, I am desired by the Land Commission to inform you that it is hoped to resume work in the early Summer on the repair of the river embankments."

Mr. T. Redmond said that strong representations had been made to the Land Commission two or three months ago as to the flooding of the river between Camblin and New Ross. There was imminent danger the road there would become impassible. There was going to be great trouble there during the next week owing to the Spring tides. He proposed that necessity for repairing the breaches in the banks of the river be again brought to the notice of the Land Commission and they be asked to include this and the repair of the breaches at Ballinabanogue in their proposed scheme of Summer repair. The continuance of the present position was doing almost irreparable harm to 300 acres of good arable land. A far bigger area was involved in the flooding than at Fisherstown or Great Island. The work would have to be done certainly before next winter and could not wait for report of the Drainage Commission, In addition to the flooding of the road the Council would lose a great deal by the non-payment of rates in a flooded area.

Mr. Walsh, in seconding, endorsed the remarks of Mr. Redmond and said the condition of the place was 100% worse than it was three months ago.

The resolution was adopted and it was also agreed that the Chairman and Mr. Corish should interview the officials of the Land Commission in the matter.

SEEDS AND FERTILIZERS COMMITTEE

The following under date 31st March 1939 (G.10255/39 - Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 24th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he sanctions the recognition of the Committee appointed in connection with the Council's Seeds and Fertilizers Scheme as an authorised Committee for the purposes of Section 63 of the Local Government Act 1925."

AREAS OF CHARGE - WATER SUPPLIES

Under date 13th March 1939 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P.H.15915/4/38 - Loch Garman Pd) forwarding copy of Order made on 24th February 1939 by the Minister altering the areas of charge for provision and maintenance of Sewerage System in Rosslare and Gorey Water Supply to the County Health District of Wexford.

APPROACHES TO CHURCHES IN RURAL AREAS

Miss O'Ryan said the County Council some time ago adopted a resolution directing the County Surveyor to lay down suitable road metalling and tar/^{same} on the approaches to all places of worship in rural districts. She asked the County Surveyor to report to the Finance Committee in how many cases this had been done and also how many he proposed to deal with.

The County Surveyor said as regards this matter he felt bound to point out that a few yards in front of buildings here and there treated with tar might absorb money for three or four miles of roads.

FLOODING AT KILMACKREE

At a recent meeting of Finance Committee the question of flooding of a labourer's cottage at Kilmackree was raised by Mr. Sean Murphy when it was decided that the County Surveyor should consult with the Engineer to the Board of Health in the matter.

Mr. Murphy asked if anything had been done and arising out of this query the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. T. Redmond:-

"That Messrs. Corish, Culleton, and Sean Murphy, be appointed a Committee to investigate the question of flooding at the premises of Patrick Whelan, Kilmackree, Drinagh and report to Finance Committee in due course.

That Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor; Mr. Carson, Engineer to the Board of Health and Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, attend and assist the Committee in their consideration of this matter."

It was also decided that the Committee meet on Saturday, 15th April, at 2.30 p.m.

ENNISCORTHY URBAN DEMAND

The Secretary reported:- "Arrears due by Enniscorthy Urban District Council to 31st March 1939 amount to £5375. 15. 8d and it is understood that the Urban Council have a certain sum on hands which they are prepared to pay immediately to the County Council, thus reducing the arrears. The proposal put forward by the Urban Council is that the arrear be paid off by an equal amount each year for three years, a condition being that in addition to the above one-third of arrears, the current demand for 1939/40, viz., £3914. 18. 9d should be met on due dates. From the point of view of the County Council it would be preferable that the Urban Council should obtain a sufficient overdraft in the present year to enable them to pay the full arrears to

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the County Council. This procedure would free the County Council from meeting demand for debit Interest on the portion of their overdraft represented by the arrears due by the Enniscorthy Urban Council."

The report of the Secretary was approved and it was decided he should communicate with Enniscorthy Urban District Council on the lines suggested by him

IMPOUNDING OF DEFAULTED LAND ANNUITIES

In reference to the proposal of the County Council to defer for a year the withholding of grants owing to defaulting land annuitants the following under date 24th March 1939 (F.59/1/38) was read from the Department of Finance:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Finance to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant regarding the impounding in the Guarantee Fund on foot of arrears of land purchase annuities of part of the share of the Wexford County Council in the grants for 1938/39 payable out of the Local Taxation Account."

Under date 14th March 1939 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.8524/39 Loch Garman):-

"With reference to your letter of 6th instant requesting the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to defer for a year the withholding of grants by reason of sums absorbed in the Guarantee Fund in respect of arrears of land annuities in County Wexford, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has no power to comply with the Council's request."

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

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

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"That new licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act
1908 issue to Thomas Devereux, Boley, Ballycullane, and
Thomas Brothers, Shelbourne Co-operative Stores for premises
at Old Ross."

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING 8th MAY, 1939

MINUTES

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

N. J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary Wexford County Council.

The monthly meeting of above County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 8th May, 1939.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding; also, Messrs. Moses Bolger, J. J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, Christopher Culleton, John Day, Raymond Doyle, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, James Lawler, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan and Myles Smyth.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor and the five Assistant Surveyors of the Council were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for the following were examined and signed:- £269. 10. 0 (ordinary salaries etc.); £825 (Transfer to County Wexford Vocational Education Committee loan Enniscorthy School); £31,395. 8. 2d Ordinary payments including payments to Road Contractors and Transfers to Public Bodies.

THE LATE BROTHER FORAN

In connection with resolution of sympathy of County Council in the death of Rev. Brother Foran, Christian Brothers, Wexford, it was decided on the motion of Col. Quin, seconded by Mr. T. Redmond, that the following acknowledgment from Rev. Brother Dooley, Superior, be inserted on the Minutes of the day:-

"The Superior and Community are most grateful to the Members of the Wexford County Council for their kind words of sympathy conveyed to them by your letter of the 27th instant.

They also appreciate the tribute paid to him as an 'Educationist and as being a most worthy member of the Great Order which has done so much for Ireland'! Your own personal remarks have also given them much pleasure, all which shall be conveyed, as requested, to the late revered Brother Foran's friends."

DEATH OF MR. FRANK P. WALSH, NEW YORK

The following resolution was moved by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That the Wexford County Council offer to the family of the late Frank P. Walsh, New York, a sterling friend of Ireland, their sincere sympathy in his demise."

Mr. Walsh, in the War for Irish independence, Miss O'Ryan said, exposed outrages and atrocities committed against the Irish people and the Wexford County Council should place on their Minutes their deep regret in his death.

Mr. Corish, in seconding, said he had the honour and privilege of meeting Mr. Walsh during the troubled times, and it was generally admitted that by his death Ireland had been deprived of one of her best friends in the United States.

Mr. T. Redmond also expressed his regret at the death of Mr. Walsh.

The motion was then put and passed in the usual way.

DEATH OF MISS ROSSITER, NEW BAWN

On the motion of Mr. M. Redmond, seconded by Mr. Smyth, a vote of condolence was adopted to Mr. T. J. Meyler (nephew) and Mr. R. J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor (nephew-in-law) in the death of Miss Rossiter, Newbawn.

The Secretary expressed his regret and endorsement of the resolution.

DEATH OF MRS. BYRNE, CAMOLIN

A vote of condolence on the death of his wife, was adopted to Mr. Patrick Byrne, Camolin, ex-County Councillor,

on the motion of Mr. Bolger, seconded by Mr. Corish.

The Secretary expressed his sympathy with Mr. Byrne.

THE LATE MR. AND MISS DEEGAN

Miss O'Ryan proposed a vote of sympathy with Mr. John Deegan, Rate Collector, in the death of his father, and in that of Miss Deegan, his sister.

In moving her motion, Miss O'Ryan said that Mr. Deegan's father was highly respected in his district as a good friend and neighbour and Miss Mary Deegan played a noble part in the Irish War for independence.

Mr. O'Byrne, in seconding, said he knew the Deegan family for a number of years for their intense National outlook and, as Miss O'Ryan had said, Miss Deegan rendered valuable aid in the struggle of Ireland for independence.

The vote, which was supported by Mr. Corish and spoken to by the Secretary, was adopted in the usual manner.

THE LATE MR. C. H. O'CONNOR

Mr. Ronan proposed a vote of sympathy to Mr. Malachi Sweetman, County Councillor, in the death of his father-in-law, Mr. C. H. O'Connor, a descendant of the Kings of Ireland.

Col. Quin, in seconding, said the deceased was a personal friend of many years' standing and was a man to whom the welfare of the country was dear to his heart.

In supporting, Mr. Corish said he met the late Mr. O'Connor on several occasions on Local Government Commissions and found him a very keen student of all the activities of local authorities.

The Secretary also referred in sympathetic terms to the deceased.

THE LATE MR. JOHN MULLETT, EX-RATE COLLECTOR

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Bolger, a vote of condolence was adopted to the family of the late Mr.

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John Mullett, ex-Rate Collector, to the County Council for many years.

INSPECTOR FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin, seconded by Mr. M. Redmond:-

"That Garda Edward Aylward (8179), Baldwinstown, be appointed Ex-officio Inspector under the Food and Drugs Acts for the administrative County of Wexford."

OLD AGE PENSION ACTS - SUB-COMMITTEE NO. 3

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

"That, as recommended by Old Age Pension Acts Sub-Committee No. 3, Rev. R. Gaul, P.P., Bree, and Mr. John Rossiter, Coolaw, Taghmon, be appointed members of said Sub-Committee vice Mr. William Bennett (deceased) and Rev. J. Nolan, C.C. (left the district)."

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF 14th APRIL 1939: Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 14th April 1939.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding, also Messrs. P. Colfer, R. Corish, T.D., William P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5614. 2. 11d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

The following is the state of the Rate Collection to date:-

<u>Name of Collector.</u>	<u>Percentage of Warrant Collected.</u>
1. J. Curtis	91.9
2. E. J. Murphy	87.3
3. S. Gannon	85.8
4. M. Kehoe	84.5
5. J. J. O'Reilly	84.2
6. D. Kenny	83.9
7. J. Cummins	83.5
8. J. Deegan	82.7
9. P. Nolan	82.6
10. P. Doyle	81.7
11. J. Flood	79.5
12. P. Carty	78.6
13. A. Dunne	77.2
14. M. McCarthy	76.8
15. W. Doyle	72.2
16. W. Cummins	72.0
17. J. Quirke	71.5
18. J. J. Sinnott	70.7

Average 80.0.

The amount collected at the corresponding period last year was 81.4%.

POUNDAGE: Under date 30th March 1939, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.2732/5/39 Loch Garman) that the Minister had no objection to the payment

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of Third Interim poundage fees to Collector J. M. Curtis as proposed.

Thirteen other Collectors had since reached the stipulated amount for Third Interim payment and application for consent of the Minister to payment had been made.

RATES ON COMMONS: Letter under date 15th March 1939 was read from Mr. T. Purcell, Kiltale, Enniscorthy, that there was a vacant plot of land beside Father D'Arcy's holding in Curraduff which belonged to nobody but was used by tinkers, cottagers and various other people from time to time. If the Council would rate it to him he would pay the rates. It adjoined his residence.

Under date 25th March 1939, the County Secretary wrote to Mr. Purcell that he had consulted Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, in the matter, who said the County Council had no authority to hand over this plot in Curraduff. Such a matter was outside their jurisdiction.

The following under date 3rd April 1939 was received from Mr. T. Purcell:-

"I have yours. Thanks for same. Nobody asked you to hand it over. It does not belong to you or anybody else. What I said was that I'd pay the rates on it. I am now taking over possession of it. In fact, I have done so. If you want any rates on it I'll pay; if not, it is all right."

No order.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936

DISTRICT NO. 9: Under date 5th April 1939, letter was read from the Department of Agriculture (No. L.350/39) and which was set out on minutes of County Council of the 3rd of April 1939 complaining of the manner in which John Morrissey, Inspector for this area, was discharging his duties.

The following explanation from Mr. Morrissey, under date 5th April 1939 was submitted:-

"Your letter of the 3rd instant to hand with copy of letter from the Department of Agriculture for which I thank you, and desire to make the following explanation.

I had visited the different stockowners in Camross on March 1st and 2nd having missed calling to Mr. Foley. I went over to inspect his cattle on the morning of the 16th of March and intended leaving a list of proposed calls I had to make in Ballyshannon that day. When I arrived back from Foley's I met the Departmental Inspector at my home. I always left a note at home of each day's work I intended doing. Acting on the Departmental Inspector's advice I have since procured a book which is always at home giving records of each day's work. I do not take Official Note Book with me daily as it is a book difficult to keep clean but I make careful entry in my note book of each visit made and all particulars concerning it. Up to date of Departmental Inspector's call my usual practice was to fill in Official Note Book from my own note book on each Saturday morning. But again acting on the Inspector's instructions I have since this interview posted up the Official Note Book every night. I can offer no explanation of why Moses Foley denied that I had called except that he may have felt annoyed when the Inspector questioned him and possibly wanting to evade trouble as he had five infested cattle not dressed.

I shall be glad if your Council will give this their kind consideration."

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

"That Moses Foley, Camross, be requested to state the hour at which he was interviewed by Temporary Warble Fly Inspector John Morrissey on the 16th March 1939, and also

whether Mr. Morrissey's visit took place before or after the visit from Mr. O'Brien, M.R.C.V.S., Inspector Department of Agriculture.

That Inspector Morrissey be informed the Finance Committee consider he has been negligent in failing to carry out instructions issued to him by not leaving at his residence each morning before setting out for work such particulars in writing - of the townlands he proposes to visit that day and also the following day - as will enable the supervising Veterinary Inspector to get in touch with him.

Should the Department again issue a letter of sanction for the return of Mr. Morrissey to duty, he be informed the Council will take serious notice of any further negligence on his part in the performance of his work.

When reply of Mr. Foley has been received the County Secretary be requested to forward same to the Department of Agriculture for their attention."

DISTRICT NO. 10: Under date 23rd March and 1st April 1939 letters were read from the Department of Agriculture (L.350/39) as to complaint of the manner in which William Carty, lay Inspector under above Order for District No. 10, was discharging his duties, and were considered at meeting of Wexford County Council held on 3rd April 1939 when a resolution was adopted that the three stockowners who it was alleged were not visited by Mr. Carty on 14th March, be communicated with in order to ascertain if Mr. Carty's contention that he had called on them would be borne out.

The Secretary said he had communicated with the three stock owners concerned and had received replies.

Myles Dunne stated that Mr. Carty interviewed him at 12 o'clock (noon) on 14th March 1939 at his farm at Kilbraney and that he also inspected the cattle.

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Patrick Murphy stated that Mr. Carty interviewed him and inspected his cattle. The interview took place at 9.30 a.m. on 14th March 1939 in the lane leading to Murphy's house and close to the latter.

Denis O'Connor stated that Mr. Carty interviewed him in his yard on 14th March 1939 about 8.30 a.m. or 9 a.m.

Under date 13th April 1939 Mr. J. Lynch, M.R.C.V.S., Supervising Inspector, New Ross, wrote that the small number of cattle dressed in William Carty's area would be accounted for by the small number put down as infested. He had drawn Carty's attention to this and that he had a considerably number less infested than in John Morrissey's Area No. 9 which was also in Mr. Lynch's district.

Letters from the Department of Agriculture referred to above with explanation from Mr. Carty submitted to last meeting of Finance Committee were also read when the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That Temporary Warble Fly Inspector William Carty be informed the Finance Committee consider he has been negligent in the manner in which he has recorded lists of his proposed visits in connection with the inspection of his work by supervising Veterinary Inspector.

It is pointed out clearly in the instructions issued to temporary lay Inspectors that each Inspector should leave at his residence each morning before setting out for work, such particulars in writing of the townlands he proposes to visit that day, and also the following day, as will enable the Supervising Veterinary Inspector to get in touch with him. Serious notice must be taken in future of any neglect on the part of Mr. Carty to carry out in full all instructions issued to him regarding the manner in which his duties

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as Warble Fly Inspector are to be discharged.

The Finance Committee hope to find a substantial increase in the returns submitted by Mr. Carthy of the number of cattle actually dressed in his area, as his returns up to date are considered unsatisfactory.

The Committee are prepared to request the Department of Agriculture to approve of Mr. Carty returning to duty, in view of the replies from three stockowners that Mr. Carty visited them on the 14th March last."

WEXFORD BRIDGE

+ The County Surveyor reported that on 5th April 1939 the Chairman, Captain Harvey, Resident Engineer, and he (County Surveyor) had a very long discussion in Wexford with Mr. Courtney, Chief Roads Engineer of the Department of Local Government and Public Health. Mr. Courtney was of opinion that the repairs to existing bridge would mean a very big expense and that the estimate of £7000 odd might run into £10,000 which, of course, could be understood, as when one came to take an old structure like this apart one could not tell what they might find which would cause extra expense. In any case, Mr. Courtney thought it a mistake to spend this large sum on the old bridge and he suggested that the Council should carry out the essential repairs to keep it going - in the shape of repair of damaged beams and tie rods and to prohibit all lorry traffic over it. Then, immediate steps should be taken to have preliminary investigations of sites and borings etc. made so that the Council would be in a position at an early date to take in hands the building of a new bridge. When Mr. Courtney inspected the bridge and saw the condition of the section which had been opened it appeared to confirm his opinion that it would be most inadvisable to spend a lot of money on it. Investigation

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should be made at once in connection with the sites ~~for~~ new bridge already mentioned, viz.,

(1) Opposite the Old County Courthouse and

(2) Par~~f~~allel to the present structure.

Lorry and bus traffic would have to use the Castle-bridge, Crossabeg and Ferrycarrig route. They were doing this at the moment and the road with the exception of a few bad bits and a few awkward turns (which could be altered) was in fair condition. The detour through Crossabeg meant an extra four miles in and out of Wexford. It would be necessary to have all particulars as regards the two sites, in the shape of costs and legal powers regarding level crossing. The latter did not mean such a very material objection as some people imagined. The traffic at the Old Courthouse would be very slow though it would entail gates and fittings. Against that, if the present site was utilised there would be the longer length and in order to comply with Ministry of Transport loading a new railway bridge would have to be provided.

In reply to Mr. Corish, Mr. Elgee said he had made some enquiries in connection with the Old Courthouse site, but he had not up to the present obtained sufficient information. He had to make certain where the Great Western Railway System began and if it was from the south side of the old approach abutment.

After further discussion it was decided to have notice of motion of Mr. Corish for the erection of new bridge considered at next meeting of the County Council on 8th May 1939. X.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

NICHOLAS GARR, KILLANNE: Under date 31st March 1939, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.10378/39 Loch Garman) approving of loan of £110 to this

JOHN MURPHY, KELLYSTOWN, ADAMSTOWN: Applicant applied for loan of £200 on house which he estimated to be valued for £400, but in the opinion of the Committee the plan submitted by Mr. Murphy referred only to house costing about £300.

Applicant was an agricultural labourer and the meeting decided he would not be in a position to pay 4s. 10d per week, amount applicable to loan of £200.

It was decided to inform him that he should apply for a cottage under the Labourers' Acts.

PATRICK FORTUNE, MONAGRENA, MONAMOLIN: Under date 6th April 1939 Mr. R. J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, wrote that he had written to this man asking if he intended finishing his house as it was roofed six months ago. He had not received an answer to the present.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

HUMANE KILLER FOR VETERINARY SURGEON

Under date 31st March 1939 Mr. F. W. Taylor, M.R.C.V.S. wrote that when some years ago the County Council asked him if he would accept a humane killer he replied that he had such an instrument of his own. Since then, however, he had lost a part of it. This rendered the machine useless. A new instrument would be necessary for his work and he asked the County Council if they could see their way to provide one.

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

"That, subject to the sanction of the Department of Agriculture, Mr. F. W. Taylor, M.R.C.V.S., New Ross, be supplied with one Temple Cox Humane Killer and 100 Temple Cox (Green) Blank cartridges, cost not to exceed £5. 10. 0. In the event of the Department agreeing to this proposal, the instrument be purchased from Messrs. M. W. Broderick &

Co., 25 Wellington Quay, Dublin, from whom Humane Killers etc. for the other Veterinary Surgeons of the County Council had been procured."

COOLAFULLAUN LANE

The following memorial signed by Rev. J. Carty, C.C. and 9 Ratepayers as to poor condition of above lane was read:-

"We, the undersigned, beg to draw your attention to the fact that the Coolafullaun Lane in the Electoral division of Ballyhogue is in a very bad state of repair. Lorry owners have refused to travel this lane owing to its very bad condition, and for that reason the farmers are at a great disadvantage in removing their beet and corn. In fact, it is now nearly impossible to travel it with a horse and cart. We would point out that this is a public laneway and a great number of people from the adjoining parish travel this lane to and from Mass. In bad weather the surface is covered with water and slush.

The approximate length of this lane is about 700 yards.

Trusting you will give our application favourable consideration."

Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. McCarthy seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That Coolafullaun Lane be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote."

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME

Under date 5th April 1939 the Department of Education (Secondary Education Branch), 1 Hume Street, Dublin, wrote:-

"With reference to your letter of the 24th ultimo regarding the scholarship which the pupil, Eibhlis ní Charthaigh, Clochar Lughaidh, Monaghan, holds from the Wexford

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County Council I am to inform you that on receipt of a statement from your Council that this pupil will not receive more than £35 in the current school year in respect of the above Scholarship the Department is prepared to pay her the full amount (£15) of her Intermediate Scholarship."

IRISH FARMERS' FEDERATION AND RATES

Under date 29th March 1939, the following was read from Mr. Aidan O'Connor, Ballymacsimon, Kilmuckridge, Secretary to the Kilmuckridge Branch of the Irish Farmers' Federation:-

"At the monthly meeting of above the following was passed:-

'That we, the members of Kilmuckridge Branch of Irish Farmers' Federation, protest against any advance in Rates until such time as the farmers especially in the Macamore District have had some adjustment towards the relief from the heavy taxation of the district.'

Hoping your Council will consider this."

It was decided to inform the Kilmuckridge Branch of the Irish Farmers' Federation that the County Council had cut their estimates for financial year 1939/40 to the lowest possible figure, consistent with their responsibilities to maintain Public Services.

As regards the high valuations of the Maccamore district and which is generally admitted, the Finance Committee understand it is proposed to include in the Valuation Bill at present before An Dail provisions by which farmers will be enabled to apply for revision of the valuation of their lands.

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PROPOSED CLOSING OF RAILWAY LINE MACMINE TO WATERFORD

The following under date 12th April 1939 (No. T.S. 5678/17) from Department of Industry and Commerce (Transport and Marine Branch), 14 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin was read:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to refer to your letter of the 7th instant in regard to the section of railway from Macmine to New Ross, and to say that the Great Southern Railways Company have not made any application for an Order under the Railways Act, 1933, authorising the discontinuance of train services between the points mentioned. Any application which might be made would, however, have to be considered with due regard to the intentions of that Act."

Under date 8th April 1939 the following was read from the Chairman of the Road Transport Employees' Political Organisation, Ballysimon Road, Limerick:-

"I am instructed to forward the following for your Council's consideration:-

The Transport Tribunal offers an opportunity to County Councils and public bodies to make a good case for increased grants for Road maintainence.

Present-day transport conditions have caused serious damage to the roads. In practically all cases Road estimates have been cut to avoid increasing ^{the rates} already an overwhelming burden. If the Public is to bear the cost of maintaining roads for a transport system other than Railways, representatives on those Councils should prepare a case for the Transport Tribunal.

It has been stated that the revenue collected from Motor Taxation is sufficient to provide decent roads without taxing the people. If such is a fact then the County Councils have a glorious opportunity."

It was decided to furnish copy of this communication

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to New Ross Urban Council for their information.

- ILLNESS OF CLERICAL ASSISTANT

The County Secretary stated that Mr. Stephen Hayes, Clerical Assistant to County Council Offices, was due to return to duty since the 12th April.

It was decided to inform Mr. Hayes that he must resume duty by Wednesday, 19th April 1939, at latest.

Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following which was adopted:-

"That Mr. Laurence Cleary be continued as temporary clerical assistant for a further period of one month from the 22nd April 1939."

- COURTOWN HARBOUR DUMPING GROUND

Under date 11th April 1939 the following was read from Mr. John Dunne, Chairman of Courtown Harbour Committee:-

"The above body found it necessary to call a special meeting as a result of complaints received by the Harbour Master from Hotelkeepers and Merchants in Courtown in respect of the closing of the ground formerly used for the dumping of rubbish. They state that since the closing of this ground large quantities of rubbish have accumulated around their premises and in view of the near approach of the holiday season this position is reaching a serious state. They insist that some place be secured for this purpose without further delay.

We wish to state that only we are aware of the serious position we would not trouble your Council, but we trust when it is now brought to your notice you will give it your earnest consideration."

Under date 13th April 1939 the following was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 12th instant

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with copy of a letter from the Chairman of the Courtown Harbour Committee enclosed.

The County Council are under no Legal Liability to the Inhabitants of Courtown Harbour to provide a "Dumping Ground" for them.

It is the duty of the persons who are making the complaints to provide a Dumping Ground for themselves, in such a position as it will not constitute a Nuisance to the General Public, which was the case with the Place which has up to this been used as a Dump."

The following Order was made:-

"That Courtown Harbour Committee be informed that although the County Council are not strictly bound to provide a dump for the residents of Courtown Harbour they would be prepared to favourably consider an offer for a suitable situation for the purpose and request Courtown Harbour Commissioners to recommend same. When submitting recommendation to the County Council it will be necessary that the Committee should have secured the written consent of the owner of the proposed site."

TEMPORARY STOREKEEPER MACHINERY YARD, ENNISCORTHY

Under date 13th April 1939, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (R/RGM/32) it was noted the County Council proposed to employ a temporary storekeeper for the Machinery Yard, Enniscorthy.

SUPERVISION PUBLIC WORKS ETC. NEW ROSS URBAN

The following under date 12th April 1939, was read from the Town Clerk, New Ross:-

"At a meeting of the New Ross Urban District Council held on 28th March 1939 in connection with the setting out of the works to be undertaken during the coming Spring and Autumn under the Employment Relief Vote it was pointed out

that Mr. O'Neill, Assistant to the County Surveyor, received no remuneration for his services.

The Council consider it but reasonable that Mr. O'Neill should receive remuneration at the rate of 2% on the monies expended and I am directed to apply through your Council to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to allow this commission to be paid to him out of the grants. The Council consider his work here is deserving of recognition and the small percentage not excessive. You are aware of the amount of money expended and the Council leave it with your Council and know that you will do your utmost in the matter."

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That we recommend to the favourable consideration of the County Council the proposal in letter from New Ross Urban District Council as regards the payment of fees to Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district, in connection with grant work in New Ross Urban area."

INCREMENTS OF SALARIES TO COUNTY COUNCIL STAFF

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

"That, in view of satisfactory reports of County Secretary and County Surveyor the following increments of salary - as from appropriate dates - to County Council Clerical Staff, be recommended to County Council for adoption:-

John Moloney	£3.
P. M. Donohoe	£7. 10s.
Miss Tobin	£5.
D. Radford (County Surveyor's Office)	£10.
J. J. A. Masterson, Rates Inspector	£10."

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LOST PAY ORDER

Under date 11th April 1939 James Hobbs, Ballinacur, Courtown Harbour, wrote that Subsidiary Account Pay Order (No. 6452 amount £6. 10. 0) issued to him for haulage had been lost or accidentally burned by his wife with some old letters.

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

"That estoppel be placed on original Pay Order 6452 (amount £6. 10. 0) and that duplicate be issued to Payee, James Hobbs, Ballinacur, Courtown Harbour."

COUNTY SOLICITOR'S OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES

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

"That out-of-pocket expenses of Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, for financial year 1938-39 and amounting to £23. 4. 9d be passed for payment."

INCREASE OF REMUNERATION TO TEMPORARY CLERICAL ASSISTANT

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

"That the increase of one penny per hour granted by County Council to P. Beary, Temporary Clerical Assistant, County Council Office, be regarded as payable from 16th March 1939, the date on which application was considered and recommended by Finance Committee."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 14th April be received and considered."

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

"That, in view of Report as to unsatisfactory condition of existing Wexford Bridge, Standing Orders be suspended to allow me to move that the Council consider the advisability of taking all necessary steps to provide new bridge on site to be subsequently selected and that all preliminary enquiries as to proposed sites be made forthwith and reported to the Council."

X Mr. Corish moved:- "That Standing Orders be suspended to allow of the discussion of motion relative to the provision of a new bridge at Wexford."

Miss O'Ryan seconded the motion which was adopted.

Mr. Corish said it was admitted by all the members at the last meeting, even before the intervention of Mr. Courtney, that the most desirable thing would be to have the preliminaries carried out to secure the erection of a new bridge. The matter had been hanging fire for a long time and he thought everyone would admit that the present state of the bridge was seriously interfering with business in Wexford town. He was sure that nobody wanted that to continue. He was not concerned in the passage of the motion as to where the new bridge was to be built, because it had been decided that certain borings should be taken and certain particulars ascertained in connection with the two sites under consideration. What he was principally concerned about was that nothing was being done towards carrying out the project. He did not blame anybody for that, because it had been held up by the Department owing to their effort to

find out what was the best thing to do in all the circumstances. He asked the Council, in view of the report that had just been read, to give permission to the County Surveyor and the County Solicitor to make whatever preparatory enquiries are necessary to enable the new bridge to be started as soon as possible. As he had already said, he considered it wasteful to spend an amount of money on the existing bridge, although there was no doubt something would have to be done to secure a passage for traffic across the existing bridge pending the building of the new bridge.

Miss O'Ryan, in seconding, said the Council had been looking for a way out that would not cost the ratepayers too much money, but they found on the reports of the various engineers that the new bridge had to be built, and that being so, they would all like to see it built as soon as possible. Wexford was a prosperous town with an increasing population and the County Council would like to do all they could to help the town and the district beyond the bridge by carrying out this project.

In reply to Mr. Corish, Mr. Doyle said that the motion definitely committed the Council to the erection of a new bridge.

Mr. Doyle was in favour of building the new bridge, but the thing to be considered was the time to build it. It was not the psychological moment to put fresh expense on the ratepayers. If they went ahead with the new bridge now it might cost £40,000 over the estimate, but if they postponed the contracts for two or three years they might be in a position to save a lot of money.

Mr. Corish - If a war starts in the meantime you may have to spend an extra hundred thousand owing to the delay.

Mr. McCarthy said that as one of the members who opposed the project at a former meeting he had since revised

his opinion in view of the engineers' reports. He now thought that the best thing was to go ahead with the new bridge. It would take 5 years before the structure would be opened to traffic and probably three years before contracts for it could be given. It would be desirable to go ahead and would be more economical in the end.

Col. Quin said everyone knew he was against spending money but they must have the new bridge.

In reply to Mr. Bowe, the County Surveyor said the cost of the immediate essential repairs to the old bridge ~~was~~ was £1,000 not £10,000. This would keep the bridge going to carry light traffic.

Mr. T. Redmond asked what would happen the £4000 for the bridge budgeted for by the Council.

The Chairman said that a certain amount of that will be spent on the borings and other work and any balance not spent will come into the revenue account next year.

Mr. Corish said that some of it will be needed for the investigation of the new sites.

After further discussion, Mr. Corish's motion was put and passed without dissent. X

Mr. Bowe proposed and Mr. Michael Redmond seconded the following which was adopted nem. con.:-

"That all lorry traffic, vans and buses, laden or unladen, be prohibited from crossing Wexford Bridge. That the structure be utilised by private motor cars and ~~hackney~~ ~~motor cars and~~ hackney motor cars as usual."

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to put in hands at once the essential necessary repairs to Wexford Bridge to enable it to carry the light traffic allowed to cross."

In connection with speed limit the following resolution

was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Ronan:-

"That the speed of mechanically propelled vehicles crossing Wexford Bridge be limited to five miles per hour, and that the County Surveyor be empowered to take the necessary steps to have this limit observed and to have persons who exceed this fixed speed prosecuted."

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to make special arrangements as to funerals crossing Wexford Bridge for Crosstown Cemetery. That he notify the several funeral undertakers in Wexford and publish notices in the three local papers asking people participating in a funeral cortege to "break step"."

The County Surveyor in reply to Mr. Corish said he would get quotations for the borings on a piece work basis and would also have a survey of the two sites referred to at Finance Committee meeting made.

The Chairman questioned the advisability of taking borings at the moment at the existing site of the bridge in view of the opinion of the majority of the Council that the new bridge should be on the site opposite the old County Courthouse.

In reply to the Chairman the County Surveyor said he could give only a very rough approximation of the cost of building the bridge on either site. The best plan would be to have three borings made at each site and when one was selected extra borings could be carried out there. The piles for the present bridge were only driven about fifteen feet into the sand, because only light loads were contemplated, and for the new bridge they might have to go down forty feet to get to rock.

Mr. Corish said that the people of Wexford town were unanimously in favour of the Courthouse site, if it was found practicable.

Col. Quin was against it because he was told that with the prevailing easterly wind, the old bridge there was burst up twice.

Mr. Corish said that anyone conversant with the history of Wexford knew that the grandfather of the late Mr. John Redmond, M.P., visualised a time when shipping in Wexford would extend up beyond the railway, and he had the present bridge built where it is to prevent interference with shipping.

Col. Quin would not accept this as the reason why the position of the present bridge was selected.

The County Surveyor said that the old New Ross Bridge was carried away by ice because the piles were not driven home. New bridges would have to take Ministry of Transport loading and in consequence piles would have to be driven well home.

In reply to Mr. Corish Mr. Elgee stated he found that the claim of the old Southern Railway line ended at the Southern abutment of the old bridge and he had not yet discovered where the old D. AND S.E.R. ended. He had been told that it ended at the Southern abutment and that there was a gap left.

Mr. Corish - Terminal charges existed when the two railways were in operation. There is a crossing there used by carters to go in on the abutment and they go there every day. You should have Counsel's opinion, it would only cost a couple of guineas.

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

"That Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, be instructed to obtain Counsel's opinion as to the legal rights of the Wexford Corporation, Wexford Harbour Board and the Railway Company relative to Old Courthouse site and also as to the ferry rights of Wexford Harbour Commissioners.

And further as to any other rights which may be ascertained."

In reply to Mr. Smyth, the County Surveyor said if old Courthouse Site was selected it would be necessary to have a level crossing but this would be controlled by a gate worked from the signal box. There were only three trains a day passing and they crawled along. There were similar level crossings in many more important places. He added that he would employ Captain Harvey for the work of supervising the repairs and the borings.

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

"That Captain Harvey, Bargo Castle, be employed as Engineer for the supervision of the work of repair at old bridge and of the borings at the two sites discussed by the Council, remuneration to be five guineas per week."

The Chairman said it was quite possible that the Council might decide to invite competitive designs for the design of new bridge and it would be well that Councillors should keep an open mind in the matter.

SUPERVISION PUBLIC WORKS ETC. NEW ROSS URBAN:

County Surveyor: I mentioned that before. The whole question cropped up at our conference in Dublin, as regards similar cases all over the country. I consider that Mr. O'Neill is unfairly treated. The mileage for that class of work in the urban area is six miles which may be considered a paltry thing with a ganger scheme in the rural

area, covering 35 miles. But the six miles in the urban area involves six times as much work as in the rural area, and in the rural area there is a percentage allowed on these grants to the Assistant Surveyor, but none allowed for the urban area. All the quarrying has to be done in the rural area and ^{it is} troublesome work, and he gets nothing for it.

Mr. Thomas Redmond said the New Ross Urban Council were unanimous in making the recommendation. At least £12,000, he said, had been spent on the New Ross roads in re-construction work and not ordinary repairs and Mr. O'Neill had given a lot of time and attention there. It was most unfair he had no remuneration for it, and was all extra work.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Thomas Redmond, it was decided to approve of the request of New Ross Urban District Council.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 14th April 1939, as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

MINUTES OF 28th APRIL 1939 were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 28th April 1939.

Present:- D. Allen, T.D., Chairman (presiding); also Messrs P. Colfer, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5117. 1. 6d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following shows the state of Rate Collection up to 27th April 1939:-

<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Percentage of Warrant Collected.</u>
1. J. Curtis	93.5
2. E. J. Murphy	92.0
3. J. J. O'Reilly	88.6
4. S. Gannon	88.4
5. M. Kehoe	87.7
6. D. Kenny	87.4
7. J. Deegan	87.0
8. P. Carty	86.8
9. J. Cummins	86.8
10. P. Nolan	86.1
11. P. Doyle	85.6
12. J. Flood	82.6
13. M. McCarthy	81.8
14. A. Dunne	80.5
15. W. Cummins	76.3
16. W. Doyle	75.8
17. J. J. Sinnott	74.9
18. J. Quirke	74.8

Average 83.8

The average percentage for corresponding period last year was 85.2.

It was decided to communicate with Rate Collectors who had less than 80% of their warrants collected and inform them that the Finance Committee are dissatisfied with their

progress and that they must make very substantial lodgments in the coming ten days if their collections are to be satisfactorily closed.

POUNDAGE: The following under date 14th April 1939 (G.2732/6/39) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 4th instant regarding payment of poundage, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that in view of the prolonged delay on the part of the 13 Collectors mentioned in your letter in complying with the requirement regarding lodgment of 75% of their warrants and arrears by the 28th February, the Minister has deferred the question of poundage pending the closing of the warrants for the financial year ended the 31st ultimo which should be effected without delay."

The following is extract from letter of Collector Curtis, Hon. Secretary to Rate Collectors' Association:-

"The Rate Collectors request that sanction to payment of poundage be obtained before the date at which the Collectors considered the Collection should be closed, viz., 31st May 1939 so that Collectors will receive payment immediately they close their collections."

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction ^{final} payment of poundage fees in the case of Rate Collectors who lodge 87½% of Assessment for 1938/39 plus the full arrears applicable to the 1937/38 Collection (the terms agreed to by the Minister in respect of the close of last year's collection)."

CLOSE OF RATE COLLECTION: The following under date 24th April 1939 was read from Collector John M. Curtis, Hon. Secretary to County Council Rate Collectors:-

"I am instructed by Collectors to ask your Council to fix the 31st May - not sooner - as the closing date for Collection - that is the same as last year - as the fairs coming up to the end of May are always an improvement on earlier ones."

It was decided to make no change in the date fixed by the Council on the recommendation of the Finance Committee for the close of current year's collection, viz., 15th May 1939.

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ETC.

The following under date 17th April 1939 was read from Mr. M. Leahy, 4 St. Ibar's Villas, Wexford, Insurance Inspector:-

"Further to my interview with you on the 3rd instant I enclose Forms U.I.A.306 (Unemployment Insurance) and Forms S.20 National Health/[&]Pensions showing the total amount due under each heading as follows:-

Unemployment	£171. 15. 9
National Health and Pensions	<u>£111. 12. 8</u>
	£283. 8. 5

covering the following employees who have been ruled insurable:-

Sean Gannon, Rate Collector
 Patrick Carty, do. do.
 William Doyle, do. do.
 Denis Kenny do. do.
 Maurice Kehoe do. do.
 Matthew Murphy do. do.
 Michael J. Hennessy, Sheep Dipping Inspector
 Thomas Prendergast, do. do. do.

James Hayden, Sheep Dipping Inspector

Patrick Ormonde do. do. do.

James Murphy do. do. do.

The case of Myles Roban is not yet disposed of; a ruling for same will be given in due course. In the meantime, I am to request that you will arrange for payment of arrears as set out above."

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

"That the County Secretary communicate with Mr. Keogh Nolan, Secretary County Councils General Council, regarding claim against Wexford County Council for arrears of Insurance Contributions in respect of six Rate Collectors covering a period of seven years and request the General Council to take up this matter with the Department of Industry and Commerce and the Department of Local Government and Public Health (National Health Insurance Section).

Also that the County Solicitor obtain the opinion of Mr. Diarmuid Fawsitt, S.C., in the matter.

That, as regards Sheep Dipping Inspectors, the County Council be recommended to offer two years' arrears to the Departments concerned."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

ELLEN LEARY, BALLYWALTER: The following under date 22nd April 1939 was read from Mr. T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"Regarding Ellen Leary, Ballywalter, I have been trying very hard for some time past to get Leary to move in this matter; after many promises he finally informed me he could not do the work of completing the building. However, I have an arrangement made with another person to do what is necessary for balance of loan and grant £120 and hope to put in progress soon."

Under date 27th April 1939 Mr. Treanor wrote:-

"Herewith is letter from Thomas Browne, Clonevan, Gorey, in which he states he is prepared to complete the building of Leary's house for the sum of £120, viz., £50 balance of loan and £70 Grant. He makes the provision that this amount be paid directly to him.

On receipt of this letter I called at Leary's and they are prepared to waive all claims to balance of Loan and Grant in favour of Browne."

The following under date 26th April 1939 is copy of letter from Mr. Thomas Browne, referred to in Mr. Treanor's communication:-

"With reference to our conversation regarding the completion of the house intended for Mr. John Leary, Ballywater, Kilmuckridge, I desire to inform you that I am willing to complete the house for the sum of £120 subject to the provision that no other person will have any claim on the amount stated. I shall be grateful if you will please let me have a reply as soon as possible."

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

"That the arrangements proposed by Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, in connection with erection of house of Ellen Leary, Ballywalter, under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be approved subject to the County Solicitor deciding that this procedure can be legally adopted and provided that the necessary assignment of payment of loan and grant to Thomas Browne, Clonevan, Gorey, be made by Ellen Leary and her husband."

APPLICATION FOR INCREASED LOANS - THOMAS MURRAY: Under date 17th April 1939 Mr. J. K. Cooper, Solicitor, Wexford, acting for Thomas Murray, Bog West, Mayglass, wrote that owing to the advance in the cost of building materials his

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client had been informed by the Wexford Timber Company that it would be impossible to build his proposed house without obtaining a further sum of £100 in addition to £120 already sanctioned.

It was decided to ask Assistant Surveyor for the district for Report as to value of house as shown on plan furnished by Thomas Murray, Bog West, Mayglass.

JOHN FIELDING, SEAVIEW, BARN TOWN: The following under date 18th April 1939, was read from this applicant:-

"I hereby apply for another loan of £30 for the purpose of finishing our new house as there is not enough money to go ahead with same."

The Secretary stated that Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, was being requested to furnish revised valuation of house in this case. When Mr. Birthistle's certificate came to hand it would be submitted to the Finance Committee.

Adjourned to next meeting of Finance Committee.

JOHN MURPHY, KELLYSTOWN, ADAMSTOWN: Applicant, an agricultural labourer, applied at last meeting of Finance Committee for loan of £200 for house of which he furnished a plan and the value of which he estimated at £400. The weekly rent to clear off loan would amount to 4s. 10d per week and the Finance Committee believed in the first instance that plan submitted did not appear to provide for a house estimated at £400 and in the second place that an agricultural labourer would not be able to pay 4s. 10d per week. Accordingly, they recommended Mr. Murphy to apply for labourer's cottage.

Mr. Colfer asked to have the case reviewed in light of the fact that Mr. Murphy had a son in a clerical position who would be prepared to pay the rent.

It was decided to ask the Assistant Surveyor for the

district to furnish value of house and to adjourn further consideration of the case to next meeting of the Committee with the proviso that in view of a favourable report from Assistant Surveyor loan in accordance with report would be provisionally recommended.

SANCTION TO LOAN: Under date 24th April, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.110931/1939 Loch Garman Pc) that the Minister would raise no objection to loan of £100 to John Murphy in respect of house to be erected at Knockaree, Strahart, Clohamon.

SAMUEL BRYAN, CURRATUBBIN: Under date 26th April 1939, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.12064/39 - Loch Garman) agreeing to advance of loan of £195 to this applicant in respect of house at Curratubbin, Killena, Gorey.

ANNIE FOLEY, BORRMOUNT: Under date 26th April 1939, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.4188/4/1939 Loch Garman) that the Minister would raise no objection to the proposal to advance £190 instead of £145 (already sanctioned) under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Miss Annie Foley in respect of house at Borrmount, Enniscorthy.

Under date 17th April 1939 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.9207-39-Loch Garman) that the Minister would raise no objection to the proposal of Wexford County Council to loans of £120 each being advanced to James Dempsey, Piercestown, Drinagh, and Thomas Murray, Bog West, Mayglass.

RESIGNATION OF MR. STEPHEN HAYES, CLERICAL ASSISTANT

The following under date 18th April 1939 was read from Mr. Stephen Hayes, Clerical Assistant, County Council Offices:-

"Thanks for your letter. Will you please convey to the Council my gratitude for the courtesy extended to me while I was particularly ill. Personally, I think that I would be able to return now, but the doctor assures me that it would be only a step towards a further breakdown and, as I am reluctant to accept the ratepayers' money for services which I might be incapable of rendering adequately I am seriously considering that it would be the best thing to do, in fairness to everyone, to resign. I enclose a certificate from the doctor, which, I regret to say, rather suggests that I should adopt this attitude as the doctor thinks that I would only be able to continue working in an outdoor capacity.

Thanking you and the Council."

Mr. Hayes furnished the following certificate from Dr. Alice Barry, F.R.C.P.I., D.P.H., Peamount, County Dublin, under date 14th April 1939:-

"I beg to state that I do not consider that Mr. Stephen Hayes is fit for an indoor life. I would advise an open air occupation."

In reply to letter from County Secretary the following under date 26th April 1939 was read from Mr. Hayes:-

"Thanks for your letter. I enclose my resignation. I would much prefer if the Council would commute whatever pension I am entitled to into a gratuity as this would give me some capital to start a business that would enable me to live an outdoor life."

The following under date 26th April 1939 was read:-

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"Acting on the advice of Dr. Barry I beg to tender my resignation as clerical officer to your Council.

I take this occasion to thank you and all the members for your unfailing kindness and consideration during the twenty years I have been employed on your staff.

With all good wishes."

The Secretary stated that Mr. Hayes had 18½ years service and 18 years of this could be reckoned for the purposes of superannuation. His average salary for the last three complete years was £221 and eighteen-sixteenths of this is £66. 6. 0.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to accept with regret the resignation of Mr. Stephen Hayes, Clerical Assistant, County Council Office."

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

"That the terms and conditions to govern appointment of clerical assistant to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Stephen Hayes, be considered at next meeting of Finance Committee. That Laurence Cleary, Temporary Clerical Assistant, be continued in office until successor to Mr. Hayes has taken up duty."

CONFERENCE WITH SURVEY STAFF

The following under date 25th April 1939 (IR/113) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to this Department's circular letter of the 21st April, 1938, in regard to the holding of a Conference of County Surveyors in Dublin and I am to state that it is proposed to make similar arrangements for a

Conference this year to be held in the Engineers' Hall, Dawson Street, Dublin, on the 2nd and 3rd May to enable the Surveyors to confer with the Department's officials on matters relating to their work and to exchange views with one another on these matters.

The Minister is anxious that County Councils will afford facilities to their Surveyors to attend the Conference and, as was done last year, arrange for some of the Assistants to attend if the County Surveyor is satisfied that suitable arrangements can be made for carrying on local services in their absence. It is suggested that Assistants who did not have the opportunity to attend last year's Conference ~~and~~ might be specially considered this year."

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

"That the Finance Committee agree to the attendance of County Surveyor and of all Assistant Surveyors available at Conference to be held in Dublin with officials of Department of Local Government and Public Health on 2nd and 3rd May 1939, on the terms and conditions of letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) (IR/113)."

SUBSTITUTE FOR ACTING COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Under date 25th April 1939 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P.H.2974/3/39):-

"With reference to your communication of the 15th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has approved of the temporary appointment of Dr. Patricia McDonald as substitute for Dr. D. McDonald, Acting County Medical Officer of Health during the latter's absence during December last at the Course of Instruction in the Medical Treatment of Gas Casualties, with remuneration at the rate of £10. 10s. 0d per week and vouched travelling expenses while acting as

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substitute. I am to inform you that the above arrangement is not to be taken as a precedent and the Minister requests that during future absences of the Acting County Medical Officer of Health alternative arrangements in regard to the discharge of his duties may be made."

The County Secretary stated he had been informed by the Secretary to County Board of Health that every effort had been made to make ~~other~~ arrangements other than those of which the Department did not approve.

EXPENSES OF SOLICITOR TO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

The following under date 19th April 1939 (P.A.68/14/39 - Loch Garman - Sc) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"In reply to your letter of the 21st ultimo, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he sees no objection to the proposal of the Wexford County Council to refund to Mr. J. J. Bolger, Solicitor to the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance, the sum of £25. 3s. out-of-pocket expenses incurred by him in connection with charges made against the former County Medical Officer of Health, provided that these expenses are duly vouched."

Referred to County Solicitor to secure the necessary vouchers in accordance with letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health.

SANCTION OF PURCHASE OF HUMANE KILLER

The following under date 25th April 1939 (W.1483-39) was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to your communication of the 19th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that he approves of the purchase of a Temple Cox humane killer and 100 Temple Cox (Green) Blank cartridges at a cost

not exceeding £5: 10: 0 for the use of Mr. F. W. Taylor, M.R.C.V.S. in connection with his duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts."

PROPOSED ERECTION OF HOUSE FOR MENTAL HOSPITAL ENGINEER

The following under date 25th April 1939 was read from Dr. C. B. Molony, Resident Medical Superintendent, Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy:-

"I beg to transmit and to ask you to get the County Council to consider same at their next meeting the following resolution which was adopted at meeting of my Committee of Management on the 18th instant:-

'That the County Council be requested to obtain a loan of £900 for the purpose of building a house for the Mental Hospital Engineer in accordance with plans prepared by Messrs. McDonnell and Dixon, Architects, and approved of by the Department of Local Government.'

Mr. Kelly gave notice of his intention to move at the June meeting of the Council that they agree to the request of Mental Hospital Committee to raise loan of £900 for the purpose of erecting House for the Engineer to the Mental Hospital.

COUNTY ANALYST - APPLICATION FOR INCREASED FEES

The following under date 19th April 1939 was read from County Analyst:-

"At a recent meeting of the Irish Public Analysts' Association, the question of the remuneration paid to Public Analysts for the work performed by them for local authorities and for other public bodies was again under consideration.

The meeting had before it evidence that very low and unremunerative rates are being paid in a number of cases, and that a great lack of uniformity exists in the scale of fees received for the same class of work in different districts.

It was unanimously agreed, therefore, that members of the Association should not continue to undertake work for public bodies for less than the scale of fees set out hereunder, and that members who, at present, are paid at a lower rate than the said scale, should make early application to have the matter adjusted.

Approved Scale of Fees

- (a) Analysis of waters for Public Health purposes
£1. 1. 0 per sample.
- (b) Analysis of medicines for Boards of Health 6/- per sample or as an alternative a fixed annual sum calculated at the rate of £3 per "Sending" Station (Hospitals, Dispensaries, etc.)
- (c) Analysis of articles under the Sale of Food & Drugs Acts.
 - (1) Where the number of articles submitted annually does not exceed 500:-
£50 per annum retaining fee for which 100 samples will be analysed. Each sample in excess of that number up to a total of 500 per annum to be paid for at the rate of 7s. 6d each.
 - (2) Where the number of samples submitted annually exceeds 500, but not 1,000:-
£100 per annum retaining fee, for which 200 samples will be analysed. Each sample in excess of that number up to 1,000 per annum, to be paid for at the rate of 6s. 8d each.
 - (3) Where the number of samples submitted annually exceeds 1,000:-
Same as (2) for 1,000 samples. Each sample in excess of 1,000 to be paid for at the rate of 5/4 per sample.

The above fees are considered by the Association to be reasonable and equitable for such important professional work, and a similar scale has already received the sanction

of the L.G.D. in the cases where it has been put into operation.

In view of the resolution of my Association, I formally apply to have my remuneration adjusted so as to bring it into line with the above approved scale."

The County Secretary stated that taking the figures available for last year the amount paid Miss Ryan was £244. 15. 0 and calculating the various analyses at the proposed fees the amount would be £333. 16. 8d, an increase of £89. 1. 8d.

It was decided to ask the County Board of Health for figures for old and proposed fees for a similar period and that consideration of application from County Analyst be adjourned to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936

INSPECTOR JOHN MORRISSEY AREA NO. 9: In connection with the complaint made by Veterinary Inspector of Department of Agriculture as to attendance of John Morrissey, Inspector (No. 9 Area) at the premises of Moses Foley, Camross, Foulksmills, on 16th March 1939 and which Foley denied, the Finance Committee, at their meeting on 14th April 1939, decided to write to Mr. Foley in the matter.

In reply to the letter of County Secretary, the following was read from Mr. Foley:-

"I received your letter on Monday as regards John Morrissey. He was here on Thursday, 16th March, between 9 and 10 o'clock before the Cattle Inspector came. My reason for saying John Morrissey had not called was my cattle were not dressed at that time and as I had not got the powder, I thought I might get into trouble for not having them done. But I dressed them on 20th March.

I am really sorry for my mistake on Mr. Morrissey's behalf."

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Copy of this letter was furnished the Department of Agriculture from which the following under date 27th April 1939 (L.350/39) was read:-

"With reference to your letter of the 20th instant and enclosure and previous correspondence regarding the case of Mr. John Morrissey formerly employed as temporary Inspector under the above Order in District No. 9, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that, in view of the statement now submitted by Mr. M. Foley, Camross, to the effect that Mr. Morrissey called on him on the morning of the 16th ultimo, he has decided, in deference to the wishes of ~~the~~ the Finance Committee of the Local Authority, and subject to the approval of the latter body, to renew his approval of Mr. Morrissey's employment as a temporary Inspector as from the date on which he resumes duty.

It is noted from the resolution adopted by the Finance Committee at their meeting held on the 14th instant that Mr. Morrissey will be warned that the Local Authority will take serious notice of any further negligence on his part in the performance of his duties under the Order."

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

"That, in view of the letter from Department of Agriculture under date 27th April 1939 (L.350/39) the Finance Committee agree to re-instate John Morrissey as Inspector under Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order 1936 for No. 9 Area. That the Department of Agriculture be requested to state if, in view of this resolution they will agree to Mr. Morrissey resuming duty immediately in order that cattle in this district may be inspected before the treatment period is further advanced."

WILLIAM CARTY, INSPECTOR, NO. 10 AREA: The following under date 21st April 1939 (L.350-39) was read from Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to your letter of the 15th instant and previous correspondence regarding the case of Mr. William Carty, Yoletown, Ballycullane, formerly employed as temporary Inspector under the above Order in district No. 10, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that, in view of the statements made by Messrs. Myles Dunne, Kilbrany Patrick Murphy, Ballygarvan; and Denis O'Connor, Ballygarvan regarding interviews which they had with Mr. Carty on the 14th ultimo, he has decided, in deference to the request of the Finance Committee of your Local Authority, and subject to the approval of the latter body, to renew his approval of Mr. Carty's employment as a temporary Inspector with effect as from the date on which he resumes duty.

It is noted from the resolution adopted by the Finance Committee on the 14th instant that serious notice will be taken of any further neglect on the part of Mr. Carty to carry out fully the instructions issued to him in connection with his duties as a temporary Inspector, that his returns as to the number of cattle actually dressed in his area are considered unsatisfactory, and that he will be expected to show considerable improvement in this latter respect."

The Secretary stated that after receipt of this letter William Carty was re-instated on 25th April 1939 in view of the resolution of the County Council on 13th March 1939 agreeing to this.

WILLIAM O'BRIEN, INSPECTOR NO. 4 AREA: Under date 20th April 1937 William O'Brien, Inspector No. 4 Area wrote he had not been working since 17th April 1939 as he was in bed with a bad cold. He expected to be able to resume by 24th April 1939.

It was stated that Mr. O'Brien's sister called to County Council Office on 19th April 1939 and gave information as to his illness.

~~He had since resumed duty.~~

Mr. Ringwood, M.R.C.V.S. (Supervising Inspector) wrote that when inspecting at Blackwater Fair on 31st March he noted William O'Brien was absent. When interviewed he said the morning was too wet to travel on a bicycle. Mr. Ringwood warned O'Brien that this must not occur again. O'Brien was a very good Inspector and Mr. Ringwood did not think it necessary to take notice of this lapse.

The Committee decided - in view of report of Mr. Ringwood, M.R.C.V.S. - to overlook the non-attendance of William O'Brien, Inspector, at Blackwater Fair on 31st March 1939 but to point out to him that serious notice will be taken of any complaint of the discharge of his duties in the future.

AREA NO. 11 - E. WOODS: The following, in answer to request for information by the County Secretary, was read from this Inspector:-

"In reply to your note of the 17th instant, I wish to state that farmers in most cases had little use in dressing their cattle up to the present as warbles were not ripe for dressing. It is only now that warbles are showing up strongly and very good men for dressing their cattle have put back dressing them until the first of the present month. Most farmers like to see results for every dressing they do!"

The meeting accepted this explanation.

The following under date 26th April 1939 was read from Mr. Woods:-

"I wish to bring to the notice of your Council a proposal for the dressing of cattle on the Slob lands in my area. I suggest it would be a better plan to arrange a date at a given point and have all farmers dress their cattle on that day. From May 1st onwards there will be from 300 to 1000 cattle from many districts grazing on those lands. A suitable point on those lands to dress cattle would be the

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Red Bridge and at Mr. R. Richards premises on the same land. If the Council so decided an advertisement in the papers to all stock owners for a fixed day and date would cover the arrangement."

The Committee recommended the following course:-

That Warble Fly Inspector interview Mr. Gainfort, Manager of the Slob, and secure from him the names and addresses of the various farmers having stock there. Mr. Woods could then arrange, if possible, to appoint a day suitable to the stockowners on which the dressing under the Order could be carried out, Mr. Woods to notify each stockowner by post card of the date and time of inspection and dressing. The County Council could not compel the stockowners concerned to adopt this course.

BLASTING OPERATIONS AND ASSISTANT SURVEYORS

The following under date 26th April 1939 was read from Hon. Secretary, Wexford Branch of Irish Local Government Officials' Union:-

"I have been asked by the Wexford Branch of the Irish Local Government Officials' Union to bring the following to your notice:- The Assistant Surveyors of Wexford County have been carrying out very large blasts during their years of service, and it transpires that as regards Insurance they are covered just in the same manner and to the same extent as the Road and Quarry workers. As proof of this, one of the Surveyors, Mr. T. Cullen, had an accident recently and his medical expenses to date are far in excess of the compensation received which was £1 for seven days' disablement. The maximum amount for fatal injury would be £600.

The Surveyors are not satisfied with this and they will have to immediately consider their position re blasting unless they are properly covered for fatal accidents, also total and partial disablement including medical expenses.

The County Council may not be aware of the extent of

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the blasting operations carried out in this County or the danger attaching to same. There is reason to believe that blasting operations in this County are far more extensive than in any other County.

Hoping to have this matter receive the consideration of the Council as soon as possible."

The County Surveyor said he understood the cost of the proposed Insurance would be £20 per annum for each Assistant Surveyor or £100 in all.

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

"That the Secretary and County Solicitor make enquiries into the application of Assistant Surveyor re Insurance to cover blasting operations as regards the procedure adopted in other Counties and report to next available meeting of Finance Committee."

PAY ORDER (6452 SUB ACCOUNT)

At meeting of Finance Committee on 14th April 1939 letter under date 11th April 1939 was read from James Hobbs, Ballinacur, Courtown Harbour, that Pay Order 6452 Subsidiary Account amount £6. 10. 0 sent him in payment of haulage - was lost or accidentally burned by his wife.

The following under date 18th April 1939 was written to Mr. Hobbs by the County Secretary:-

"In connection with your letter of the 11th instant re missing Pay Order I have examined the three last Pay Orders issued to you.

(1) Issued 5th January 1939 (5620) £2. 4. 0d. Cashed Bank of Ireland, Gorey and passed to County Council Treasurer National Bank on 11th January endorsed per pro Graham and Lawless - James Graham.

No. 2 - Issued 20th January, 1939 (6452) Amount £6. 10. 0d haulage. Cashed in Bank of Ireland, Gorey and

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passed to County Council Treasurer on 8th April, 1939, endorsed J. Jordan. Signature "James Hobbs" does not appear to correspond with signatures on 1 and 3.

No. 3 - Issued 3rd February (7371) amount £6. 8. 0d paid by Bank of Ireland, Gorey, and transferred to County Council Treasurer (National Bank) on 21st February endorsed Edward W. Warren.

It would be well to follow up this matter with Bank of Ireland, Gorey, and let me know result."

No reply having been received from Mr. Hobbs up to 25th April 1939 the following letter was written to him on that day:-

"I would be glad to know if you have taken any further steps in connection with Pay Order 6452 (Subsidiary A/c) in view of my letter of the 18th instant."

The following under date 25th April 1939 was read from Mr. Hobbs:-

"In reply to your letter about the missing Pay Order No. 6452, we got it all right. I got it cashed at J. Jordan's. My wife mislaid it and I got it at the last moment.

Excuse me for not answering sooner and thank you for all the trouble I gave you."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Under date 20th April 1939, Mr. James J. Meyler (University Scholar) applied for an extension of the period of his University Scholarship for an extra year. His Scholarship tenable for three years expired next summer and as his course - Mechanical and Electrical Engineering - required four years for its completion, he trusted the County Council would grant the extra year to enable him to get his Degree.

It was decided to refer application to County Solicitor for advice as to whether it can be brought within the following condition of University Scholarship Scheme:-

"Students for Degrees in branches of Science applicable to Agriculture, Commerce or Industry and in Accountancy, Finance and Economics, may, in the discretion of the Council have the terms of their scholarships extended from three to five years".

NEW ROSS BRIDGE

The following under date 28th April 1939 was read from County Surveyor:-

"In August last year I submitted a report on the condition of New Ross Bridge, which was approved by the County Council on 8th of that month. In this report I noted defects in the iron work, and recommended that special report on these should be obtained during the current year. In the Road Works Scheme provision was made for this, and in February last the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote to me with reference to the large allocation for New Ross Bridge. I replied on 23rd February stating that the remaining repairs to the decking of the swing bridge would cost, in or about, £300, and the painting would cost about £600, and that I had set aside £100 for report totalling £1,000. I have now prepared Specification for the Painting, and have advertised for tenders. I shall be glad if the Finance Committee will now authorise me to obtain a report on the iron work, as suggested by me, and approved of by the Council last year."

The Chairman asked if it was not possible for the County Surveyor to carry out this inspection.

The County Surveyor said it was too big a job and it was really one for an expert. Noticing minor matters last August he (County Surveyor) considered it was necessary to

have the iron work examined closely. He did not expect to find anything serious but when he found small deterioration he suggested having a special inspection and he provided for it in Road Works Scheme. If the cost ran to £100 40% would be provided by the Government and the balance, £60, would be paid half by the Kilkenny County Council and half by Wexford.

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be empowered, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, to arrange for examination of iron work of New Ross Bridge in accordance with his letter under date 28th April 1939."

ROAD MATTERS

BALLYGURTIN LANE: The following under date 24th April 1939 was read from Mrs. B. Roche, Ballygurtin, Kilmuckridge:-

"Please put before the next meeting of the Council to have the lane at Ballygurtin repaired, as it is in very bad order, and a mile long. There are three families and rate-payers on it."

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer, that Ballygurtin Lane be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Scheme.

PILL AT FORD OF LYNG: The following from Mr. J. Wickham, Ford of Lyng, Tagoat, under date 27th April 1939 was read:-

"Please get that bridge erected where Pill was cleaned repaired at once and oblige."

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

WALL AT ST. KEARNS: Mr. Colfer raised the question as to the repair of wall at St. Kearns quay. He was afraid it would fall unless attended to immediately and the County

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Surveyor should examine it.

The County Surveyor said that £30 had been spent on the wall last year and £30 this year. As defects appeared they were repaired. Bits fell regularly but they were repaired in such a manner that they would not fall again.

BALLYGALVERT LANE: The following under date 25th April 1939 was read from Miss Margaret Kavanagh, Ballygalvert:-

"In view of the recent publication in the Irish Press to the effect that the Government were eager to engage the unemployed in improving the roads of the County under the Minor Relief Scheme in return for the assistance they were getting from the State I wish to bring to your notice the bad state of Ballygalvert Lane. The County Council have promised already to improve it by taking off the bad turns and in view of the number of ratepayers using the said lane surely it is not asking too much to take off at least the worst of the bends and make it more suitable for traffic."

Referred to County Surveyor for report for next meeting of the Finance Committee.

OWENSTOWN RIVER: The following under date 24th April 1939 was read from Mr. J. K. Cooper, Solicitor, Custom House Quay, Wexford:-

"My client, Mr. James Boggan, of Walshestown, Ballycogley, instructs me that in the month of December 1937 the County Council cleaned up the river which forms the boundary between my client's lands of Owenstown and the adjoining lands of Rathmacknee, and after the river had been cleaned up the County Council put a paling on the opposite bank of the river to my client's holding.

My client is sowing a field of beet but his lands of Owenstown adjoin the river and he instructs me that last week the fencing on the opposite side of the river was being

taken down by some of the County Council employees.

The result of the removal of this paling would be to render my client's beet crop liable to serious damage from the trespass by animals belonging to the adjoining owners and under these circumstances I should be much obliged if you would kindly make enquiries and if the facts are as I have stated have steps taken to have the fences made safe."

The County Surveyor said he could not understand the letter as he could not believe that County Council workers would take down a paling as set out in Mr. Cooper's letter.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

MACHINERY YARD, ENNISCORTHY

The County Surveyor said that Mr. O'Kennedy, one of his Clerical Assistants, was allowed 10/- to cover his expenses for each visit in connection with stock taking at Machinery Yard, Enniscorthy. This had been sanctioned up to 10th April but Mr. O'Kennedy had been obliged to visit the Machinery Yard on 18th and 24th April 1939 to give instructions to the temporary storekeeper recently appointed.

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction payment of £1 to Mr. Sean O'Kennedy to cover his expenses for visits to Machinery Yard on 18th and 24th April 1939."

SANCTION TEMPORARY CLERK

Under date 25th April 1939 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.4508/4/39 Loch Garman) that the Minister sanctioned the continued employment of Mr. Laurence Cleary as temporary clerk up to 22nd May 1939 on the terms already approved.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 28th April 1939 be received and considered."

POUNDAGE: The following under date 2nd May 1939 (G.2732/7/39) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health and referred to the Finance Committee:-

"With reference to your letter of the 21st ultimo on the subject I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he will raise no objection on this occasion to the payment of 3rd interim poundage to the collectors referred to. This is given on the understanding that final rates of poundage are not agreed to and that when the warrants are closed the balance payable will be determined on the merits in each case.

The Minister must now ask the Council to consider whether for the future and current years the favourable remuneration scheme recently adopted should be abandoned and the ordinary provisions regarding payment only when the moieties are closed applicable in most counties again come into operation. There is no purpose in retaining a scheme which is not being adhered to and which is not achieving the object of a substantial improvement in the collection."

INSURANCE RATE COLLECTORS: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. T. Redmond, seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That we dissent from recommendation of Finance Committee relative to obtaining Counsel's opinion as to liability of the County Council for the Insurance of "part time" Rate Collectors and Lay Inspectors under Sheep Dipping Order and inform the Inspector of the Department of Industry and Commerce that the Council will be prepared to offer a reduced payment on the demand more particularly as

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in consequence of the long period during which the question of the liability of the Council was under consideration the employees' portion of the cost of insurance has now to be borne by the Council as well as their own."

RESIGNATION OF MR. STEPHEN HAYES, CLERICAL ASSISTANT: The following under date 5th May 1939 (G.4508/5/39 - Loch Garman) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 26th ultimo regarding the retirement of Mr. S. Hayes, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to request that a medical certificate in the following form be furnished to this Department:

I certify that.....has become incapable of discharging the duties of his office with efficiency by reason of permanent infirmity of mind/body, and that he suffers from (here give the nature of the infirmity and the facts observed by the medical practitioner himself on which the certificate is based)."

As regards request of Mr. Hayes for the commutation of his superannuation the following under date 1st May 1939 was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"As instructed, I have now looked into the question of the possibility of Mr. Hayes commuting any Pension which may be awarded to him on his retirement.

Section 42 (a) of the Local Government Act, 1925, defines a Pensionable Officer as "an Officer who devotes his whole time to the service of a Local Body".

Section 44 (1) (b) provides, that a Local Body shall with the consent of the Minister grant to a Pensionable Officer who becomes incapable of discharging his Duties with efficiency by reason of permanent infirmity, and has not

less than 10 years service, upon his resigning his Office an Annual Allowance for his life, not greater than two thirds of his Yearly Salary and Emoluments.

There is no provision made in the Act for the commutation of Pensions and this being so, I am of opinion, that the County Council have no power to agree to Mr. Hayes's proposal that the Council should commute his Pension and pay him a lump sum in lieu of any annual sum which may be made payable to him for his life."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. M. Redmond seconded by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That we accept, with regret, the resignation of Mr. Stephen Hayes, Clerical Assistant, County Council Office, subject to the receipt of medical certificate as set out in letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health (G.4508/5/39 - Loch Garman - 5th May 1939) and to the approval of the said Department, resignation to take effect as from this date provided consent to this proposal is forthcoming from Department."

WARBLE FLY ORDER: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. M. Redmond seconded by Mr. Keegan:-

"That, in view of letter from Department of Agriculture (L.350-39 - 27th April 1939) John Morrissey, Inspector under Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order 1936, for No. 9 Area be reinstated as from this date."

Mr. M. Redmond proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the following:-

"That in view of the fact that reports that Inspectors William Carty and John Morrissey had not visited stockowners in connection with Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order, were found incorrect and that evidence was submitted to the County Council that these Inspectors had called on the

stockowners referred to, we request the Department of Agriculture to agree to the payment of their remuneration to these Inspectors for the period of their suspension."

Mr. O'Byrne and Col. Quin dissented.

On a show of hands the proposal was carried by 8 to 6.

BLASTING OPERATIONS AND ASSISTANT SURVEYORS: Mr. Birthistle Assistant Surveyor, said that since the application of the Assistant Surveyors to the Finance Committee, the position had been changed as at a meeting of the Assistant Surveyors in Dublin last week it was unanimously decided that they would not handle or transport gelignite in the future. The question was also raised at the Conference between the Road Engineering Staff of the Department of Local Government and Public Health and the Survey staffs of the various Counties. Mr. Courtney, Chief Roads Engineer of the Department, supported the views taken by the Assistant Surveyors in the matter that it was not at all right that Surveyors should be called upon to do this work. In most Counties, a special man had been appointed for the purpose and Mr. Courtney held that such arrangements should obtain in Wexford and all other Counties. Under the present position the compensation which Surveyors would receive in the event of an accident or death caused by explosives was extremely small. In view of that, he believed the Council should not think the Surveyors were unreasonable in asking that they be relieved of this particular work. Until the Council could make suitable arrangements they would keep the work going. The lorry carrying the explosives was insured and also the Garda who accompanied that as escort. The work involved a great deal of danger, and, if anything happened, under the present system, their dependents would get no compensation. They (surveyors) were prepared to carry on the work until other arrangements were made.

Col. Quin - Surely they are covered, and the County Council pay their insurance when they are taking explosives about.

Mr. Birthistle said there was one car covered - the car that accompanied the lorry was insured, and the Guards were insured.

Chairman - I thought there was more than that.

The County Surveyor said the question of Insurances by County Councils including carriage of explosives, cropped up at Road Conference. The County Council agree and do pay the difference between class one policy and class two policy which covers the cartage of explosives. That is, when the Assistant Surveyors are carrying explosives not exceeding 50 lbs. to quarries. They are covered for that, and the car is covered, but as regards a fatal accident it was not accepted as really definite that they were covered.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said that one of the Dublin Assistant Surveyors had been unable to obtain payment of his medical expenses.

Mr. Elgee pointed out that there was something behind the case referred to by Mr. Birthistle that acted against the Surveyor's claim. Of course, the Surveyors had their remedy in Common Law and so far as the Surveyors were concerned it did not matter if the Council were insured or not.

Mr. Keegan thought that a small sub-committee of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Mr. McCarthy should be appointed to deal with the matter.

Col. Quin said the Finance Committee could look after the matter.

County Surveyor - There was a very lengthy discussion with the Department at the Conference on the matter. There are arrangements to look after blasting work, but the

Assistant Surveyor would be the supervisor. It is quite possible you might have a man carrying out the work and that the Assistant Surveyor, or even myself, might meet with a fatal accident if there is blasting going on in a quarry while I was there. We use more explosives than all the other Counties put together.

Chairman - You cannot get away from the fact that the County Council are a substantial body and the Surveyors or their dependents would have a remedy against the Council, in common law, in the event of accident.

Mr. Elgee - They have a remedy in common law.

Chairman - Whether we insure at all or not, they have that remedy. You carry out the insurance to cover the liability, and if you don't cover the liability you pay yourself.

The Chairman proposed that the County and Assistant Surveyors with Mr. Elgee and the Secretary consider suggestions to meet the present situation of the Assistant Surveyors dealing with explosives and as to insurance for this work through an Insurance Company or by the Council acting as their own underwriters and that the suggestions drawn up be submitted to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Crish seconded the proposal which was adopted.

WALL AT ST. KEARNS: Mr. Colfer said that about September when storms were frequent there he was afraid the wall would be in danger of collapse.

The County Surveyor said his experience was that the place one was apt to condemn and to expect it would collapse did not do so and the place which was considered safe does collapse. It might take hundreds and hundreds of pounds if they were to start rebuilding a large portion of that wall and the work would probably be unnecessary.

BALLYGALVERT LANE: Mr. M. Redmond said that applications for repair of this lane had been before the Council several times.

The County Surveyor said the local people wanted the corners widened and the lane repaired on account of lorry traffic. They had altered and improved the corner coming out on the main road. The work asked for meant a big job and no money had been provided for it. The lane was twisted and narrow and in fact for a great part of it two vehicles could not pass without one pulling in on the grass margin to a very considerable extent. Some of the "bends" on the lane were at right angles and very difficult to deal with. It should be admitted it was used to a large extent by lorry traffic.

Mr. M. Redmond said it was from the traffic carried more a link road than a lane.

The County Surveyor said that £1000 had been asked in provisional Road Works Scheme for altering these corners but the proposal was rejected. There were plenty of other places with bad corners but they could not be dealt with as money was ^{not} provided. If the Ratepayers were not in a position to put up the money for these jobs things must remain as they are.

The matter dropped.

OWENSTOWN RIVER: Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said that the position was out of the ordinary. The paling was portion of work under a Minor Relief Scheme Grant. They cleared up two miles of the river which in parts was very narrow as one could step over the most of it. A fence of briars for a few short lengths, stood on Mr. Millar's part of the stream, and they had to cut the briars in cleaning up the stream, ~~The~~ briars constituted a sort of fence, and he (Mr. Birthistle) thought the best thing to do, after cutting

the briars, was to erect a wire fence on Mr. Millar's side for about 150 yards. Mr. Millar complained to him about the fence being dangerous to his stock, and he (Mr. Birthistle) told him he put it up for his sake. Mr. Millar said he would rather have it removed and would take responsibility. He (Assistant Surveyor) saw the man who put up the paling and told him to interview Mr. Millar. He saw Mr. Millar and took down the fence as directed. Now, they had this letter from the owner on the opposite side, Mr. Boggan, asking that they should put back the fence on Mr. Millar's land.

Col. Quin - When he (Mr. Millar) said he was taking responsibility did you get it in writing?

Mr. Birthistle said the County Council foreman took instructions from Mr. Millar. It was a very funny position.

Chairman - I think we should not worry about it. An easy way out of it would be for Mr. Boggan to agree to the length of wire being put on his side.

Mr. Culleton said he lived about 300 yards from Mr. Boggan and knew nothing about this fence. He was told, however, that since the river was cleaned up the road was flooded more than previously.

It was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the County Surveyor.

On the motion of Mr. Lawler, seconded by Mr. Ronan, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 28th April 1939 as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

PROPOSED RECONSTRUCTION OF ROADS BETWEEN POULFUR
AND BALLYCULLANE

The following notice of motion which stood in the name of Mr. Colfer was circulated to County Councillors on the 16th March 1939:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at meeting of Wexford County Council to be held on Monday, 8th May 1939, that the said Council consents to the borrowing of £7000 (Seven Thousand Pounds) from County Treasurer for the purpose of reconstructing and surfacing five and one-third miles of roads between Poulfur and Ballycullane and described as Roads Nos. 843, 845, 876 and 877. Loan to be repaid in five years."

Mr. Colfer, in moving his motion, said that a considerable amount of lorry traffic from Wexford and Enniscorthy utilised this road which was really in a deplorable condition.

The County Surveyor suggested they should apply to the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) for half the cost of reconstruction of these roads viz., £3500.

Mr. Colfer then agreed to amend his motion to read as follows:-

"That the Wexford County Council agrees to the borrowing of £7,000 from the County Treasurer for the purpose of reconstructing and resurfacing five and one-third miles of roads between Poulfur and Ballycullane and described as Roads Nos. 843, 845, 876 and 877, loan to be repaid in five years and on condition that half the cost up to £3,500 be furnished by the Department of Local Government and Public Health."

Mr. Corish seconded the amended motion and pointed out that although this route was not a main road it was included in a very important tourist area. The Fethard tourist resort, served by this route, was gaining in popularity

every year and taking into account the degree of its importance it was certainly the worst road in the County. If they secured the 50% of the cost the balance would not put a big levy on the ratepayers of the County and would really mean in the end a saving in the future maintenance of the route.

Mr. T. Redmond stated he knew the route very well and could bear out what Mr. Corish had stated. It was true that it was subject to a more insistent and heavy motor traffic than a great many of the main roads and it was impassible at the moment.

Col. Quin said he would have to vote against the proposal as the route was very near a Main Road and the Department had refused to provide a Grant for the reconstruction on the grounds that it was parallel to a Main Road. It was insane to keep on borrowing at the rate at which the County Council had adopted. They were now close to the £2,000,000 mark and if they continued on their present procedure of borrowing for everything that required any reasonable outlay there could be only one result.

The County Surveyor said there was an improvement scheme on the main road from Poulfur to Ballinery through Burkestown which would be finished this autumn. The Department objected to two big schemes going on in the one area simultaneously. The main road scheme would be finished before Mr. Colfer's scheme can be brought into operation. The road proposed to be done served Fethard from Wexford, Ballycullane and all round Newbawn.

The Chairman said that the route linked up important seaside resorts and also was very useful for traffic to Ballycullane Railway Station.

The County Surveyor stated that unless the reconstruction of this road was carried out it would never be any better

Mr. Bowe said if they were successful in securing £3500 from the State the reconstruction of this road would really be a saving to the ratepayers.

The resolution was then put and passed, Col. Quin dissenting.

On the suggestion of Mr. Corish it was decided to make special representations to the Tourist Association to induce the Department of Local Government and Public Health to furnish 50% of the cost of reconstruction in this case.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The following motion, of which he had given previous notice, was moved by the Chairman:-

"That the Regulation of the County Council under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts that advances of loans will be granted only for houses approved for Government Grant, be withdrawn in respect of Gorey Urban area as no Government Grant is now available in that area. As regards amount of loan to be advanced I will move that the figure of £300 maximum amount up to which 90% of loan (less Government Grant in any area in which Government Grant is payable) can be advanced be increased to £350."

Mr. O'Byrne seconded and the proposal was adopted nem. con.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following list of applicants was submitted:-

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UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME 1939

LIST OF APPLICANTS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Abbreviations:- C (Children under 18). I (Income).
V (Valuation).

1. Barry, Francis Patrick, Hillview, Coolcots, Wexford.
C.1. I. £120. V. £21. 15. 0. Farmer.
2. Breen, Margaret M., 25 Main Street, Wexford.
C.4. I. £150. V. £15. Draper.
3. Breen, Sarah Mary, 24 MacCurtin Street, Gorey.
C. None. I. £150. V. £2. 5. 0d. Carpenter.
4. Byrne, William, Camblin, New Ross.
C. None. I. £87. V. £39. 10. 0. Farmer.
5. Carroll, Mary Anne, Streamstown, Tagcoat, Co. Wexford.
C. 3. I. £100. V. £2. 5. 0. Railway Porter.
6. Cullen, Philip Michael, Killiane, Drinagh, Co. Wexford.
C. 2. I. £135. V. £95. 15. 0. Farmer.
7. Cummins, Christina Mary, 2 McCurtin Road, Wexford.
C. 2. I. £234. V. £37. 15. 0. Farmer and Superin-
tendent Bacon Factory.
8. Daly, Richard, Tullabeg, Camolin, Co. Wexford.
C. None. I. £70. V. £4. 10. 0. Carpenter.
9. Donohue, Thomas Oliver, Johnstown, Clonegal, Ferns.
C. 3. I. £387. V. £2. Mother National Teacher
Father Pensioner.
(Income limit for 3 children £270).
10. Doyle, Bridget Teresa, Drimmagh, Rosslare.
C. 3. I. £150. Railway Employee.
11. Duggan, Anne Mary, The Leap, Enniscorthy.
C. 3. I. £100. V. £10. 15. 0. Blacksmith.
12. Finn, Joseph, 16 Main Street, Gorey.
C. 6. I. £250. V. £18. Garage Owner.
13. Fitzgerald Nancy, 8 Wafer Street, Enniscorthy.
C. 2. I. £185. V. £10. Solicitor's Clerk.
14. Hickey, Thomas, Meyler's Park, New Ross.
C. 6. I. V. £61. 15s. Farmer.
15. Jordan, Laurence A., Ballyvelig, Campile, Co. Wexford.
C. 2. I. V. £1. 10s. Labourer.
16. Kelly, Edward, 10 Grattan Terrace, Gorey.
C. 2. I. £200. V. £3. Railway Worker.
17. Leary, John Kevin, Ballyboro, Clonroche, Co. Wexford.
C. 2. I. £60. V. £2. Labourer.

18. Leonard, John Patrick, Westlands, St. John's Road, Wexford.
C. 3. I. £300. V. £14. Stonecutter.
(Income limit for 3 children £270.)
19. Mulligan, Mary Teresa, Craan, Gorey.
C. 2. I. £60. V. £57. Farmer.
20. Murphy Winifred M., Richmond Terrace, Wexford.
C. 2. I. £250 to £300. V. £22. Commission Agent.
(Income limit for 2 children £270).
21. O'Leary, John T., 31 St. Enda's Terrace, Wexford.
C. 1. I. £133. 7. 0. V. £4. 10. 0. Mother National
Teacher.
22. O'Leary Margaret, Our Lady's Island, Broadway, Co. Wexford.
C. 2. I. £50. V. £1. Labourer.
23. O'Neill, Mary Anne, Bushville, Tagcoat, Co. Wexford.
C. 4. I. £90. V. £25. 10s. Farmer.
24. Phillips, Nicholas, Kellystown, Rathaspeck, Co. Wexford.
C. 1. I. £180. V. £8. Shopkeeper.
25. Ryan, Mary Bridget, 16 Quay, New Ross.
C. 1. I. £200. V. £13. Coal Merchant and Publican.
26. Sheil, Hubert, 5 Pearse Street, Gorey.
C. 5. I. £156. V. 3. Labourer.
27. Vaughey, Thomas Francis, 6 Peter's Square, Wexford.
C. 2. I. £200. V. Traveller.
28. Willis, Denis Leo, 8 Francis Street, Wexford.
C. 2. I. £138. V. Railway Employee.
29. Doyle John, Quay Road, Duncannon.
C. None. I. £78. V. £4. 10s. Shop Assistant.

N. J. FRIZELLE,

Secretary Wexford County Council.

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

4th May, 1938.

In connection with No. 18 (John Patrick Leonard) the following under date 6th May 1939 was read from his father, John Leonard, 1 St. John's Road, Wexford:-

"With reference to the form of application for County Council Scholarship, I stated on the form that my total income was £300, and I find that on going into the matter very carefully that the total income for the year ending March 31st 1938 was £256, and I will be very thankful if this note could be submitted with the application form."

As regards No. 20 (Winifred M. Murphy) Income was stated to be from £250 to £300.

Under date 5th May 1939 the County Solicitor wrote Miss Murphy's father that exact figures of his income for year ended 31st March last should be furnished.

In reply to this, Mr. John Murphy wrote under date 6th May 1939:-

"In reply to Mr. Elgee's enquiry re Income the actual amount of income for the year 1st April 1938 to 31st March 1939 is £258."

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. McCarthy and seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That applicants for University Scholarships as submitted to this meeting, be declared eligible to compete for same with the exception of Nos. 9 (Thomas Oliver Donohoe), 18 (John P. Leonard) and 20 (Winifred M. Murphy) as the Income of parents as set out on application forms in these cases is in excess of amount fixed by County Council."

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following amendment:-

"That, in view of letter from Mr. John Leonard, St. John's Road, Wexford under date 6th May 1939 setting out his income as £256 and which comes within the provisions of University Scholarship Scheme we declare John P. Leonard

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eligible to compete for University Scholarship."

After discussion a show of hands was taken on the amendment when four were in favour and 18 against.

Mr. McCarthy's resolution was then put and declared adopted.

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

"That we hereby declare Oliver P. Donohoe, John P. Leonard and Winifred M. Murphy ineligible to compete for award of University Scholarships."

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1937

Under date 1st May 1939, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L.1471/39) asking to be furnished with particulars of the arrangements which the County Council proposed making under above Order for the Dipping Period 1st August 1939 to 31st October 1939. They also forwarded draft copy of specimen regulations.

It was decided that the question of appointment of lay Sheep Dipping Inspectors be dealt with at County Council meeting to be held on 12th June 1939.

CARNE PIER

Under date 28th April 1939, the following letter was read from Mr. Samuel B. Weldon, Carnsore, Broadway:-

"The fishermen of Carne have asked me to inform you that they are willing to repair the Slipway at Carne Pier provided the Council would provide the cement.

The winter before the last the fishing would have been lost if there had been no slip.

They would do it under instructions from County Surveyor."

The County Surveyor stated that some cement was given to the fishermen on a previous occasion but they did not

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carry out a satisfactory job. He (County Surveyor) had agreed with Mr. Birthistle (Assistant Surveyor) to undertake some repairs to the Pier. In addition to that, since his letter, Mr. Weldon had informed the County Surveyor that it was not possible to get all those concerned to agree to carry out the suggestions made in his letter.

To meet the situation, the County Surveyor said he would carry out the necessary repairs himself and the meeting approved.

DANGEROUS TURN CAMOLIN - BALLYDUFF ROAD

Mr. Bolger called attention to dangerous turn on Camolin-Ballyduff Road. This turn, he said, had been the subject of attention 13 years ago and had been raised ever since by memorials and deputations. During the past two years no less than 12 accidents had occurred there.

The Chairman said that no money had been provided for this class of work. Mr. Bolger could bring it up in November when the Road Works Scheme was under consideration.

The County Surveyor said he was sure he could count nearly 1000 of these corners and unless the Council were prepared to run amok and put up the Rates sky high he did not see how they could be dealt with except in a very limited way and from time to time.

Mr. Bolger said that this corner would probably be dealt with when a jury called attention to it after a fatal accident.

The matter dropped.

WORK AT GLYNN AND CARRIGMANNON

Miss O'Ryan asked the County Surveyor when he would be ready to start work on the road Glynn and Carrigmannon. The people were all out of work there, because there was no fishing.

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The County Surveyor said the scheme prepared had not yet been sanctioned by the Department.

The Secretary stated that a resolution from the local Fianna Fail Cumann would be considered at next meeting of the Finance Committee.

CLONARD (WEXFORD) ROAD

Mr. Corish asked what had become of the proposal to do Clonard road leading to Wexford Park.

The Surveyor said the Department had asked for particulars of all kinds and they had been supplied.

Mr. Corish - It is not our fault that the work is held up.

Secretary - No.

ROAD AND QUARRY WORKERS' HOLIDAY PAY

Mr. Ronan proposed that road workers when getting annual holidays be given their pay before the holiday commenced.

Mr. Corish seconded and said he had asked that to be done last year.

The Chairman said it would present no difficulty.

The proposition was passed.

MAINTENANCE OF OVERLINE RAILWAY BRIDGES

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

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the endorsement to be placed on the Agreement dated the 16th day of December 1921, between the Wexford County Council, and the Fishguard and Rosslare Railways and Harbours Company, dealing with the amounts to be paid by the Railway Company for the Maintenance of the overhead Bridges in the County, reducing the amounts to be paid in respect of the Bridges at Ballybro, Hill of Sea, and Kilrane, to the sum of £4 per annum."

CARTING OF MATERIAL FROM CAHORE-POULDUFF FORESHORE

The following memorial (which was extensively signed) under date 28th April 1939, was submitted from Mr. Martin Lacey, Glasscarrig South, Clonevan:-

"We, the residents of Glasscarrig South and Kilmichael and owners of property and houses, wish to bring to the notice of the Wexford County Council that we strongly object to the carting of material off the Cahore-Poulduff Strand and we call on the Council to put a stop to it.

During the past few years, thousands of tons of large stones and gravel have been carted off this particular part of the strand with the result that the sea have made terrible inroads on the Sea Banks fronting our houses. During the past few months hundreds of tons of large stones which lay on the strand at the base of the Sea Banks have been removed by carters with the result that the removing of these stones which were a very good breakwater have left the sea banks without any protection whatever in the event of a storm. As our homes are situated in a very low situation almost under sea level it would not need to be a very strong storm to rise the sea to an extent that would leave us homeless. We therefore call on the Council to give us protection for our homes by putting a stop to this carting before it is too late."

Mr. Smyth stated that the people on the North Shore were alarmed that their houses might be carried away if the practice of taking material from this position continued.

The County Surveyor stated that the Board of Health were taking more stuff from the foreshore than anybody else.

Mr. Smyth pointed out that, of course, the Council had also to consider the other side of the picture - the position of those who were employed in providing road material from this foreshore and also the fact that a number of people

took the finer material for building purposes. So far as he could understand the general opinion was that if the County Council did not take the larger sea-stones from the North side the people concerned would be satisfied.

On the motion of Mr. Smyth, seconded by Mr. Corish, it was decided that the County Surveyor be instructed to take from the South side of foreshore at Cahore-Poulduff ordinary sea-gravel but that the larger stones on the North side be not interfered with.

GLENCREE REFORMATORY

Mr. Corish said that the proposal that the State should assume full responsibility for financing above Institution was raised by him at the Spring meeting of the County Councils General Council. It was decided to ascertain what decision had been arrived at by other Counties and to consider the situation as affected by this at the next meeting.

ANALYST'S REPORT

From quarterly report submitted by the County Analyst for period ended 31st March 1939 it appeared that 236 foods, 33 Drugs and 6 Waters (total 275) were analysed. Of these, two milks, one butter and one Olive Oil were found to be adulterated and five waters submitted by County Wexford Board of Health were condemned.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES 1908

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Colfer, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That renewal of licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 be issued to the following:-

James J. Codd, 26-27 Court Street, Enniscorthy.

B. Hennessey, South Street, New Ross.

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Richard Breen, Commercial Quay, Wexford.
Denis Lennon, Bunclody and
Nicholas Murphy, Shelbourne Co-op, Boro, Rathnure,
Enniscorthy."

PAYMENT TO ROAD CONTRACTORS

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the
following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the several payments submitted to this meeting
including payments for roads and public works etc. as
certified by County Surveyor on Forms 22 be and are hereby
agreed to and that Pay Orders for same issue as from this
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Denis H. C.

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING, 12th JUNE, 1939

MINUTES

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

N. J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary Wexford County Council.

The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 12th June, 1939.

Mr. D. Allen, Chairman, presided.

Also present:- Messrs. Moses Bolger, J. J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, Christopher Culleton, John Day, Raymond Doyle, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, James Kennedy, William Kinsella, James Lawler, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan and Myles Smyth.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor and the five Assistant Surveyors of the Council were in attendance.

Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £12,475. 8. 2d were examined and signed.

REPLIES TO VOTES OF CONDOLENCE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Col. Quin:-

"That the following replies to votes of condolence adopted by the Council at last meeting be inserted on the Minutes of the day:-

FROM MR. MALACHI SWEETMAN, M.C.C.: "On behalf of my wife and myself I wish to thank you personally for your kind sympathy on the death of Mr. O'Connor. I will be obliged if you would thank the County Council for their vote of condolence to me."

FROM MR. T. J. MAYLER, M.C.C.: "I acknowledge with thanks your letter of the 8th instant conveying the vote of condolence passed by the Council on the death of my Aunt -

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Miss Rossiter, Newbawn.

I also appreciate your note of personal sympathy."

FROM MR. R. J. ENNIS, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR: "Please convey to the County Council on behalf of Mrs. Ennis and myself our thanks for their kind vote of sympathy on the death of Miss Rossiter.

We would also like to thank you for your personal expression of condolence."

FROM MR. JOHN DEEGAN, RATE COLLECTOR: "I have received your letter of the 12th instant and am deeply touched and grateful to the County Council for their vote of condolence on the deaths of my father and sister and for the wonderful tributes paid by you and the members to their memories.

Will you please convey to the Council my sincere thanks and accept the same yourself for your own kindness to me in these bereavements."

FROM MISS MULLETT, BREE: "The family of the late John Mullett return sincere thanks to all members of the County Council for their kind sympathy in their recent bereavement!"

STRIKING OF RATES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1939/40

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. T. Redmond, seconded by Mr. Lawlor and adopted:-

76 "That we hereby allow and make the Rates for Financial year 1939/40 as agreed to at meeting of County Council on 13th March 1939 and as set out and assessed in Rate Books for each Collection District for the County, our Secretary having certified at foot of said Rate Books that the Rate in so far as the valuation of the hereditaments now in force therein is concerned, is in conformity with the valuation supplied by General Valuation Office, and in accordance with

instructions of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and that occupiers of Agricultural Land be given such relief in respect of Rates on Agricultural Land as has been provided by the Oireachtas for the financial year ending 31st March 1940, such Relief to be given by way of abatement as determined by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

That the following sums, as agreed to at meeting of this Council held on 13th March 1939 be demanded from the three Urban Councils of the County for financial year 1939/40:-

Enniscorthy	£3914.	18.	9
New Ross	£3531.	1.	4
Wexford	£8119.	9.	6."

ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL

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

"That the annual meeting of Wexford County Council be held on 26th June 1939 and that the succeeding meeting be held on 14th August 1939."

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1937

Under date 1st May 1939, the Department of Agriculture wrote (L.1471/39) asking to be furnished with particulars of the arrangements which the County Council proposed making under above Order for the Dipping Period 1st August 1939 to 31st October 1939. They also forwarded draft copy of specimen regulations. (This communication was adjourned from meeting of County Council held on 8th May 1939).

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. T. Redmond:-

"That, subject to the approval of the Minister for Agriculture, the following be re-appointed Lay Inspectors

for season 1939 under the Agriculture Act 1931 Diseases of Animals Acts 1894 to 1935 and Orders made thereunder (Sheep Dipping Order 1937 in particular):-

Enniscorthy District: MR. JAMES MURPHY, JOHNSVILLE, FERNS, for the Electoral Divisions of Ballycarney, Ballymore, Castledockrill, Ferns, Kilbora, Kilcormack, Kilrush, Marshalstown, Moyacomb, Newtownbarry, St. Mary's, The Harrow, Tinnacross, Tombrack and Rossard.

MR. MYLES ROBAN, ST. JOHN'S VILLAS, ENNISCORTHY, for the Electoral Divisions of Ballindaggin, Ballyhogue, Ballyhuskard, Ballyvaldon, Bolaboy, Bree, Castleboro, Castle Ellis, Castle Talbot, Clonroche, Edermine, Enniscorthy Rural and Urban, Killanne, Killoughrim, Kilmallock, Kildealy and The Leap.

Gorey District: MR. PATRICK ORMONDE, BALLYELLIS, CARNEW, for the Electoral Divisions of Ballylarkin, Ballynestragh, Coolgreany, Courtown, Gorey Rural, Gorey Urban, Kilgorman, Kilnaheue, Limerick, Monaseed and Wingfield.

MR. THOMAS PRENDERGAST, KNOCKSKIMOLIN, OULART, for the Electoral Divisions of Ardamine, Ballybeg, Ballycanew, Ballyellis, Ballygarrett, Ballyoughter, Cahore, Ford, Huntingtown, Kilcomb, Killenagh, Killincooley, Monamolin, Rosminogue and Wells.

New Ross District: MR. M. J. HENNESSY, MONAMOLIN, RATHNURE ENNISCORTHY.

Wexford District: MR. JAMES HAYDEN, CORLICAN, KILLURIN.

Remuneration in each case £20 for dipping period plus actual amount spent for postage."

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 12th MAY 1939: The Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 12th May, 1939.

Mr. D. Allen, Chairman (presiding) also, present, Messrs. P. Colfer, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and Miss N. O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £6299. 19. 9d Ordinary Payments and £700 (W. F. Barry, County Surveyor) Holiday Fund Account, were examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following shows the state of Rate Collection to 11th May 1939:-

<u>Name of Collector.</u>	<u>Percentage of Warrant Collected.</u>
1. J. Curtis	95.7
2. J. J. O'Reilly	93.2
3. E. J. Murphy	93.1
4. D. Kenny	91.3
5. M. Kehoe	90.5
6. J. Deegan	90.1
7. S. Gannon	89.6
8. P. Nolan	88.7
9. J. Cummins	88.6
10. P. Carty	86.8
11. P. Doyle	86.6
12. M. McCarthy	85.1
13. J. Flood	83.7
14. A. Dunne	83.7
15. J. Quirke	78.9
16. J. J. Sinnott	78.7
17. W. Cummins	78.6
18. W. Doyle	<u>77.8</u>

Average 86.4.

It was stated that the average on the collection was 1% below that of the corresponding period last year.

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POUNDAGE: Under date 2nd May, 1939, (No. G.2732/7/39 Loch Garman) letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health which was referred to the Finance Committee from last general meeting was read:-

"With reference to your letter of the 21st ultimo on the subject I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he will raise no objection on this occasion to the payment of 3rd interim poundage to the collectors referred to. This is given on the understanding that final rates of poundage are not agreed to and that when the warrants are closed the balance payable will be determined on the merits in each case.

The Minister must now ask the Council to consider whether for the future and current years the favourable remuneration scheme recently adopted should be abandoned and the ordinary provisions regarding payment only when the moieties are closed applicable in most counties again come into operation. There is no purpose in retaining a scheme which is not being adhered to and which is not achieving the object of a substantial improvement in the collection."

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman to send copy of this letter to Rate Collectors and to notify them that the Finance Committee would be obliged to consider the advice of the Local Government Department in this matter at the time of the issue of Warrants for 1939/40.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

JOHN WICKHAM, 22 IRISH STREET, ENNISCORTHY: Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, submitted letter from Messrs. J. A. Sinnott & Co., Solicitors, for this applicant, under date 2nd May, 1939, asking for amended Certificate of Value from the Assistant Surveyor to enable loan to be increased to £200.

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The Finance Committee decided that the proposal of the Chairman adopted at meeting on 8th May 1939 allowing a maximum loan of 90% of value of house, less amount of Government Grant for houses valued up to £350 should apply in this case in which the house is valued at £340. According to the new proposal Mr. Wickham would be entitled to a maximum loan of £236.

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

"That loan of £170 agreed to in the case of John Wickham, 22 Irish Street, Enniscorthy, be increased by £30, in view of change in regulations made at meeting of County Council on 8th May 1939."

JOHN FIELDING, SEAVIEW, BARN TOWN: This applicant was approved for loan of £100. He made application for an extra £30.

In his initial valuation Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, pointed out as the house was in a backward position he had not valued it as highly as if it were in a more favourable situation. However, after further examination of all details he considered the value could be taken at £225, £205 for the house and £20 for the site. On this, the maximum amount the applicant would be entitled to would be £130.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts of £100 agreed to in the case of John Fielding, Seaview, Barn town, be increased to £130 in view of revised valuation of Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor."

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JOHN MURPHY, ADAMSTOWN, AGRICULTURAL LABOURER: This man applied for £200 and on the plan of house he estimated the value at £400. Some members of the Committee believed it to be valued at £300 only and they were of opinion that an agricultural labourer would not be in a position to pay a rent of 4s. 10d per week for 35 years to discharge the loan of £200.

Subsequently, Mr. Colfer pointed out that Murphy had a son in a good position who would be satisfied to assist in paying the instalment of loan, if necessary.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, ascertain if a joint tenancy could be effected in this case for John Murphy and his son.

Mr. Keegan proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the maximum amount of loan be advanced in this case to John Murphy, on a Certificate from the Assistant Surveyor from the district and also subject to a report from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, that a joint tenancy could be entered into, ^{to} be reported to the next meeting of the Finance Committee."

THOMAS MURRAY, BOGWEST, MAYGLASS: This applicant had been approved for £120 and a letter was read from Mr. J. K. Cooper, Solicitor, Wexford, acting for Mr. Murray, asking if a loan could be increased by a further £100.

It was decided to point out to Mr. Cooper that in view of the Certificate as to value of House and Site from the Assistant Surveyor for the district (£250) the maximum increase could be £45 only and the Finance Committee were prepared to recommend this amount to the County Council, if Mr. Murray was satisfied to avail of the amount and provided sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be obtained to the proposed increase.

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ADJOURNED APPLICANTS: It was pointed out that a number of applications provisionally approved a considerable time ago had not been completed owing to Title not being submitted and lack of other information which had not been supplied by applicants. If loans were granted in respect of all these applications the available amount would be exhausted.

It was decided that the County Solicitor communicate with all applicants concerned and that new applications be considered at the end of June 1939 when the amount available in respect of any approved applicants who may withdraw will be ascertained.

The following new applications were then adjourned:-

Edward Kehoe, Raheenduff, Oulart. Commission Agent.
Application for loan of £255. House valued at £300.

P. O'Keefe, Mulrankin, Bridgetown. Beet loading Agent
Application for loan of £200. House valued at £300.

Thomas Hayes, Kilcannon, Enniscorthy, for loan of £200
and house valued at £300.

VESTING OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY UNDER SMALL DWELLINGS ACTS:

Under date 3rd May 1939 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (Circ. H.60/39) pointing out that before making an advance under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act 1899, the County Council should be satisfied that repayment of the advance is secured by an instrument vesting the ownership of the property in the County Council subject to the right of redemption by applicants for the advances.

The following under date 12th May 1939, was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday enclosing copy of circular letter dated the 3rd instant (Circ.H.60/39) from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, and with reference thereto I write to say that:-

All the Loans which the Wexford County Council have

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made under the above Acts to Borrowers, are secured by Deeds of Mortgage which vest in the County Council the Property on which the House to be erected, out of the Proceeds of the Loan is situate in Fee Simple (except in two or three cases where the Tenure is Leasehold, with over 60 years to run, in which cases, the Residue of the Term is vested in the County Council) subject to the repayment by Annual Instalments during a period of 35 years, of the amount of the Loan, with Interest thereon at 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ %. In addition, the Borrower has the option of, at any time on giving at least six months' Notice to redeem the whole or any part of the Loan.

No Advance is made until the Mortgage Deed is actually signed, and a Certificate to that effect given by me to you, as Secretary of the Council."

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDERS 1936

The following under date 5th May 1939 (G.446-39) was read from Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to previous correspondence regarding the operation of the above Orders, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state, for the information of your local authority, that he has made a new Order entitled the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle)(Amendment) Order, 1939, a few advance copies of which are enclosed.

The principal effect of this new Order is to extend to Inspectors of the Minister the power of serving Detention Notices on defaulting stockowners. This power, as you are aware, under Article 8 of the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order, 1936, was restricted to Inspectors of local authorities. It was also a condition attached to the service of such a Notice that a report must first be furnished by the Inspector to the local authority and that body's direction in the matter obtained. Under the new Order an

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Inspector of the Minister is now, however, required to report to, and await a direction from, a local authority before proceeding to serve a Notice of the kind and an Inspector of a local authority is also placed in the same position in this respect as an Inspector of the Minister, that is, he may now serve a Notice without reference to his local authority.

The form of the Detention Notice as prescribed in the schedule to the principal Order, that is the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order, 1936, has also been amended so as to ensure that the Notice cannot be withdrawn by an Inspector either of the Minister or of a local authority until treatment of the cattle specified has been carried out in the prescribed manner."

The Secretary stated that copies of this communication had been furnished to the Lay Inspectors appointed under Warble Fly Orders and also to the Supervising Veterinary Inspectors.

The Secretary stated that John Flynn, Inspector for No. 8 Area, under Warble Fly Order, was absent on sick leave. Medical certificate stated he would require leave from 1st to 15th May 1939.

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

UNIVERSITY SCHEME: Mr. Colfer gave the following notice of motion for consideration at meeting of 12th June 1939:-

"That the decision of County Council at their meeting on 8th May 1939 declaring John P. Leonard, Westlands, St. John's Road, Wexford, as ineligible to compete for award of University Scholarship be rescinded and that the said John P. Leonard be recognised as eligible to sit for examination for said Scholarship.

The following report of Scholarship Committee was submitted:-

A meeting of Wexford County Council Scholarship Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 29th April, 1939.

Present - Messrs. S. O'Byrne, G. Hurley and Miss O'Ryan.

The County Secretary was in attendance.

The principal item considered was the necessity for making some provision for the after education of pupils from elementary schools between the ages of 14 and 16.

The Committee recognised that with a large majority after leaving National schools education and books were put completely to one side with the result that at the age of 16 a good deal of the knowledge acquired at the elementary school becomes rusty and hazy and if scholarships are awarded to pupils in this category too much time is wasted in brushing up their elementary education.

The Committee believe it would be of great advantage - more particularly to residents in rural districts - if some means could be devised by which provision would be made to hold those as students after 14 years old. The result would be if awarded even ordinary secondary scholarships they would be in a much better position to benefit by them and their mental activities would be awakened and stimulated.

The Committee felt that one of the ways by which this could be done would be through Vocational Schools and more particularly through those in which the Principal held a Degree in Agricultural Science.

The Committee also wished to point out that the present schemes of the County Council are of very limited advantage in the development of Agriculture. So far as Wexford County is concerned these were catered for through the

Scholarships of the County Committee of Agriculture, six being provided for boys tenable at the Provincial Schools of the Department of Agriculture and four for girls tenable at Ramsgrange.

In addition there are two Higher scholarships available at the Albert Agricultural College, Glasnevin. The Committee are of opinion that in districts at a distance from a Vocational School the County Committee might arrange for the holding of agricultural classes.

It was suggested (from outside sources) that if the four scholarships in University Scheme were cut down to two this would release £140, and should the County Council agree to hand over this amount to the County Committee of Agriculture it was expected that a similar sum would be provided by the Department of Agriculture, thus leaving £280 which would provide for 14 Agricultural Scholarships at Provincial Schools and at Ramsgrange.

A further point discussed in relation to the University Scholarship Scheme was a suggestion that the figures for valuation and Income should be increased by 10% in both cases.

The Committee decided to place these suggestions before the next meeting of the Finance Committee, as they felt that careful examination of any such proposals should be made before recommending any change.

It was decided to ascertain from the Department of Agriculture if they will agree to provide £140 for extra Agricultural Scholarships should the County Council hand to the County Committee a similar amount.

APPLICATION EXTENSION UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP: The County Solicitor said he was not yet in a position to advise the County Council as to whether they were empowered to extend a University Scholarship for a fourth year as requested by Mr. J. J. Meyler, Blackhall, Glynn.

The following under date 1st May 1939 was read from Very Rev. James Doran, President, St. Peter's College, Wexford:-

"I am making a formal application on behalf of Laurence A. Jordan of Ballyvelig, Campile, for the renewal of his Scholarship for a fifth year. During the School Year of 1937-1938 he was absent from the College from September 1937 to January 1938 owing to illness. He had not the benefit of the Scholarship during his period of absence. I enclose financial statement in verification. I shall be grateful if the County Council give every favourable consideration to his application. He is entering for the University Scholarship this year, but his chance of success has been made difficult by his absence from College through illness."

It appeared that in respect of 1937-38 Scholarship Fr. Doran had refunded £13. 6. 8d to the County Council in consequence of the illness of the Scholarship Holder.

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

"That, subject to the sanction of the Department of Education, Scholarship (under Secondary & Vocational Scheme) be awarded Laurence A. Jordan, Ballyvelig, Campile, for a fifth year in accordance with application from Fr. Doran, President, St. Peter's College, Wexford, under date 1st May, 1939"

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VACANCY IN COUNTY COUNCIL STAFF

It was decided to adjourn action as to filling vacancy on County Council staff created by the resignation of Mr. Stephen Hayes until the latter had submitted Medical Certificate in the form required by the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

TELEPHONE ATTENDANT

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

"That Miss B. Moran, Telephone Attendant, be appointed on the permanent staff of the Council as from 9th August 1938."

FLOODING AT KILMACREE, DRINAGH

After some discussion as to the visit of Sub-Committee to Kilmacree in connection with the flooding of the cottage of Patrick Whelan it was decided that County Surveyor and County Solicitor should again inspect and submit a written report to the Finance Committee.

ERECTION OF STORE

Mr. Michael Shannon, Campile, wrote under date 5th May 1939 that he intended building a store at Campile village and enclosed sketch of location.

The County Surveyor said that the site was not 30 feet from the centre of the road but it would not be an obstruction to traffic.

It was decided to make no order on the application.

APPLICATION FROM COUNTY ANALYST FOR INCREASED FEES

The following letter from Secretary, County Board of Health, under date 11th May, 1939, was read:-

"With reference to yours of the 10th instant in connection with fees for the Public Analyst, I beg to inform you

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that during the year ending March 31st, 1939, fees were paid to the Public Analyst by the Board of Health as follows:

Water @ one guinea each	-	£22. 1. 0
Medicines @ 5/- each		£50. 15. 0.

On the new basis there will be no difference in the payment for water samples.

If medicines were taken at a 6/- sample rate the figure would be £60. 8. 0. If they were taken at the Sending Station rate the figure would be £96, so that on the per sample basis, the increase over last year's figure would be £10. 18. 0., and on the Sending Station basis increase on last year's figure would be £45. 5. 0."

It was decided to adjourn further consideration to next meeting and that in the meantime County Analyst be asked to say if she would be satisfied to accept a salary to cover all the work of County Council and County Board of Health.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Under date 11th May 1939 the District Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Enniscorthy, wrote that he intended to apply for committal of Patrick Larkin, Monart, Enniscorthy, to an Industrial School to the District Justice at Enniscorthy on 25th May 1939.

Referred to County Solicitor.

PAINTING NEW ROSS BRIDGE

The County Surveyor submitted the following tenders for the painting of New Ross Bridge:-

Mr. Michael E. Stokes, 13 Quay, Waterford	£487. 10. 0d.
M. O'Connor & Co., Wexford	£698. 10. 0.
H. G. Whalley, 21 O'Connell St., Waterford	£825 and
James Warren & Son, 4 Nath Summer St., Dublin	£830.

The County Surveyor said the work cost £600 on the last occasion when there was only the one tender. He had made

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special enquiries as to the standing of Mr. Stokes who submitted the lowest tender. Mr. Stokes had carried out some important jobs in Waterford including the Ursuline Convent, the Post Office and the County Infirmary. The Resident Medical Surgeon of the last named institution informed him that Mr. Stokes was a most satisfactory Contractor.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to accept the tender of Mr. Michael Stokes, 13 Quay, Waterford, at £487. 10. 0d for the painting of New Ross Bridge, work to be carried out according to specification and to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

It was decided that the County Solicitor prepare bond and arrange for its completion by Mr. Stokes and his Sureties

ROAD MATTERS

STEAM ROLLING SQUARE, BUNCLODY: The following under date 3rd May 1939 was read from the Hon. Secretary, Town Improvement Committee, Buncloody:-

"At their meeting on 1st instant, my Committee directed me to suggest to Council that the present would be an opportune time to have Mr. Halldare's Square steam-rolled. They understand that the men are laid off and that the two steamrollers are idle. It is not now a question of cost to the Council as that will be borne by Mr. Halldare.

The large heaps of stones dumped on the Square proved very awkward for cattle and their owners the last fair day.

The Committee hope that their suggestion will meet with the favourable consideration of the Council."

The County Surveyor said that the Town Improvement Committee could be informed that the work would start shortly.

ROAD CARRIGMANNON BRIDGE AND GLYNN: The following under date 4th May 1939 was read from Glynn Fianna Fail Cumann:-

"Would you kindly submit the following resolution passed at the meeting of the Glynn Fianna Fail Cumann on May 1st.

" That in view of the large amount of unemployment in the Killurin and Glynn area and the failure of the salmon fishing on the Slaney, that the County Council proceed with the work on the road between Carrigmannon Bridge and Glynn."

Miss O'Ryan said that some steps should be taken at once to see that work under Unemployment Relief Grant would be started at once. They did not know in Dublin of the failure of the fishing at Killurin and of the large number of people unemployed in the district.

The Chairman said that the money for Unemployment was allocated on the basis of unemployment in the area last February and the Council was notified.

The County Surveyor said that certain Electoral divisions which had up to the specified number of unemployed were eligible for the grant and the total amount available was allocated on that basis. The Department then came along and gave a list of places at which they wanted small jobs done immediately and which were selected from the general allocation. Carrigmannon was not included on the list and so far as he (County Surveyor) could see there was nothing that could be done at Carrigmannon until the Autumn.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. McCarthy seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem. con.:-

"That the County Surveyor make special and urgent representations to the Department of Local Government and at road between Carrigmannon Bridge and Glynn Public Health (Roads) as to sanctioning work under Unemployment Relief Grant to start at once in view of the fact that the fishing district last season has been a failure and all

those engaged in the industry practically are now unemployed.

FLOODING CAMBLIN-NEW ROSS: The following under date 6th May 1939 was read from Lieut.Col. Tyndall, Oaklands, New Ross:-

"I am writing again to know if anything is being done by the Board of Works, Land Commission or whoever is responsible for grants for unemployment in respect of the flooding of the marshes between Camblin and New Ross.

The grass has begun to come at last after a late spring but it is not possible to put cattle on such highly rated marshes because of the state of the banks and consequent flooding.

It is a case of divided responsibility. I am quite willing to do my share, but it is useless to do so if others will not do likewise. No one else will do anything and these marshes are useless while the County Council still demands rates on them. Would it not be possible for some Central Authority to do it."

The Chairman said they could not do anything in the matter.

BALLINLAW ROAD - GREAT ISLAND: Under date 4th May 1939, the following was read from Mr. W. J. Murphy, Kilmokea, Campile:-

"Referring to previous correspondence in connection with above road, I beg to say that it is untrue (what someone stated at a County Council meeting) that this road was let out of contract, in order to substitute the Loughtown branch. I know both roads for the past 60 years, and the Loughtown road was always kept in repair down to the very waters edge. The Ballinlaw road was allowed to drop when the New Ross boat (S.S.Ida) was taken off on the completion of the railways.

Ballinlaw Ferry was an important steamboat station where

the boat stopped morning and evening every day. It was a station that served the surrounding district by direct daily communication with Waterford, and I often saw 10 and 12 horses and carts meeting the local farmers to take home purchases of various kinds, flour, meal, feeding stuffs, etc.

Before the advent of steam, Ballinlaw was one of the most important ferries in the County. Six ferry boats were in constant use, some of them very large for the transit of cattle and horses. I put cattle across the ferry myself when I was a young man. The rent on the "Ferry" to my own remembrance, was £50 per annum payable to the Powers of Faithleg. From this you will see that this road had to be kept in repair down to the landing quay.

Now that road, neglected for 33 years, has pot holes a foot deep and when Rev. Father Corish, A.M., Vicar of Lagos, comes home in a few weeks time it will not be a very creditable state of affairs that he will not have the comfort of a decent road to his house. He would have been home long since, but for the death of his Bishop, the late Dr. O'Rourke and Father Corish was deputed by the Holy See to administer Confirmation in the Diocese of Lagos, Nigeria, before coming on his well earned holiday.

There are 4 families living on that road, all of whom are County Council employees from time to time, each family is entitled to a road to the homestead, and the amount of road involved is only about 300 yards.

I trust your Council will give the matter favourable consideration and remove a blot on our local administration."

The County Surveyor said that from old records he had ascertained that this road was once a County road but appeared to have been abandoned when the Ferry was closed. He would, however, fill the potholes.

ROAD TURN AT CAMPILE AND BRANCH TO RIVER: The following, which was extensively signed, was read:-

"We, the undersigned ratepayers and users of Public Road as above, the property of your Council, desire to inform you that a private individual has closed this roadway by erecting a chain fence across the entrance on the 19th April thereby preventing the tenants of the village houses and other ratepayers from the right to enter to and from the main road. We shall feel very grateful if you will kindly enquire into this matter immediately."

The County Surveyor said this was not a County road and the Council had no control over it. It leads from a County Road to the riverside near Campile Bridge.

BALLYMURRAY QUARRY - DUMPING GROUND: The following under date 12th May 1939 was submitted from Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor:-

"It has been found necessary to acquire a dumping ground for prepared material in above quarry, and I have made arrangements with owner, Miss Kavanagh, to pay the sum of £10 for 80 sq. pers. (approx.), and shall be glad if you bring the matter Before Finance Committee Meeting for their sanction.

In order to work the quarry with efficiency it is necessary that this ground be taken over so as to avoid much labour in the trimming up and wheeling of material, and to give sufficient space for lorries to load up and turn when breaker is engaged in quarry."

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

"That the County Council be recommended to enter into agreement with owner of dumping ground at Ballymurray

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Quarry in accordance with recommendation of Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, in his letter of 12th May, 1939, and that the County Solicitor be directed to prepare and have executed the necessary legal agreement in the matter."

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

"That Pay Order for £700, amount of Workers' Holiday Fund be issued in favour of County Surveyor, who is directed to submit to next meeting of the Finance Committee detailed vouchers in respect of workers covering this amount."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 12th May 1939 be received and considered."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME 1940: The following minutes of meeting of Scholarship Committee of 27th May 1939 was submitted:-

"An adjourned meeting of the County Council Scholarship Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 27th May 1939.

Present:- Very Rev. James Doran, President, St. Peter's College, Wexford; Miss O'Ryan, M.C.C., and Mr. Gerald Hurley, N.T.

The Secretary to the County Council was also in attendance.

University Scheme: After a very full discussion it was decided to approve of the provisions of Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme with the necessary amendments as to dates.

The meeting also agreed that the memo. drafted from meeting of the Committee held on 29th April 1939 should be submitted as a recommendation for adoption by the County Council."

Miss O'Ryan, referring to the recommendation of Scholarships Committee as set out on Minutes of Finance Committee of 12th May 1939, said the Council need not take a decision on the matter at the moment as it was a terribly difficult subject to deal with. She would like the Council to think it over and let it come up at another meeting. The point that struck them was, that out of four University Scholarships if they looked at the matter from the point of

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view of the County very few of those who got Scholarships came back and gave their services to improve the condition of the people generally. It was not a time to ask for extra money and if some of the money could be distributed more widely - given to a bigger number for shorter and more practical courses - practically every boy would come back to work on his father's farm and the girls to work in the homes to make conditions in the country more satisfactory. It would mean fourteen boys and girls extra given a training every year. The Secretary, and practically everyone agreed that farming was more difficult and they were competing more and more every day with the foreigner, and as well as being good farmers it was well to be wide awake to conditions outside. If those boys came back to help their fathers, or to take up places bought for them by their fathers, they would have a technical training as well as the training from their father's farm. There might be opposition in the County when the matter got abroad; and she proposed that they adjourn it for another meeting so that the Councillors could think over it. Those were the ideas that struck members of the Committee ^{but} there might be strong opposition. To say that Wexford was opposed to University education would not be the case, but they wanted to argue that a bigger number of people would benefit, and would come back and work inside their own County, where the money was provided.

Mr. M. Redmond seconded.

Mr. O'Byrne did not think they needed any time to consider the matter at all.

Chairman - There is no urgency about it.

Mr. O'Byrne thought that, for the County generally, the proposed change would be of benefit to the County as a whole. If they could send fourteen people away to make better farmers they would be doing something better than

making a doctor or a member of some ^{of the} other professions which were overcrowded at the moment.

Chairman - I think everyone will agree that agriculture is not getting a fair show from what money we are giving to scholarships.

Mr. Bowe suggested that, in the meantime, the County Council be informed of the exact amount being spent on scholarships.

Chairman - You will have all those figures at the next meeting.

Miss O'Ryan asked the Secretary to furnish the names of the boys and girls who got scholarships during the last four or five years, and the amount of rates being collected on land and the amount collected on buildings, so that they would see if a fair show was being given.

The Secretary said that his idea about the matter was that when they touched anything on education they might be inclined to take a step that appealed to them and that looked splendid on the surface, but when they came to practice they might find they were up against some awful snags. They were skating on thin ice when not educational experts themselves. He suggested that they agree with Miss O'Ryan's proposition. The suggestion only deals with the University side of the matter and the Committee thought with regard to secondary and vocational scholarships it was better to carry on that Scheme as at present.

Miss O'Ryan's proposition was passed unanimously.

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

"That the provisions of Scheme for award of Secondary and Vocational Scholarships for 1940 as recommended by the Scholarship Committee be and the same are hereby adopted."

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Lawlor,
the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 12th May 1939 as
submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby
confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been
altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

MINUTES OF MEETING 26th MAY 1939: Minutes of this meeting
were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 26th May, 1939.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding, also Messrs. Patrick Colfer, R. Corish (Vice-Chairman), John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5357. 18. 1d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following is the state of the Rate Collection to 25th May 1939:-

<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Percentage of Warrant Collected.</u>
1. J. Curtis	96.7
2. J. J. O'Reilly	94.6
3. E. J. Murphy	93.4
4. M. Kehoe	92.7
5. D. Kenny	92.7
6. J. Deegan	92.1
7. P. Nolan	91.2
8. S. Gannon	90.3
9. P. Doyle	89.7
10. J. Cummins	89.4
11. P. Carty	88.1
12. M. McCarthy	87.2
13. J. Flood	86.3
14. A. Dunne	85.4
15. J. J. Sinnott	80.5
16. J. Q uirke	79.8
17. W. Cummins	79.5
18. W. Doyle	78.8

Average 87.9.

The percentage at corresponding period last year was 88.5.

It was decided that final figures in respect of closing of 1938/39 Warrants be submitted to next meeting of Finance

Committee when Lists of Irrecoverable Rates and Temporary Uncollectable Rates will be ruled upon by the Finance Committee.

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, it was decided to include three year's arrears for collection with warrants for Rate for 1939-40 and that all other items of arrears be collected separately.

POUNDAGE: The following under date 16th May (G.2732/8/39 - Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Acting Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 10th instant on the subject of poundage fees and to state that consideration of the proposal will be deferred until specific cases are submitted in which the warrant has been closed and the lists of uncollected rates have been dealt with by the Council."

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

"That Rate Collectors be paid at the rate of sixpence for each Abatement Form (Employment - Allowances - Agricultural Grant) certified by them."

INSURANCES RATE COLLECTORS ETC.: The following under date 17th May 1939 (7895-36) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health (National Health Insurance Section) :-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of 13th instant to Mr. Leahy, an Inspector of this Department, and I am to inform you that the Minister has no authority to remit any arrears of National Health or Unemployment Insurance contributions which have accrued due since January, 1932."

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I am, accordingly, to request that a cheque for the full amount of the arrears of contributions due as furnished by Mr. Leahy, payable to the Irish National Health Insurance Fund, be sent this Department."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That the County Council be recommended to issue Pay Order to represent two years' arrears for Unemployment and National Health Insurances of certain Rate Collectors and Sheep Dipping Inspectors. The Finance Committee understand that this arrangement has been accepted in other instances in somewhat similar circumstances."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

JOHN MURPHY, KELLYSTOWN, ADAMSTOWN (LABOURER): This application was adjourned from last meeting.

Mr. Colfer said Murphy's son, who was a shop assistant, would help his father to meet the rent.

Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, forwarded certificate valuing house at £290 and site at £10 - total £300. On this the maximum loan would be £200.

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

"That we recommend the County Council (subject to the approval of Department of Local Government and Public Health) to advance loan of £200 under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to John Murphy, Kellystown, Adamstown."

PATRICK BYRNE, KILBRIDE, COURTOWN HARBOUR: Agricultural labourer, applied for loan of £200 on house valued at £400.

It was decided to adjourn application for the present.

ARTHUR DUNNE, 41 MAIN STREET, GOREY: Rate Collector, applied for loan of £315 on house valued at £350, house to be erected at the Avenue, Gorey.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to advance under small Dwellings Acquisition Acts loan of £315 to Arthur Dunne, 41 Main Street, Gorey. This proposal is subject to sanction of Department of Local Government and Public Health."

PATRICK JOSEPH DALY, 41 MAIN STREET, GOREY: Post Office Clerk, applied for loan of £315 on house valued at £350 to be erected at the Avenue, Gorey.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to advance under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts loan of £315 to Patrick Joseph Daly, 41 Main St., Gorey. This proposal is subject to sanction of Department of Local Government and Public Health."

JOHN BYRNE, 12 PEARSE STREET, GOREY, Factory Worker, applied for loan of £350 on £350 house to be erected at Ramsfort Park Road, Gorey.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to advance under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts loan of £315 to John Byrne, 12 Pearse St., Gorey. This proposal is subject to sanction of Department of Local Government and Public Health."

THOMAS HAYES, KILCANNON, ENNISCORTHY, applied for loan of £200 on a house valued at £300. Government Grant £70.

Loan not to exceed £200 was provisionally approved for this applicant on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Colfer.

ARTHUR DOYLE, HOUSE AT TOMNALOSSETT, ENNISCORTHY: This applicant whose house was now practically completed, applied for an additional loan of £25.

Mr. T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, forwarded revised

certificate of value of House at £300 and plot at £10.
Total £310.

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

"That, in view of revised certificate of value in the case of Arthur Doyle, Attendant Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, County Council be recommended (subject to sanction of Department of Local Government and Public Health) to increase loan under Small Dwellings Acts to this applicant by £25 to £200."

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

"That County Solicitor take the necessary steps to safeguard the Council's position regarding proposed completion of house in this case by Thomas Browne, Clonevan, Gorey, Contractor. The Finance Committee are in favour of the proposed arrangement provided payment for completion of house can be made to Mr. Browne, Contractor."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

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

"That John Doyle, Quay Road, Duncannon - whose name was inadvertently omitted from list submitted to last meeting of the County Council - be recommended to the County Council as eligible to compete for award of University Scholarship. His father is a shop assistant with an income of £78 per annum."

The following under date 15th May 1939 was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th instant relative to the application of James J. Meyler for an

extension of his Scholarship for a further year.

Mr. Meyler is taking a Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Course.

Under the Scheme it is provided that students for Degrees in Branches of Science applicable to, amongst others, Agriculture, Commerce or Industry, may in the discretion of the Council have the term of their Scholarship extended from three to five years.

Commerce and Industry cover a very wide field of work, which I consider would include the practice of engineering in all its branches, and this being so, I am of opinion that the Council would be acting within the powers conferred on them by the Scheme, if they granted Mr. Meyler's application for the extension of his Scholarship."

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

"That, in view of advice of County Solicitor under date 15th May 1939, the County Council be recommended to approve of fourth year University Scholarship to James J. Meyler, Blackhall, Glynn."

In connection with the decision of County Council at last meeting declaring Miss Winifred Murphy, Richmond Terrace, Wexford, to be ineligible to compete for award of University Scholarship on the ground of the income of her father, a Commission agent, the income stated in application form was "from £250 to £300". The maximum in this case according to syllabus is £270.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, called the attention of Mr. Murphy to the figures given in Application Form and pointed out it was necessary Mr. Murphy should state his exact income for financial year ended 31st March 1939.

In reply to this the following under date 6th May 1939 was read from Mr. Murphy:-

"In reply to Mr. Elgee's enquiry re income, the actual amount of income for the year from 1st April 1938 to 31st March 1939 is £258."

This letter was read for the meeting of County Council on 8th May 1939 but the members elected to take action on the figures given in application form and decided that the applicant did not come within the terms of University Scholarship Scheme.

Subsequently, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, conveyed the decision of the Council to Mr. Murphy who replied as follows under date 25th May 1939:-

"Yours received re Scholarship for my daughter for which I thank you. I would be thankful if you would ask Finance Committee to reconsider my application. As pointed out, my position is very insecure with neither pension nor sick pay."

Mr. Corish gave the following notice of motion:-

"That, in view of the correspondence with Mr. John Murphy, Richmond Terrace, Wexford, from which it appears his income for financial year ended 31st March 1939 was £258, the resolution of County Council declaring his daughter, Miss Winifred Murphy ineligible on grounds of excess of income to sit for examination in connection with award of University Scholarship, be rescinded and that this applicant be declared eligible to compete for said scholarship."

It appeared from application forms that the following five applicants proposed (if successful at examination) to select "Agriculture" for their University course, and in consequence, they were summoned to attend Finance Committee in order to satisfy the latter as to their acquaintance with practical agriculture:-

1. Francis P. Barry, Millview, Coolcots, Wexford.
2. William Byrne, Camblin, New Ross.

3. Philip M. Cullen, Killiahe, Drinagh.
4. Thomas Hickey, Meyler's Park, New Ross.
5. Nicholas Phillips, Kellystown, Rathaspeck.

The Chairman questioned these candidates on several phases of agricultural industry.

It was decided that as the five answered in a satisfactory manner they be declared eligible to compete for University Scholarship.

ROAD MATTERS

DUNCORMACK ROADS: The following under date 16th May 1939 was read from Mr. J. J. Furlong, Littlegraique, Duncormack:

"I must ask you to bring under the notice of the Finance Committee, the very serious condition of the roads in the Duncormick Station district, which are the worst Roads I travel in any part of Wexford. I have been told over and over again by travellers that they never meet such bad roads as in this district. Something will have to be done at once, otherwise, we, in this area, will not pay tax on cars or lorries. Personally, I pay around £47. 0. 0 per year in road tax. At the moment, I have two springs broken on a new lorry, not to speak of the constant repairs to steering parts of car and lorry. The roads here are a disgrace in any tillage district. I would like any member or official of the Council to call here and I will give them a joy-ride, to view the scenery of the district, including the seaside resort of Cullenstown.

I attended at the Council meeting on a deputation some few months ago and we were promised to have repairs done to the roads of this district, but time is passing and pot holes are still getting more numerous.

I am sorry to have to make such blunt remarks, but really the condition is most serious and deserving immediate attention."

The County Surveyor asked for the appointment of a small Committee to examine the roads in question and report thereon. He regarded Mr. Furlong's letter as sensible.

Miss O'Ryan said she was aware some of the roads mentioned were almost impassible.

Mr. O'Byrne considered it a waste of money to try and maintain, by sea gravel, roads which were subject to motor traffic.

It was decided to appoint Miss O'Ryan and Mr. Corish as a sub-committee to inspect and report with the County Surveyor, to meet on 12th June 1939 (after monthly meeting of County Council) at Duncormack station.

It was decided that the County Surveyor should give Mr. Furlong day and hour of meeting.

EMPLOYMENT GRANT - CARRIGMANNON-KILLURIN ROAD: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. McCarthy seconded by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That, in consequence of the number of unemployed in Killurin district, and the failure of the season's salmon fishing, the County Surveyor be instructed to make special representations to the Department of Local Government and Public Health as to approval to start work on Carrigmannon-Killurin Road forthwith."

LEGNAGLOGH LANE, MONAMOLIN: Application for repair of above Lane was received from Michael Coleman and six other ratepayers. It was pointed out that the lane was at present in a dangerous condition and there were about 20 unemployed men within a radius of two miles of the lane.

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

"That Legnaglogh (Monamolín) Lane be listed for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote."

ROAD POULFUR - BALLYCULLANE: The following under date 24th May 1939 (R/RGR/32/4) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 13th instant submitting copy of a resolution adopted by your Council regarding the making of a grant towards the cost of reconstruction of the road between Poulfur and Ballycullane, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to enclose for your information a copy of a letter which was addressed to the County Surveyor in the matter on the 4th November last.

Accordingly, I am to request that you will arrange with the County Surveyor that the question of undertaking the reconstruction of a section of the road will be considered in connection with the allocation which has been made available for road works under the current Employment Schemes Vote."

The following is copy of letter to County Surveyor from Department of Local Government and Public Health (R/RGR/32/4) under date 4th November 1938:-

"With reference to your letter of the 6th ultimo, relative to the condition of the road from Ballycullane to Poulfur, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that as the road in question runs parallel to and about 1 mile distant from a Main Road (L.159a), a special grant from the Road Fund could not be justified for the improvement of the road.

I am to state, however, that special consideration should be given to the needs of this road if further grants are made available for road works under the Employment Schemes Vote."

Under date 15th May 1939, the General Manager, Irish Tourist Association, 14 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin,

wrote that Mr. Corish had raised at the meeting of the Tourist Board the question of a State Grant for this road and he (General Manager) had taken up the matter with the Government Department for a Grant of half the cost of the proposed work.

It was decided to refer the correspondence to the County Surveyor for attention.

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE 1939/40 ROADS (RURAL) WINTER WORK:

Under date 20th May 1939 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (RU/206/10) that for road works for autumn and winter of current financial year a grant of £5460, subject to local contribution of £1940 was available for a scheme costing £7400. The Grant was given on the usual conditions.

The County Surveyor said this was portion of the Scheme involving an expenditure of £10,700 and already agreed to by the Council. The Department had directed that £3300 should be spent in the summer on four jobs which they selected and the £7400 was the balance of this fund. The County Council had already made a segregated allocation of the amount.

ROAD 789: The following under date 22nd May 1939 was read from Mr. William Cooley, Dunbrody, Campile:-

"Thanks for your letter of May the 6th and also your letter of the 17th. There must be some misunderstanding on this road with branch as myself personally know of the New Ross Rural District Council to maintain this road with branch and also the County Council maintained it until the main road was steamrolled. There ^{are} is two contractors in this district who did do the contract under both Councils and also when Sir Robert McAlpine was building the railroad between Rosslare and Waterford he damaged this branch and

the New Ross Rural Council compelled him to put in in a state of repair which he did in 1906 and it was maintained until lately and is in the contract form for haulage and there is one and half cubic yards hauled to it every year.

I wonder is Mr. Barry aware that the Council worker is only allowed to spread this $1\frac{1}{2}$ cubic yards on less than 100 yards of this branch. We do know that there is a small bit of green at both sides of this branch privately owned but can he buy the public right away.

Well, Mr. Frizelle, it has very little to do with me but there is a large ratepayer in hospital at present and he asked me to do something about it for him. This man cannot get in his threshing set any other way only this and what is he going to do if the Council has let this right slip from their hands. The people do not want to put the Council to any expense as they would keep it themselves only to hold the right. There is a man named Denis O'Connor who can prove on oath that himself and his father maintained this branch with Main Road 789 for years under the New Ross District Council and the County Council and also Thomas Power who was the last contractor."

The County Surveyor said according to particulars in Road Abstract of 1914 the Road mentioned by Mr. Cooley had been maintained by the County Council up to that date certainly as a County Road. He would have it brought into the proper classification.

PROTRUDING WALLS ON ROADS: Mr. O'Byrne called attention to the erection of two walls (to replace old ditches) in Gorey town - one in Wexford Street and the second in Gorey Avenue. They appeared to have encroached on the footpath interfering with its usefulness.

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor for report after consultation with County Solicitor.

It was further decided that County Surveyor should issue advertisement in the three local papers that persons who are replacing old ditches as road boundaries by walls should be warned that they must secure the permission of the County Surveyor to the new sites for boundary walls and should not encroach in any way on existing road surface.

PAINTING NEW ROSS BRIDGE

Under date 19th May 1939, Mr. Michael L. Stokes, Contractor for the painting of New Ross Bridge, 13 The Quay, Waterford, wrote that Mrs. Margaret Fitzgerald, Funeral Undertaker, New Ross, was prepared to act as surety for above work. If a second surety was required the Provincial Bank, Waterford, was prepared to act.

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

"We recommend the County Council to accept as Sureties for Mr. Michael L. Stokes, 13 The Quay, Waterford, contractor for the painting of New Ross Bridge, the Provincial Bank, Waterford, and Mrs. Margaret Fitzgerald, Funeral Undertaker, New Ross, in the sum of £975."

On the suggestion of Mr. Corish, the County Surveyor was directed to request Mr. Stokes to employ local unskilled labourers where such class of labour is required.

BY-LAWS FOR WEXFORD BRIDGE

Under date 23rd May 1939, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, submitted proposed By-laws for Wexford Bridge.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to adopt the by-laws regulating traffic over Wexford Bridge submitted by County Solicitor to the Finance Committee meeting of this date as follows:-

ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1933

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

BYE LAWS

REGULATING TRAFFIC OVER THE RIVER SLANEY

AT WEXFORD KNOWN AS "THE NEW BRIDGE"

WHEREAS by Section 147 (1) (i) of The Road Traffic Act, 1933 the Commissioner of the Garda Síochána is empowered with the Consent of the Minister of Local Government and Public Health to make Bye Laws for the General Regulations and Control of Traffic including all or any of the following purposes that is to say, Inter alia (1) Regulating and controlling the driving on Road Ways of Animals which are not ridden or led by any person, nor harnessed or attached to any Vehicle.

AND WHEREAS by Sec. 149 (1) of the said Act the said Commissioner is empowered with the Consent of the said Minister and after consultation with the Local Authority concerned, to make in respect of any specified area and generally either for all times and occasions or specially for limited periods, or particular occasions, Bye Laws for all or any of the following purposes that is to say - Inter alia (b) Prohibiting any specified class of Vehicle or any Vehicle carrying specified class of goods or a specified class of Load from entering or passing along any specified Road either at any time or during specified hours and by Sec. 149 Sub Sec. 1 (k) Restricting and controlling the driving leading or otherwise conducting of Animals (other than Horses, Asses and Mules and other than Animals carried in Vehicles) in Roads.

By Sub Sec. 2 of Sec. 149 of said Acts It Is Provided that any person who does any Act, which is a contravention of a Regulation made under said Sec. 149, shall be guilty of an Offence under that Section, and shall on Summary Conviction

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be liable to a Fine not exceeding £2. 0. 0.

AND WHEREAS the Bridge over the River Slaney at Wexford known as the "New Bridge" is in such a condition that it is not fit to carry a heavy load, and the Wexford County Council are satisfied that the entering upon, or passing along the said Bridge of mechanically propelled Vehicles with the exception of mechanically propelled Vehicles used for Private or Hackney purposes without Trailers having seating accommodation limited to five Passengers including the Driver, and also, excepting mechanically propelled Vehicles used as Hearses, would be attended with danger to the Public.

AND WHEREAS the County Council are also satisfied that the entering upon or passing along the said Bridge of Animals other than Horses Asses and Mules, in large Numbers, would also be attended with danger to the Public.

NOW I, Commissioner of the Garda Síochána by and with the Consent of the Minister of Local Government and Public Health and after consultation with the County Council of the County of Wexford, who are the Local Authority of the District in which the said Bridge is situated DO in pursuance of the Powers vested in me by Sec. 147 Sub Sec (i) and Sec. 149 Sub Sec. 1 - Pars (b) and (k) DO MAKE THE FOLLOWING BYE LAWS:-

- (1) All Mechanically Propelled Vehicles with the exception of Mechanically propelled Vehicles used for Private or Hackney Purposes without a Trailer, having seating accommodation limited to five persons including the Driver and also, excepting Mechanically propelled Vehicles used as Hearses are prohibited from at any time entering on, or passing along the Bridge over the River Slaney at Wexford, known as the "NEW BRIDGE".
- (2) All Animals, other than Horses, Asses or Mules which

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it is desired to bring across the said Bridge shall be driven across the said Bridge at a walking pace only, and if the number of such Cattle exceeds Twenty, then the Cattle shall be scattered in such a manner as to distribute the aggregate weight of such Cattle as much as possible over the Road Surface.

Every person who does any Act in Contravention of the above By-Laws whether by Commission or omission shall be guilty of an Offence, and shall, on Summary Conviction thereof be liable to a Fine not exceeding £2. 0. 0.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

The following under date 16th May 1939 was read from Local Inspector National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children:-

"I beg to inform your Council that it is my intention to apply to the District Justice at the Children's Court, Wexford, on Wednesday, 24th instant, for Detention Orders to St. Michael's Industrial School, Wexford, in respect of the following children:-

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| (1) | Elizabeth O'Brien, Lr. John St., Wexford. | Born | 15.11.31 |
| (2) | Annie O'Brien | do. do. do. | 28.11.32 |
| (3) | Christina O'Brien | do. do. do. | 30. 2.34 |
| (4) | Angela O'Brien | do. do. do. | 22. 2.37 |

The mother of the children died some three months ago leaving a family of 10. The father Thomas O'Brien is unable to exercise proper supervision and control. Application will be made under Section 58 (1)(B) Children's Act 1908."

The County Solicitor said the application was heard on 24th May 1939 and the children were committed to Industrial School. The District Justice refused to make an Order for contribution by the father who was in receipt of £2. 7. 6d

wages. The man had six other children.

No order.

COUNTY ANALYST'S FEES

The following under date 24th May 1939 was read from County Analyst (Miss Phyllis Ryan, M.Sc.):—

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 17th May re increase in my fees. I am afraid I could not accept an annual salary to cover the work of the County Council and the County Board of Health as it cuts across the arrangement of the Irish Public Analysts' Association who are endeavouring to get uniformity into the rate of payment of all Counties, so that one County will not have to carry the burden of the other. The scale of Fees also ensures that money is paid only for actual work done and leaves no room for discrepancies due to increase, or decrease in work.

As you have hitherto been paying me on a per sample basis I hope you will not consider that the suggested Scale of Fees will involve too much of a change. There is a Retaining Fee which is a necessary basis towards running expenses of a laboratory, but for which a fixed number of samples will be analysed. The Board of Health already pay me one guinea per sample for waters and the extra cost to them would be 1/- per sample for drug samples.

Hereunder I give you the figures for the years 1937 and 1938 which will show you how the increase would have affected the last two years:—

No. of samples analysed for County Council

Foods	905	1937	928	1938
Amount paid		£243. 17. 6		£251. 10. 0

Under new Scale of Fees Payments would have been

	£335. 0. 0	£342. 13. 4
£100 Retaining Fee and 705 samples at 6/8		£100 Retaining Fee and 728 samples at 6/8.

No. of samples of Drugs analysed for the Co. Board of Health

Drugs	197	1937	195	1938
Payment under new Scale of Fees would have been 1/- per sample extra representing an increase of				
		£9. 17. 0		£9. 15. 0.

The disadvantages of a fixed annual salary and the reason why the Analysts' Association decided against it was that it leaves no room for fluctuations in the number of samples without causing dissatisfaction. If work is paid for according to its volume it is obviously the only fair way both for the Council and the Analyst as where so many Inspectors and Dispensaries are involved it is reasonable to expect that the quantity of work will vary from year to year. The Scale of Fees will ensure that no matter what the amount of work great, or small, there will be no reason to revise the payment.

I hope your Council will find it possible to accede to my request to adopt the suggested Scale of Fees as it is the only way to secure lasting agreement."

After discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by the Chairman:-

"That we recommend the County Council to accept the new scale of Fees submitted by County Analyst under date 19th April 1939."

APPLICATION COMPENSATION FOR CRIMINAL INJURY

Under date 24th May 1939 Mr. J. K. Cooper, Solicitor, Wexford, notified his intention of applying for £50 compensation for damage to hay, roofs of out offices, car, etc., the property of Mrs. Holbrook, Oaklea, Roxboro.

Referred to County Solicitor.

SEATING FOR JURORS - COUNTY COURTHOUSE

The following under date 25th May 1939 from Acting County Registrar to County Secretary re above, was referred to County Surveyor for report:-

"Referring to my conversation with you this morning in connection with the provision of more suitable seating accommodation in the Jury Box in the Courthouse at Wexford for the Jurors attending the Circuit Court Sittings, the present seats are very hard and in my opinion unsuitable as these men are required to sit on same for several hours without a break, so I would, therefore, be glad if your Council would consider my application for a supply of new seats.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the County Surveyor."

APPLICATION CINEMA LICENCE

Application for Cinema Licence for Hall at Bunclody was submitted from Mr. Denis Lennon, Bunclody.

The County Surveyor said that Mr. Lennon had agreed to carry out a change as regards the position of the projector.

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

"That County Council be recommended to issue Cinema Licence to Mr. Denis Lennon, Bunclody, in respect of Hall at Bunclody subject to approval of County Surveyor and Garda Siochana. That the County Surveyor consult Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, in the matter and furnish written report to the Secretary as to his recommendations regarding any ~~existing~~ conditions he considers should be imposed by the Council when the latter are issuing the licence applied for."

GOREY CINEMA

Under date 25th May 1939 application was read from Daniel Tomkins, Esmonde Street, Gorey, Contractor for erection of Cinema at Gorey, for permission to remove a tree in front of Cinema Building and which he stated was in direct line of traffic for people leaving the Cinema.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

SEED AND MANURE GUARANTEE SUPPLY SCHEME 1939

The following list of selected applicants for Guarantees under the above Scheme was submitted to the meeting and approved on the motion of the Chairman:-

	<u>Amount of Guarantee.</u>		
	<u>£.</u>	<u>s.</u>	<u>d.</u>
James Power, Thornville	8.	12.	6
Thomas Nolan, Bolinrush, Ferns	4.	5.	10
P. J. Malone, Knockanure, Clohamon	2.	5.	0
N. Mullett, Whitefort, Crossabeg	8.	19.	1
J. Hyland, Coolgarrow, Enniscorthy	12.	0.	0
Peter Dempsey, Monavullen, Oulart, Gorey	4.	12.	3
John Furlong, Killincooley, Kilmuckridge	4.	12.	3
Patrick Mangan, Knocknasilloge, Blackwater	6.	10.	6
Walter Grean, Ballinelay, Killurin	7.	7.	2
Daniel Carton, Coolpuok, Ferns	9.	7.	6
Laurence Murphy, Ballincash Upper, Oulart	8.	9.	6
Thomas Prendergast, Knockskinolin, Oulart	8.	17.	2
Michael Stokes, Raheenagurren, Gorey	7.	5.	6
Annie M. O'Connor, Clohamon, Ferns	11.	19.	3
William Doran, Knockavocca, Boolavogue	11.	11.	4
Hugh Byrne, Kilmyshal, Clohamon, Ferns	3.	6.	0
Patrick Donnelly, Annagh, Inch,	9.	15.	2
John Lawlor, Ballinagran, Killena, Gorey	4.	1.	7
Peter Nolan, Mullaunsmear, Bunclody	6.	0.	0
Anastasia O'Brien, Raheenaskes, Oulart	6.	12.	9

	<u>Amount of Guarantee</u>		
	<u>£.</u>	<u>s.</u>	<u>d.</u>
John Redmond, Cooladine, Enniscorthy	9.	6.	9
Laurence Somers, Ballyteague, Kilmuckridge	11.	14.	4
Andrew Doyle, Barmoney, Bree	4.	5.	6
James Murphy, Monroe, Glenbrien,	11.	8.	0
Hugh Dunne, Knockmore, Caim	6.	4.	9
Mary E. Fenelon, Raheenahone, Bree	4.	4.	0
John O'Leary, Ballydaw, Marshalstown	10.	13.	0
Martin Murphy, Garrynisk, Blackwater	6.	0.	0
Patrick Crean, Pullingstown, Marshalstown	10.	13.	0
James Byrne, Grange, Broadway	3.	15.	9
James Doyle, Blunsheens, Tagcoat	4.	6.	3
Patrick Brennan, Dungeer, Taghmon	7.	2.	3
Patrick Ryan, Bregorteen, Barntown	10.	17.	6

SANCTION PAYMENT RE MACHINERY YARD, ENNISCORTHY

The following under date 15th May 1939 (R/RM/32) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"With further reference to your letter of 10th instant, with enclosure, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he will raise no objection to a payment of £1 being made to Mr. O'Kennedy, clerical assistant in the County Surveyor's office to cover his expenses for visits to the machinery yard at Enniscorthy on 18th and 24th ultimo."

APPLICATION OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction overdraft accommodation up to a limit of £35,000 for the period from 1st June 1939 to 30th September 1939."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 26th May 1939 be received and considered."

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

"That, in view of the close of the Rate Collection, the Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to expedite payment of poundage to County Council Rate Collectors."

DUNCORMACK ROADS: Miss O'Ryan stated that as she and Mr. Corish would be going to Vocational Education Committee Conference in Tralee that day it would not be possible to carry out the inspection of the roads in Duncormack district as arranged.

It was decided that inspection be carried out after meeting of Finance Committee on 23rd June 1939.

CARRIGMANNON GLYNN ROAD: The County Surveyor stated he had made strong representations to the Department of Local Government and Public Health as regards having work carried out on this road as soon as possible.

POULFUR BALLYCULANE ROAD: The County Surveyor said that at the moment that area is not eligible for an unemployment scheme but it may qualify later if the number of local unemployed men increased.

Mr. Colfer said there would be plenty of men idle there in three months' time.

The County Surveyor remarked that the unemployment returns were very little use. He found that when work is being arranged for a district there was a lot more men idle than the returns stated or perhaps when the work was started

he found that the number of men available was not so large as on the return.

Mr. Colfer said that the road mentioned in the letter should never have been there. The road that needed repair should have been the main road.

Chairman - We cannot do anything now when they have refused the grant from the road fund.

Miss O'Ryan - The road can be done by degrees under the unemployment grants.

PROTRUDING WALLS IN GOREY: The County Surveyor said that as regards the wall at Mr. Bolger's coalyard the wall was exactly in a line with the toe of the old fence. He had not seen the second place complained of.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said that as regards the complaint of the wall at Gorey Avenue he saw Mr. John Fortune, who was having the work carried out and who contended he was building on an existing fence. He (Mr. Treanor) was not satisfied as the new wall encroached on the footpath and warned Mr. Fortune in the matter.

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

"That County Surveyor report to County Solicitor the encroachment on footpath at Gorey Avenue by Mr. John Fortune and that Mr. Elgee take the necessary action to have the footpath restored to its original width."

PAINTING NEW ROSS BRIDGE: Mr. T. Redmond raised the point as to the employment of a clerk of works. Such an official was employed when the bridge was painted on the last occasion.

It was decided that the County Surveyor should look into the matter and report to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

APPLICATION INCREASED FEES COUNTY ANALYST: Mr. T. Redmond said the increase in the fees was enormous. In view of the fact that the County Council had refused small increases to some of their officers on the grounds that their financial position would not permit of the increase, he could not see how they could accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee. He moved:-

"That we dissent from recommendation of Finance Committee recommending an increase in the fees of County Analyst and that this matter be adjourned for twelve months."

Mr. Culleton seconded.

Mr. Doyle supported the proposal which passed on a show of hands, Mr. Kelly dissenting.

APPLICATION CINEMA LICENCE BUNCLODY HALL: The following under date 10th June 1939 (1052/39) was read from Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana:-

"Adverting to your letter of 24th May 1939, with accompanying copy of Application for Licence from Mr. Denis Lennon Main Street, Buncloody, I am to report as follows:-

After very careful consideration and inspection of the Premises (St. Aidan's Hall) in question we strongly object to the issue of a Licence unless and until the Premises are so adapted as to comply with the relevant fundamental Regulations for the safety of the Public. The main point of our objection is the enclosure in which the Cinematograph Apparatus will be placed is not outside the building or Auditorium vide Regulation 5 (2) nor is there any barrier around the enclosure. The erection of such enclosure - if not outside the building - at least outside the Auditorium is I suggest most essential for securing safety. When the Local Officer advised Mr. Lennon of our views on this he was not prepared to erect the enclosure outside the Auditorium or otherwise alter the building and intimated that he would not proceed

further with this application.

For your information, I attach a rough sketch showing dimensions of the building, position of Exits, enclosure, etc. It will be noted that the door of one of three exits opens inwards but there is no further complaint as to the sufficiency of exits.

The floor of the enclosure is made of wooden boards and sheet iron is not provided as stated in application Form. The door of this enclosure is not self closing or very close fitting and the openings are not bushed or filled with a screen of fire resisting material. No means is provided to effectually ventilate the enclosure to the outside air.

Generally I could not possibly recommend that the Council would sanction a Licence for the habitual use of such Premises for Cinematograph Exhibitions. If it was suitably adapted to conform with the Regulations, and it appears it could readily be so adapted, I would gladly recommend issue of such a Licence. The safety of the Public being of primary consideration I recommend no exemption from the Provisions of the Act and Regulations."

It was decided to inform Mr. Lennon that he must carry out the proposals of Garda Siochana regarding the position of projector for Cinema etc. in Buncloody Hall before Licence can issue.

GOREY CINEMA: The County Surveyor said he would not approve of the application to have the tree adjacent to the Gorey Cinema removed.

The application, in accordance with the recommendation of the County Surveyor was refused.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 26th May 1939 as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

MEETING 9th JUNE 1939: Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 9th June 1939.

Present:- Messrs. P. Colfer, R. Corish , W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly the Chair was taken by Miss O'Ryan.

After confirmation of Minutes of last meeting Mr. D. Allen, Chairman, attended and presided for the consideration of the remainder of the business.

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

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3500. 11. 4d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

TEMPORARY UNCOLLECTABLE RATES: Lists of Temporary

Uncollectable Rates were submitted as follows:-

	£.	s.	d.	
J. Curtis	136.	15.	10	2.1 per cent
J. J. O'Reilly	247.	5.	1	4.0 " "
D. Kenny	213.	9.	0	4.0 " "
E. J. Murphy	286.	12.	3	4.7 " "
Maurice Kehoe	245.	13.	10	4.8 " "
J. Deegan	453.	16.	2	5.5 " "
P. Carty	340.	17.	4	6.1 " "
P. Doyle	416.	5.	9	6.4 " "
P. Nolan	540.	15.	3	6.4 " "
Sean Gannon	621.	15.	6	8.3 " "
J. Cummins	569.	17.	7	8.6 " "
M. McCarthy	550.	6.	10	8.9 " "
Art Dunne	912.	1.	9	9.5 " "

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	£.	s.	d.	
J. Flood	429.	11.	4	9.8 per cent
J. Quirke	1155.	6.	5	12.7 " "
J. J. Sinnott	1112.	13.	5	15.1 " "
W. Doyle	843.	5.	6	16.2 " "
W. Cummins	1630.	12.	9	18.0 " "
Total	£10707.	1.	7	8.8 " "

The Secretary stated that the total to be carried forward - £10707 - was £471 more than for the corresponding period last year. A sum of £677. 4. 3, in respect of year 1935/36 had not been carried forward for collection with warrant for 1939/40 but had been transferred to old arrears account. The £10707. 1. 7d it was proposed to carry forward for collection with 1939/40 warrant represented arrears for the three years 1936/37, 1937/38 and 1938/39.

The meeting considered statement submitted from Collector W. Cummins giving particulars of items which accounted for increase in Temporary Uncollectable Rates in his area.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Corish, that Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction Scheme submitted last year under which County Council Solicitor would act for Rate Collectors in all prosecutions in connection with recovery of outstanding rates.

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

"That Temporary Uncollectable Rates lists submitted to this meeting be approved and that the amount be carried forward for collection."

"That Irrecoverable Rates Lists as follows be also agreed to:-

	£.	s.	d.
J. Quirke	n-114.	11.	1
W. Doyle	n-46.	8.	9d
P. Doyle	n-67.	6.	10
M. McCarthy	n-109.	8.	0
P. Nolan	n-119.	9.	1
Sean Gannon	n-36.	9.	2
J. Deegan	n-145.	0.	0
J. Cummins	n-29.	9.	3
J. Flood	n-30.	12.	10
W. Cummins	n-20.	0.	11
J. J. O'Reilly	n-45.	14.	0
D. Kenny	n-65.	13.	1
Art Dunne	n-216.	13.	9
J. J. Sinnott	n-22.	11.	6
E. J. Murphy	n-91.	11.	8
M. Kehoe	n-51.	15.	8
J. Curtis	n-31.	9.	11
P. Carty	n-63.	7.	3

Total £1307. 12. 9."

The following is the state of the Rate Collection:-

1938/39 Assessment	£. 111893
Three years' arrears, 1935/36, 1936/37 and 1937/38	<u>10245</u>
Total	122138.
Lodgments and Discount	109447 (89.6 %)
Irrecoverable Rates	1307 (1.1%)
Transferred to old arrears account in respect of year 1935/36	677 (.5%)
Carried forward for collection with 1939/40 Warrant	<u>10707</u> (8.8%)
Total	£122138.

Arrears outstanding in respect of financial year
1934/35 and previous periods amount to £8452. 4. 9d.

SYSTEM PART PAYMENT OF RATES: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That, in view of proposed legislation as to changes in procedure for collection of Rates and increasing powers of Rate Collectors, the Minister be requested to sanction the continuance of the present system of Part, ~~time~~ payment of Rates for the 1939-40 Poor Rate Warrants pending the enactment of proposed legislation."

NEW PERSONAL SURETY FOR COLLECTOR DEEGAN: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That James Deegan, Junior, Brideswell, Carnew, be accepted as personal surety for Rate Collector John Deegan, vice James Deegan (Senior) deceased."

VACANCY ON COUNTY COUNCIL CLERICAL STAFF

In connection with resignation of Mr. Stephen Hayes, member of the clerical staff of County Council, the Secretary stated that copy of the following letter under date 5th May 1939 (G.4508/5/39 - Loch Garman) was forwarded to Mr. Hayes on 6th May 1939:-

"With reference to your letter of the 26th ultimo regarding the retirement of Mr. S. Hayes, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to request that a medical certificate in the following form be furnished to this Department:

I certify that.....has become incapable of discharging the duties of his office with efficiency by reason of permanent infirmity of mind/body, and that he suffers from (here give the nature of the infirmity and the facts observed by the medical practitioner himself on which the certificate is based).

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It appeared that letter of 6th May 1939 did not reach Mr. Hayes. In reply to second letter the following under date 28th May 1939 was received from him:-

"I have furnished copy of medical certificate required by Local Government Department to my Doctor.

I did not yet receive copy of certificate and your letter which you state was sent me on the 6th instant.

Arrears of increments due to me have not yet come to hand. Could you have the matter attended to at your earliest convenience.

Medical Adviser will let you have certificate as required within the next few days."

The following under date 6th June 1939 was read from Dr. Alice Barry, F.R.C.P.I.:-

"I beg to state that Mr. Stephen Hayes was suffering from Tuberculous Pleurisy after effects of which interfere with the carrying out of his duties with efficiency."

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

"That copy of medical certificate of Dr. Alice Barry under date 6th June 1939 as to resignation of Mr. Stephen Hayes, member of clerical staff of Wexford County Council, be furnished the Department of Local Government and Public Health. That in the event of the Department accepting the medical certificate in question as meeting their requirements the County Council proceed to fill the vacancy.

That the Minister be requested to extend sanction to Mr. Laurence Cleary, acting as temporary Assistant in County Council Office, until new permanent appointment has been made.

That arrears in respect of increment amounting to 14s. 5d (calculated at the rate of £3 per annum) from 10th February 1939 to 8th May 1939 the date on which resignation

of Mr. Hayes was accepted by County Council, be paid Mr. Hayes."

The following under date 31st May 1939 (G.4508/6/39 - Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 22nd instant, I am directed by the Acting Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he sanctions the retention of Mr. L. Cleary as Temporary Clerical Assistant for a further period of one month from 22nd instant with remuneration at the rate of £3 per week. Before the expiration of current sanction proposals should be submitted in connection with the permanent filling of the vacancy caused by retirement of Mr. Hayes."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following under date 31st May 1939 was read from Mr. John Flynn, Ballymaclare, Campile:-

"I wish to apply for an extension of my University Scholarship for a further year in order to attend the lectures for Higher Diploma in Education. Please let me know if this application is sufficient or whether it is necessary to make application on a special printed form. My address will be as above until June 13th and probably later. The subsidiary subjects for B.A. examination will be examined in June but examination for Honours subjects will not take place until September. Please reply as soon as convenient."

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

"That application for extension of University Scholarship by John Flynn be agreed to, subject to production of evidence that he secured his B.A. Degree in the present year."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

MR. MARTIN TOOLE, ENNISCORTHY: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Keegan:-

"That, in view of revised value of £260 on house proposed to be erected by Mr. Martin Toole, Attendant Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, the County Council be recommended to advance loan of £160."

JOHN WICKHAM, BELLEFIELD, ENNISCORTHY: The following under date 27th May 1939 (H.6037/2/39 Loch Garman) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 22nd instant, and to state that he will raise no objection to the proposal of the Wexford County Council to make an increased advance of £200 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Mr. John Wickham in respect of a house at Bellefield, Enniscorthy in lieu of the advance of £170 already sanctioned in the Department's letter of 17th February last."

JOHN FIELDING, SEAVIEW, BARN TOWN: The following under date 27th May 1939 (H.15886/39 Loch Garman) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 22nd instant, and to state that he will raise no objection to the proposal of the Wexford County Council to make an increased advance of £130 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Mr. John Fielding in respect of a house at Seaview, Barn town, in lieu of the advance of £100 already sanctioned in the Department's letter of the 23rd December, 1937."

ARTHUR DOYLE, MENTAL HOSPITAL, ENNISCORTHY: Messrs.

O'Flaherty and Sons, Solicitors, for applicant, wrote that

their client applied for a further advance of £25 making his total loan £200.

EMPLOYMENT RELIEF GRANTS

The County Surveyor said that Mr. Raftery, Inspector of the Department of Local Government and Public Health, had raised with him on 2nd June 1939 the question of the Relief grants for the County, that their labour content was not high enough to warrant the continuance of tar dressing for relief. It was expensive to purchase tar while the material had to be rock-drilled and machine broken and all this had the effect of reducing the percentage of expenditure on labour alone. In regard to the two grants at Kilmuckridge the labour content would be down to next to nothing and would resolve itself only to the attendance on roller and breaker. This would give a labour content of not more than 20%. He felt he had no option but to drop one of those jobs and he might be able to run up the labour content for the other up to 40% by handbreaking. In the four jobs eligible for summer work he was about to eliminate the men employed but it was pointed out that if he did this he would have no areas eligible for Minor Relief work. By carrying on these men into the winter lists the places which would have to be dropped could be included in the Minor Relief Schemes Vote and would not suffer by the transfer.

ACTING COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH AND TRAVELLING EXPENSES

The Secretary to County Board of Health and Public Assistance forwarded copy of extract from Minutes of Board meeting of 17th April 1939 agreeing to application of Dr. D. MacDonald, Acting County Medical Officer of Health, to extend the limit of his travelling expenses from £200 to £300 for the period when he carried out the entire work of the county, viz., 1st November 1938 to 24th April 1939, the

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date of the appointment of temporary Assistant.

He also forwarded copy of letter of Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 6th June 1939 (P.H.6349/2/39 - Loch Garman Sc) stating that this was a matter in which the concurrence of the County Council should be sought.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to agree to the proposal of the County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance to pay Dr. D. MacDonald, Acting County Medical Officer of Health, travelling expenses calculated on a basis of £300 per annum from 1st November 1938 to 24th April 1939."

ROAD MATTERS

ROAD FUND ALLOWANCES: Under date 16th May 1939 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (RGS/201) that the approval of the Minister for Finance had been received to the recoupment from the Road Fund of the allowances to County and Assistant Surveyors in respect of road work under Grants at the rates which obtained in 1938/39 and on the conditions previously indicated.

CLEANSING TAGHMON FOOTPATHS AFTER FAIRS: The following under date 31st May 1939 was read from Gardaí D. Leahy and Michael Kearns:-

"We wish to direct your attention to a matter of deep concern to us and our families. It is customary after fairdays in Taghmon for Council workers to attend to the cleaning of the village streets. They clean portion of the street and water tables. The footpath outside our Dwellings is very wide and about 25 yards in length. The droppings from the cattle are allowed to remain and presently during the warm spell constitute a grave danger to the health of

our children and other children that are constantly playing on this path.

The Council workers state that it is not their duty or at least they have not been authorised to clean the foot-paths. They require to be watered before scrubbing. We trust that you will place the matter before the responsible authority and sincerely anticipate that this serious nuisance will be removed from outside our homes.

This matter was always attended to by Mrs. O'Donnell, the Landlord of the houses in which we reside, but for the last two fairs she has refused to have this matter attended to."

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

"That application as to cleaning footpaths in Taghmon Village after fairs be referred to County Surveyor who is hereby authorised to take what steps he considers most advisable in the matter."

ROADS ADJOINING NEW SCHOOL AT BANNOW: The following under date 7th June 1939 (BB.35748) was read from the Department of Education:-

"I am directed to inform you that, in connection with the new school at Bannow, the erection of which has just been completed by the aid of a grant from this Department, the Manager, Reverend M. Keating, P.P., Bannow, is anxious that the road surface in the vicinity of the building should be tar sprayed. Reverend Father Keating has had the school grounds neatly laid out and planted with decorative shrubs, but he states that it is difficult to maintain the premises in an attractive condition owing to the road dust raised by passing traffic. The Department would be glad if your Council could see its way to accede to the Manager's wish in regard to the treatment of the road surface."

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to carry out request of Rev. M. Keating, P.P., Bannow, to the Department of Education, as regards having road surface in the vicinity of the new school at Bannow tar sprayed."

COMPLAINT OF UNEMPLOYMENT: The following under date 7th June 1939 was read from Patrick Roche, Patrick Reilly, Andrew Morris and James Leacy, County Council workers, Clohamon:-

"We, the undermentioned, strongly protest against the action of the Council in taking back six men all in receipt of stamps with £1 per week for themselves and their wives and no dependants, whereas the four men that were left out, Patrick Reilly is drawing Relief Dole since the second week in April. He has a wife and 3 children. He draws 14s. ~~per~~ per week. Patrick Roche is drawing Relief Dole since the second week of April. He draws 9s. per week for himself and 2 children. Andrew Morris has 16s per week Dole for himself and one child. James Lacey has £1. 2s. per week Dole for himself, wife and 5 children ranging from 16 years to 8, all depending on him.

This is to be brought forward at next Monday's meeting the 12th instant."

The County Surveyor referred this complaint to Mr. R.J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, who reported that the four men concerned would be working shortly. Continuing, Mr. Ennis wrote:- "I had a little work at Colfix mending and took on six men a week before the holiday leave. I could not take on the whole gang and took the six nearest to the work. At another time perhaps it might be some of the four who would happen lucky. These men would have a lot

of stamps as for a number of years they nearly got the full year's work. In fact, I think that they have for years got nearly as constant employment as any men in the County."

It was decided to refer further consideration of the matter to the meeting of County Council on 12th June 1939.

FLOODING AT KILMACKREE: The following under date 7th June 1939 was read from the County Surveyor:-

"As directed by the Council I made a special inspection of this place on 22nd May last. I was accompanied by Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, and Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor. We examined the whole locality and walked through the fields along the possible drainage out-falls from the eastward of the Main Road. We are of opinion that the old drain along lane-way was the original out-fall for the water on the parting roads. This drain is now, to a large extent choked up, with the result that the water is ponded in dike in front of the labourers' cottages, and in times of flood ponded back into the plot opposite the cottages. At the extremity of the lane, away from the road, there is an old pipe or gullet passing under the lane to discharge water into the adjoining marl holes. This shows undoubtedly that the flow was formerly in this direction. I am of opinion that proceedings should be taken against the owner of the lane to compel him to open the former drain to allow the water to take its original course."

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

"That report of County Surveyor re flooding at Kilmackree be referred to County Solicitor to take proceedings as suggested therein."

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EMPLOYMENT OF GANGERS: Mr. O'Byrne asked how it was that three or four road workers had been disemployed in Camolin while the ganger was kept on.

The County Surveyor said the matter could be dealt with at County Council meeting on 12th June 1939.

Mr. Keegan asked if gangers were "working" gangers as he had never seen them working.

The County Surveyor said if a ganger had a large number of men under him he could not work; in fact, it was better from the financial point of view if he were kept at close supervision. Then again, if gangers had to visit men here and there in the district it would not be possible for him to do ordinary work. But, otherwise, he was supposed to work.

Mr. Keegan said he always saw that the Ganger was kept on when the men were dispensed with.

The County Surveyor said when this happened the ganger was paid the wages of an ordinary road worker. But there was a difficulty in paying off a ganger. It might not be very easy to have him satisfactorily replaced.

Mr. Keegan questioned this and pointed out further that in his district in a section in which the men were disemployed the ganger was put to work in another section. He would however, raise the whole business of the employment of gangers at County Council meeting.

ERECTION OF LEAN-TO AT OLD ROSS CREAMERY: The following under date 31st May 1939 was read from Shelbourne Co-operative Agricultural Society:-

"We propose building lean-to on the existing walls at Old Ross creamery as per sketch herewith and we would be glad to have your permission to proceed with the work."

The County Surveyor said he had not yet received the report of Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district,

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in the matter.

Adjourned for future consideration.

GAPS AT BLACKWATER HEAD AND AT CUSH: The following under date 3rd June 1939 was read from the Secretary Blackwater Fianna Fail Cumann:-

"I am directed by my Cumann to draw the attention of the County Council to above. The Summer Season is now at hand and I would ask the Council to have some minor work of a temporary nature carried out at both these places. A footpath levelled so as to enable visitors to get to the seaside would, in my opinion, suffice and cost very little.

Hoping your Council will find it convenient to have this work done as early as possible."

The County Surveyor said that a Committee had visited Ballyconnigar with a view to the improvement of the Gap at Blackwater Head but could not come to terms with the owner of adjoining land (Mr. John Keating) who asked £100 compensation for the taking over of a few perches of land by the County Council. As for Cush he (County Surveyor) could not see what could be done in view of the constant erosion along this part of the coast.

DIRECTION SIGN AT BLACKWATER VILLAGE: The following under date 3rd June 1939 was read from Blackwater Fianna Fail Cumann:-

"I am directed by my Cumann to draw the attention of County Council to the need of having a sign erected at the North End of Blackwater Village directing Tourists to Ballyconnigar Strand from there. Considerable confusion amongst strangers has been caused of late and one of A.A. Signs erected there would be much appreciated.

Trusting your Council will have this matter attended to without delay."

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The County Surveyor said he would have the request as to erection of direction sign carried out.

CLAIM BY WORKMAN FOR INJURY: The County Surveyor submitted letter under date 5th June 1939 from Luke Lawlor, Ballinavary, Bree, stating that while working in Ballybrennan Quarry he met with a accident on 23rd February 1939 in which his dental plates were broken and the replacement of which cost him £12 which he now claimed from the County Council. Letter as follows under date 31st March 1939 from the General Manager of the Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, was forwarded to Mr. Lawlor immediately on receipt:-

"Referring to your favour of the 25th instant (Re E.L. Claim 39/7882 L. Lawlor) we have to advise that the Workmens Compensation Act does not provide compensation for the replacement of broken dental plates and the like, and, in the circumstances, we are filing our papers in this matter."

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

"That the County Surveyor request the Insurance Company to reconsider the claim of Luke Lawlor for £12 for replacement of dental plates broken in accident at Ballybrennan Quarry. The Finance Committee consider that the Insurance Company should not hesitate to meet this claim."

CLEANING UP BLACKWATER RIVER: The following under date 3rd June 1939 was read from Blackwater Fianna Fail Cumann:-

"Reference to cleaning of River at Blackwater and the serious flooding caused there during the Winter months by the River overflowing, I am directed to remind the County Council of the necessity of having the river cleaned so as to prevent a repetition of last year's damage etc. The season at present offers an opportunity for such work together with the large numbers of unemployed in this Area who would welcome a grant in respect of same."

The County Surveyor said this matter had been submitted to the Office of Public Works with a view to securing a grant from Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

CONGRESS AND EXHIBITION - PUBLIC WORKS, ROADS AND TRANSPORT:

Under date 31st May 1939 letter was read from the Secretary to the above Congress and Exhibition to be held in London from 13th to 18th November next.

The County Surveyor stated that he had attended as the delegate of the County Council at the last Congress held about 18 months ago. The fee was a guinea which would be recouped. His expenses as delegate would be paid by the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to nominate County Surveyor as delegate to the Tenth Public Works, Roads and Transport Congress and Exhibition to be held at the Royal Agricultural Hall, London, from 13th to 18th November 1939. That Pay Order for fee of one guinea be forwarded the Secretary of the Congress, 84 Eccleston Square, Westminster, London, S.W.1. That the Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to pay the locomotion and subsistence expenses of County Surveyor in connection with his attendance at Congress and Exhibition."

ANCIENT MONUMENTS ACT

In connection with the decision of the County Council to take over Mountgarrett Castle near New Ross and which had been scheduled as an Ancient Monument by the Office of Public Works the following under date 30th May 1939 was read from Messrs. Morgan & Mullen, Thurles, Solicitors for Lord Mountgarrett:-

"Referring to previous correspondence, we have consulted His Lordship in regard to Mountgarrett Castle

and whilst he is quite prepared to agree to your Council taking steps to preserve same he is anxious to retain the normal freehold in view of his family's long association with it. In the circumstances, he has instructed us to offer your Council a lease at a nominal rent of 1/- per annum."

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

"That the offer of Lord Mountgarrett to lease Mountgarrett Castle to Wexford County Council be recommended to the County Council for acceptance provided the Office of Public Works considers that the Council can take over the Castle on the terms mentioned in letter of Messrs. Morgan and Mullen (Solicitors to Lord Mountgarrett) under date 30th May 1939."

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Notification was received from Mr. Denis Corish, District Court Clerk, New Ross, as to application to New Ross Court for the committal to St. Aidan's Industrial School, New Ross, of Johanna and Margaret M. Cosgrave, daughters of Martin Cosgrave, an unemployed labourer, residing at Ballynabola.

Referred to County Solicitor.

SAUNCTION TO OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

The following under date 1st June 1939 (G.5246/3/39) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 31st ultimo, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inform you that, in pursuance of the Local Authorities (Financial Provisions) Act, 1921, as extended, he has consented to the Wexford County Council borrowing

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by way of temporary overdraft for the purpose of providing temporarily for current expenses, a sum not exceeding in the aggregate Thirty-five thousand pounds.

This sanction extends to the period ending 30th September 1939."

ANNUAL MEETING COUNTY COUNCILS GENERAL COUNCIL

Notification was received from the Secretary to above that the Annual meeting would take place during Horse Show Week (August 8th to 12th inclusive). Any matter for Agenda should be furnished on or before 26th July 1939.

Consideration adjourned.

APPLICATION COMPENSATION ALLEGED CRIMINAL INJURY

Notification of application to Circuit Court for award of £200 compensation for alleged burning of 1000 Forest trees at Bunclody, the property of Mr. Robert W. Hall Dare, was received and referred to the County Solicitor.

STOREKEEPER AT MACHINERY YARD, ENNISCORTHY

The County Surveyor said he did not think it was possible to make Martin O'Leary, temporary storekeeper at Machinery Yard, Enniscorthy, carry out his duties in a satisfactory manner. The three months' period of his employment would expire early in July. He (County Surveyor) had given Mr. O'Leary further instructions and directions and the Forms etc. had been explained in further detail to him but he (County Surveyor) was afraid Mr. O'Leary would not be able to discharge the duties and he wished to know what steps should be taken if they had to dispense with Mr. O'Leary's services.

It was decided that County Surveyor submit report in writing on the matter to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

ANNUAL LEAVE

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

"That the County Secretary and County Surveyor be granted usual annual leave and that they arrange for the holidays of their staffs as the exigencies of work in each department require."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 9th June 1939 be received and considered."

RATE COLLECTION: The Chairman said that on behalf of the Council he wished to thank those ratepayers who paid so punctually and for their generous response in meeting 95% of the rate. As regards the balance of 5% there was in this County a certain number of derelict farms from which no rates were obtained. The Council themselves were powerless to collect rates in the circumstances and the only thing open to them was to endeavour to induce the Land Commission to take them over. As a matter of fact, in his opinion, the Land Commission were to a certain extent at fault in not taking steps before now to take over these derelict farms. It would not have been difficult to secure tenants for them who would have been in a position to pay the Rates.

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

"That in the opinion of this Council the Land Commission should take an early opportunity of acquiring derelict farms in this county and allocating them to new occupiers. We believe that suitable tenants for this land can be readily secured."

RESIGNATION OF MR. HAYES, CLERICAL ASSISTANT: Col. Quin asked if there was anything to prevent Mr. Hayes sending the form of certificate required by the Department.

The Chairman said this was a matter entirely for Mr. Hayes.

Mr. Ronan said that if Mr. Hayes did not send medical certificate acceptable to the Department he could not be granted superannuation.

BANNOW SCHOOL: The County Surveyor said there were "gullies" there and drainage. If this was ordinary surface drainage he would be able to attend to it but, if sewerage, certainly not. The tar spraying could not be done without special funds. He had asked for £800 in the estimate for the roads in that locality and the County Council only allowed £200. The holiday fund is between £700 and £800 this year and workmen's compensation and other insurances are up considerably with the result that the money in the Contingencies Fund is practically exhausted. It could be included in next year's allocation.

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

"That the necessary amount to provide for the tar spraying of road adjoining Bannow new School and road at Protestant Church, Killanne, be included in next year's Road Works Scheme."

FLOODING AT KILMACKREE: Mr. Culleton asked if there was any possibility of doing anything with Assaly River, or if any grants from which the work could be dealt with, were in contemplation.

The County Surveyor said he had not, so far, received any notification from the Department.

EMPLOYMENT OF GANGERS: Mr. Keegan said he had had a conversation that morning with Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for Gorey District, as to the points made by him (Mr. Keegan) at last meeting of Finance Committee and as he considered Mr. Treanor's statement satisfactory further discussion was unnecessary.

LEAN-TO OLD ROSS CREAMERY: The following was read from Mr. P. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"I think it would be well to ask the Shelbourne Co-op Society to submit Plan of the proposed building at Old Ross. I understand they intend to build an addition to the existing creamery which would extend beyond the 30 foot limit."

It was decided to ask Shelbourne Co-op Society to forward plan of proposed building as suggested by Mr. O'Neill Assistant Surveyor.

CLAIM BY WORKMAN FOR INJURY: The County Surveyor explained that if the man's own natural teeth were broken the Insurance Company would be liable, but the breaking of artificial teeth was not a personal injury. A winch handle struck the man in the mouth.

Mr. Culleton - It is a personal injury, because he cannot eat or smoke without the teeth.

The County Surveyor said it was regarded by the Insurance Company as an injury to the man's personal property but not to the man, not a personal injury.

The Chairman said the resolution of the Finance Committee would be sent to the Insurance Company.

STOREKEEPER ENNISCORTHY MACHINERY YARD: The Chairman proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem. con.:-

"That no action be taken as regards the temporary storekeeper at Machinery Yard, Enniscorthy, unless the County Surveyor considers it necessary to dispense with the services of this official pending report to the Finance Committee meeting on 23rd June 1939. If, in the meantime, the County Surveyor is of opinion the present storekeeper should^{not}/be continued in office the County Surveyor be empowered to employ a storekeeper pro. tem.."

On the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 9th June 1939, as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

PROPOSED LOAN - ENGINEER'S HOUSE, MENTAL HOSPITAL

The following motion, copies of which were circulated to members of the County Council on the 1st May 1939, stood in the name of Mr. Kelly:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at meeting of Wexford County Council to be held on Monday, 12th June 1939, in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford:- That the Wexford County Council hereby agree (in view of resolution from Mental Hospital Committee) to provide loan of £900 (Nine Hundred Pounds) to cover the cost of erection of residence for Engineer to County Mental Hospital in accordance with approved plans."

Mr. Kelly said the Mental Hospital Committee had been considering this matter for some time and various plans had been submitted to the Department. The only one of which they would approve was for an expenditure of £800 and to cover contingencies etc. his motion dealt with a loan of £900.

Mr. Lawlor, in seconding, said they should bear in mind what Mr. Kelly had stated that the Committee had other plans before them as well as the one accepted. They found that £800 was the least amount at which they could build according to those plans, and the Local Government Department would not sanction any other. The Committee put in another £100 in case they would want it, but did not think they would.

Col. Quin thought £900 an enormous sum. £500 should be ample.

Mr. Kinsella also thought the amount too much.

After some discussion, Col. Quin proposed the following which was seconded by Mr. Kinsella:-

"That amount of loan for Engineer's house at Mental Hospital should not exceed £500."

Mr. O'Byrne pointed out that the Mental Hospital Committee found it impossible to secure the approval of the Department to a figure less than £900. Plans of the house costing this figure had been approved by the Department.

Mr. Kelly said the Mental Hospital Committee had accepted the tender of Mr. Tobin for the erection of the house although building had not actually started. The engineer had a big family and the house in which he lived was entirely too small.

The Chairman said it was within the province of the County Council to agree to the loan, to pass a reduced sum, or to reject the application. The Mental Hospital Committee had no right to accept a contract for the erection of this building until the Council had dealt with the application for the loan.

Mr. Bowe said that at the time the matter first came up he did not know of the house that existed on the Mental Hospital grounds. They had a very fine house on the estate rented to a tenant, *but* agreed to the erection of the new house. The tenant of the old house was a Mr. O'Leary, who had been an attendant on the Mental Hospital for a number of years. Of course, it would be hard on him if the Council took up possession.

Mr. Lawlor said that the O'Learys had been in the house for the past 50 years.

Mr. Bowe suggested that the matter be referred back to Mental Hospital Committee for further consideration.

Mr. Culleton said if this had not been a house for a working man no exception would have been made to the £900.

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The Chairman believed that an extension of the existing house occupied by the Engineer might be worthy of consideration.

After further discussion Col. Quin and Mr. Kinsella withdrew their motion in favour of a resolution proposed by Mr. Doyle and seconded by Mr. Bolger:-

"That recommendation from the Mental Hospital Committee to expend £900 for house etc. for their Engineer be referred back to this Committee for further consideration."
Passed.

ELIGIBILITY OF CANDIDATES FOR UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

JOHN P. LEONARD: The following motion, circulated to County Councillors on 1st May 1939 stood in the name of Mr. Colfer:-

"That the decision of the Wexford County Council at their meeting on 8th May 1939 declaring John P. Leonard, Westlands, St. John's Road, Wexford, as ineligible to compete for award of University Scholarship, be rescinded and that the said John P. Leonard be recognised as eligible to sit for examination for said Scholarship."

Mr. Colfer, in moving his motion, said from enquiries he had made he was satisfied that Mr. Leonard, Senior, made a genuine mistake in the first instance in putting down the income of his family at £300.

The following under date 6th June 1939 was read from Mr. Leonard, Senior:-

"I enclose declaration as to my income. As regards the previous declaration I can only say that the figure I mentioned was excessive and entered without consideration as to my actual income.

I would respectfully ask the Council to reconsider their decision and allow my son to enter for the scholarship."

Mr. Kelly seconded.

The Secretary stated that Mr. Leonard had made a new statutory declaration stating that the family income was £256.

Col. Quin opposed the motion. He said that no man would be so foolish in the circumstances as to inflate the amount of his income. He believed Mr. Leonard, Senior, knew quite well what he was doing when - in the first instance - he entered his income at £300 while the maximum in the Scheme was £270.

After further discussion the Chairman took a show of hands when 10 were in favour of the motion and 4 against.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

MISS WINIFRED M. MURPHY: The following motion stood in the name of Mr. Corish but as he was absent at Vocational Education Congress in Tralee it was, by permission, moved by Mr. Colfer:-

"That, in view of the correspondence with Mr. John Murphy, Richmond Terrace, Wexford, from which it appears his income for financial year ended 31st March 1939 was £258 the resolution of County Council declaring his daughter, Miss Winifred Murphy ineligible (on grounds of excess of income) to sit for examination in connection with award of University Scholarship, be rescinded and that this applicant be declared eligible to compete for said Scholarship."

Mr. O'Byrne second.

The Secretary stated that when Mr. Murphy filled application form he gave his income as from £250 to £300.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote to Mr. Murphy for his exact income for financial year 1938/39 and was informed the amount was £258.

The County Council, however, at May meeting refused to accept this figure and passed a resolution that, in their opinion, Miss Murphy was not eligible to compete for award of scholarship.

On a show of hands 11 voted in favour. Col. Quin was the only dissentient.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

SANCTION LOAN CLONARD ROAD (WEXFORD DISTRICT)

The following under date 31st May 1939 (S.Loch Garman Pd) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"With reference to your letter of the 10th instant in regard to the proposal of the County Council to raise a loan for reconstruction works at Clonard Road, I am directed by the Acting Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has sanctioned the raising by the Council of a loan of £1200 to defray expenditure on this Scheme; the Loan to be obtained from the National Bank Ltd. and to be repayable over a period of 5 years with Interest at the usual rate.

A signed duplicate of this letter is enclosed for the information of the Bank."

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

"That pursuant to the Letter of Sanction of the Local Government Minister dated 31st May 1939 the sum of £1200 be borrowed from The National Bank Limited, Wexford, for the purpose of reconstruction works at Clonard Road to be repaid by half yearly instalments within 5 years with interest at one half per cent under the Irish Banks' rate rising and falling therewith from time to time but at no time to be less than £4 per cent per annum and it was further resolved that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the necessary Mortgage over the rates to secure said loan."

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936 AND 1939

The following under date 26th May 1939 (L.350-39) was read from Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to your letter of the 13th instant regarding the re-instatement of Messrs. J. Morrissey and W. Carty, temporary Inspectors under the Warble Fly (Treatment

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of Cattle) Orders 1936 and 1939, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that he cannot agree to the proposal of your Local Authority to allow payment of remuneration to these Inspectors in respect of the periods of their suspension.

In agreeing to their re-instatement the Minister, as indicated in this Department's letters of the 21st and 27th ultimo, had regard to the request of the Finance Committee of your Local Authority and it is noted that the Committee, when requesting withdrawal of their suspension, decided to issue warnings as follows:-

- (1) to Mr. Morrissey pointing out that the Committee consider he has been negligent in failing to carry out instructions issued to him and that serious notice will be taken of any further negligence on his part in the performance of his work and
- (2) to Mr. Carty pointing out that the Committee consider he has been negligent in the manner in which he has recorded lists of his proposed visits, that his returns as to the number of cattle actually dressed in his area are considered unsatisfactory and that serious notice will be taken in future of any neglect on his part to carry out in full all instructions issued to him regarding the manner in which his duties are to be discharged."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. M. Redmond seconded by Mr. Kennedy:-

"That in view of the fact that Inspectors Morrissey and Carty were guilty of such slight breaches of the regulations under Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Orders 1936 and 1939, we request the Minister to reconsider his decision refusing to allow this County Council to pay these Inspectors for the period during their suspension."

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APPLICATIONS REVISIONS OF VALUATION

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gelfer seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That we approve of the various applications for revisions of valuation submitted by our Secretary to this meeting and that same be transmitted to the Commissioner of Valuation for his attention."

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Kennedy:-

"That new licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 issue to Mr. Michael Breslin, 82 Main Street, Gorey and John Hillis, Manager for Simon R. O'Dwyer, Maudlintown, Wellingtonbridge and renewals of licences to Mrs. Christina Shortle, Castlebridge; Laurence Harpur, North Main Street, Wexford and Stephen Moran, Manager for Mr. Simon R. O'Dwyer at St. Kieran's Quay."

ROAD MAINTENANCE

Mr. Bolger said he had been asked to draw the attention of the Council to the present condition of the by-roads, and to make suggestions. He asked the County Surveyor what it cost per yard for stones from Clologue quarry, and to have them drawn six miles.

The County Surveyor said that their price for the broken stone in the quarry was 6s. 6d. The cost for horse haulage varied from 8d to 1s. and for machine haulage the cost was 6d - they might take the cost at about 10d per yard mile.

Mr. Bolger said he was asked to suggest to the Council that in regard to the roads in his district, he might as well take down the money spent on those roads and throw it into the water. The roads were from a foot to two feet

hollow in the middle, and what was the good of bringing a few yards of stones and bringing a man with an ass and car to put them on the road. He suggested that the sides of the roads be picked and thrown more on to the middle and by doing that they would be making a water table and a road. There was practically no water table and inlets were cut. He saw a man on the 10th March this year, going around with a shovel in one hand and a bicycle in the other, cutting inlets.

The County Surveyor said that in regard to picking the sides of the road, very often they would be down on the clay on the sides because there was not three inches of stuff. The whole question was if the ratepayers were in a position or if they would be satisfied to put up an extra 6d or 1s in the £.

Mr. Bolger considered that the Survey Staff should give his suggestion a trial. He believed that if the money spent on material for a number of these roads was spent on carrying out what he proposed a big improvement and saving would be effected.

The County Surveyor said he would try Mr. Bolger's suggestion on a few yards of roads and see what it was worth.

Mr. Smyth said that big lorries going down those by-roads to the villages travelled the centre of the road, and the whole road had gone down and the sides bulged up, and the centre of the road in a good many cases was the water table.

Mr. Kennedy said that what had been said was a fact. Down in his area there were a big number of by-roads. A few patches of the Sheilbaggan road had been picked up and put out, and it was certainly better than the place on which material had been spread. The material was not nearly

enough to keep the roads up and there was plenty of stuff by the banks. What Mr. Bolger suggested would be really an advantage.

Mr. Kinsella suggested that it would be a good idea to take a half mile of road and do it as an experiment.

Miss O'Ryan said that in regard to by-roads in her district, she thought there should be a revision of tonnages from time to time. For instance, on a very little used road there might be too much material and spread too late. The same tonnage seemed to be going on for twenty, thirty and forty years. There was no traffic to wear down stones. She asked that Surveyors take a trip over the roads and see where they had not gone down.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said that the roads in question would be fourth-class roads and he would be glad of a direction from the Council with regard to fourth-class roads. They had existing contracts running on those roads. He agreed with Miss O'Ryan that those were backward roads into which it was impossible to consolidate the tonnage without more traffic. They had not the same traffic on them now as formerly. If he could get the money on his county roads he would be delighted.

In reply to the Chairman, the County Surveyor said there was nothing to compel him to specify, say, 100 yards for a particular road.

Miss O'Ryan suggested that material for certain roads could be cut by half at their Roads Meeting.

The Chairman said it was in the hands of Surveyor as to what tonnage went out.

Mr. Ronan thought that material should be spread on roads called fourth-class roads, before Christmas.

The Chairman said that some roads were certainly starved.

GOREY ROADS

Col. Quin asked if the County Surveyor would see that the road surfaces in Gorey near the Cemetery which were torn up by the waterworks or sewerage schemes, would be restored immediately as they were a danger to the springs of motor cars. It was a long time in that state.

The County Surveyor said there was a big contract in Gorey.

Mr. Treanor, Deputy Surveyor, said he had asked the Contractor to see to it, but he had not reached on it yet.

Chairman - The contract is not complete.

Col. Quin said that when he complained of a road cut in Ferns it was attended to within 24 hours.

The County Surveyor said that was a very small job but they were doing what they could to hurry up the Gorey Contractor.

AGREEMENT WITH WORKMAN FOR COMPENSATION

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

"That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Agreement fixing the compensation to be paid to Thomas Flood of Ballyoughna, Killena, for injury caused to his eye, while cutting hedges for the Council, at the sum of £75, plus costs."

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT - NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE SOCIETY

Mr. Culleton said that three of the four delegates of County Councils, viz., himself, Mr. Ronan and Mr. Connors to elect five members to the Committee of Management of the above Society, (Mr. Colfer being absent) met in Dublin on 26th May 1939. Great dissatisfaction was expressed that those present were only allowed to put an "X" after the names of the five members they supported as members of the

Committee of Management. They considered they should have been allowed to ventilate ~~to~~ certain grievances which were occurring in their districts. It was well known that grievances did exist but the Chairman of the meeting, Most Rev. Dr. Dignan, Bishop of Clonfert, ruled out all discussion. It was decided to appeal to Public Bodies in order to arrange that in future some discussion with regard to Insurance administration would take place. The members present at the meeting did not think it fair that they were unable to appeal to the Minister in the matter.

Mr. Ronan pointed out that according to the Statute the members who attended the meeting on 26th May attended for one purpose and one purpose only which was the selection of five members of the Committee of Management. The meeting was carried out strictly according to Statute.

Mr. Gulleton proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That at future meetings for election of members of the Committee of National Health Insurances Society by delegates from County Councils and County Borough Councils such delegates should be allowed to express their opinions as to matters of Insurance administration and to ventilate any grievances which they believed existed in their districts."

D. Kelly

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make any change in the Chairmanship now.

The motion was adopted unanimously.

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING - 26th JUNE, 1939

M I N U T E S

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

N. J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary Wexford County Council.

The annual meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 26th June, 1939.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, T.D. (Chairman) presiding; also, Messrs. Moses Bolger, J. J. Bowe, P. Colfer, R. Corish, (T.D.), C. Culleton, Raymond Doyle, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, James Lawlor, Miss O'Ryan, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, P. Ronan, M. Smyth, M. Sweetman and James E. Walsh.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £14420. 9. 2d (ordinary payments) and £22987. 10. 0 (Transfers to Public Bodies) were examined and signed.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Miss O'Ryan proposed the following resolution:-

"That Mr. Denis Allen be re-elected Chairman of Wexford County Council for the ensuing year." She said that the Council were near the end of their period of office as it was expected that the whole system of Local Government would be changed within the next few months. She did not think any member would desire a change at the very end of the life of the County Council.

Mr. Corish, in seconding, said that since his election as Chairman Mr. Allen had proved himself impartial and considerate. He was most attentive to his office and as Miss O'Ryan said, there was no valid reason why they should make any change in the Chairmanship now.

The motion was adopted nem. con.

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The Chairman thanked the proposer and seconder of the motion and also the Councillors for having selected him unanimously to fill the chair. During the past year they had to deal with a good deal of important work which could not have been carried out if he did not receive the hearty co-operation and loyal support of the Council. He might describe them as a happy family and it was a pleasure to refer to the business-like and friendly way in which their discussions had been conducted. He understood this year was to be the last year of County Council administration as at present constituted. Very radical changes were contemplated in local government but whether for better or worse no one could tell. They would have to wait and see what was coming. They could not pass judgment on the proposals until they had been formulated.

He then signed his declaration of office as Chairman.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Mr. T. Redmond proposed the following resolution:-

"That Mr. Richard Corish, T.D., be re-elected Chairman of Wexford County Council for the ensuing year."

Mr. Kelly seconded and the motion was adopted nem. con.

Mr. Corish returned thanks for his re-election. He pointed out that owing to the constant attendance of the Chairman he had practically nothing to do as Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Corish then signed his declaration of office.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

The minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 23rd June 1939 were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 23rd June, 1939.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, (Chairman) presiding), also, Messrs. P. Colfer, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5637. 9. 6d was examined and signed.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

FINANCE: The Secretary stated that the following gave financial particulars of loans under above Acts:-

Loans sanctioned	£.	30,000
Amount actually spent	£.	23929
Balances on Loans sanctioned by Department		2004
Approved but Title not made		<u>4050</u>
Balance to Credit		£17.

It was agreed that in the event of any of the selected applicants not availing of loans the amounts should be allocated to new applicants.

It was also decided that the progress made by selected applicants with buildings be reported to the Finance Committee at the end of September next.

APPLICATION TO SELL HOUSE: Under date 22nd June 1939 the following was read from Mr. Sean Butler, Ballinatray, Courtown Harbour:-

"I beg to apply to your Council for permission to sell the House which I have built at above address. I am prepared to pay over all money due to the Council."

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

"That the County Council be recommended to allow Mr. Sean Butler to sell house at Ballintray, Courtown Harbour, erected under Small Dwellings Acts provided all money due to County Council in respect of loan be discharged."

MARTIN TOOLE, Tomnalosset, Enniscorthy: The Department of Local Government and Public Health (Housing Section) wrote under date 9th June 1939 (H.17280/39 Loch Garman) approving of loan of £160 to Mr. Toole.

BLASTING OPERATIONS

The County Surveyor submitted the following memo. forwarded to him by Mr. J. F. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor:-

"Arising out of our Conference with you on the 30th May, 1939, the four Assistants present viz., Messrs. Treanor, O'Neill, Cullen and Birthistle, are unanimous that the transport and handling of explosives should be carried out by a specially appointed man to deal with this matter. As at present in force the local Gangers certified by the Civic Guard Department should still be authorised to hold and use gelignite to the extent of 5 lbs. with necessary detonators and fuse for squibbing work. This small quantity should be on proper requisition, handed to the Ganger by the "Explosives Official".

The Assistant Surveyor should be responsible for laying out and order of all drill work in the various Quarries under their charge, and when this work is completed to their satisfaction they should notify and requisition the services

of the Explosives Official to carry out the blasting. The Assistants should give any special directions to the Explosives Official as to the method and quantity of Explosives to be used.

Subsequent to the blasting the Assistant Surveyor should make an inspection of the work done, and note results as satisfactory or otherwise.

In no case should the Assistant Surveyor handle; transport; or be present at any of these blasts, but he must take full responsibility for the work by inspection before and after."

The following under date 22nd June 1939 was read from Mr. R. J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor:-

"I do not find myself in agreement with the scheme for blasting arrived at by the other four Surveyors. I do not see the necessity for the appointment of a special explosives official. The idea of showing a man how to blast, and then having to keep away while he is doing it seems somewhat foolish. There are many points which might arise in the course of a big blast which I would not care to entrust to a sort of converted lorry driver. I certainly would prefer to carry out my six or eight major blasts each year as I have been doing them, and would not care to take full responsibility for the work if I could not be present at them.

This is, of course, subject to the proviso that I or my dependents were properly covered in the unlikely, but not impossible event of an accident to myself. This should not be impossible to arrange. After all, there must be hundreds of Companies carrying out dangerous or semi-dangerous trades who have their Officials insured.

With regard to the small blasts I have four small quarries worked entirely by hand blasting. These would probably want a shot or two three or four times a week. I

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would be satisfied to keep them supplied with gelignite as up to the present. This is, of course, entirely a matter of the relative expense of the two methods of keeping these quarries supplied."

The County Surveyor said that in some Counties a special Explosives Officer had been appointed to deal with the carriage of explosives and the blasting of quarries. The Department of Local Government and Public Health, he understood, favoured this view. He did not agree with the statement of Mr. Ennis that the person appointed would not be able to deal with blasting. If the proposals of the four Assistant Surveyors were acceptable he would recommend for appointment as Explosives Officer, David Reck, lorry driver, Courtnacuddy, Enniscorthy, who had at the moment a knowledge of the use of gelignite and who, with instructions from the Machinery Overseer, would be perfectly competent. The Machinery Overseer was, in fact, by request of the Assistant Surveyors, often present at some of their large blasts. The man he recommended (Reck) was very careful and trustworthy and he (County Surveyor) was certain that if the County Council agreed to the appointment the work would be well carried out. He (County Surveyor) had prepared detailed figures dealing with costs. Under present conditions as regards large blasts the County Council paid for transport 1s. 6d per mile, being 1/- per mile for lorry conveying explosives and 6d for escort car of the Garda Síochána. With the proposed arrangements the County Council lorry could convey the stuff at say 4d per mile and escort car would be 6d per mile. This would give them transport at 10d as against 1s. 6d per mile. They used in large blasts for year up to 31st March last, $8\frac{1}{2}$ tons of gelignite and for small blasts $1\frac{1}{2}$ tons. The normal figure per annum was larger than this, being from 12 to 14 tons. He

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calculated the travelling at 1463 miles which ^{would} work out at £110. For small lots the only extra was the cost between the transfer of insurance of motor cars of Assistant Surveyors into higher class to cover the conveyance of the small parcels of explosives. This would mean about £15 per annum. If they accepted the proposals of the Insurance Company for the five Surveyors at £30 each it would add £150 to the cost. If ten tons of gelignite were distributed by County Council lorry he estimated the mileage - allowing for calls with supplies at quarries - at 1700 miles. This, at 4d per mile would be £28. The escort car, which was only necessary for large blasts, could be put down at £36. Extra wages to Reck would be £26. Total £90. Should they have to insure the new explosive officer the cost could not exceed £30, amount for an Assistant Surveyor. By the way the Insurance Company quoted £2500 for injury and £5000 compensation for a fatal accident. The total figures including the quotation for the insurance of the Assistant Surveyors ran to £260 as against £120 or a saving of £140. The Explosive Officer might be engaged one day per week at transporting gelignite and blasting and the balance of his time would be taken up conveying supplies such as oil etc. to quarries.

Miss O'Ryan said that Assistant Surveyors should be present when blasts took place but could remain out of the danger zone.

Mr. McCarthy and the Chairman agreed. The latter pointed out that as regards insurance even if the County Council did not effect any insurance they were a good mark for all their servants in the event of accident or death.

After discussion the following resolution was proposed by Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. McCarthy and adopted:-

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"That we recommend the County Council to approve of the recommendation of the County Surveyor as to the appointment of David Reck, Courtnacuddy, Enniscorthy, as Explosive Officer; that his wages be increased by 10/- per week and that he carry out transport of explosives and arrange for blasts in quarries. This appointment is not in any way to relieve Assistant Surveyors of the responsibility of seeing that the work of preparing rock for blast has been efficiently carried out and taking proper care for the safety of the public and the workmen in the quarry while blast is in progress."

TEMPORARY STOREKEEPER, MACHINERY YARD, ENNISCORTHY

Under date 22nd June 1939 the following report was read from County Surveyor:-

"I beg to report, for the information of the Finance Committee, that I have carefully examined into the work in charge of the Storekeeper (Martin O'Leary) at the Machinery Yard. He has now been at work close on three months, and though Mr. O'Kennedy, from my Office, has been with him on a number of occasions, and the Machinery Overseer, and blacksmith at the yard have given him every assistance he has not shown himself equal to the work required. I am, therefore, reluctantly obliged to recommend his discharge, and I suggest that he be given one week's notice as from Saturday, 24th instant.

I suggest to the Committee that I should be authorised to try out some other man for this job, as it is of very great importance that the work should be carried out properly. If I am allowed to act in this manner I would not be tied down to more than a week or two trial of any man until I obtained one that I considered would be, or could be made efficient. On arriving at such conclusion I would then submit full particulars to the Committee for their sanction to the appointment."

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

"That the County Surveyor serve Martin O'Leary, Temporary Storekeeper, Enniscorthy Machinery Yard, with a week's notice of the termination of his employment and that the County Council be recommended to empower the County Surveyor to make such arrangements as he considers advisable to have the storekeeping at Machinery Yard efficiently carried out, the person employed for this work to be engaged on a weekly basis."

CUSH GAP (BLACKWATER)

The following under date 19th June 1939 was read from Mr. P. O'Brien:-

"Reference to my letter of 17th April 1939 to County Surveyor relative to the removal of Water Chute at Cush Gap last November and endangering of the Pump there by same, I received acknowledgment of same from his Department on 24th April 1939 but nothing further. As this is a very important matter so far as the residents of this townland are concerned with view to saving their only supply of Water for Human consumption from the Sea. Besides the prevention of washing away the springs this Chute was erected there years ago to prevent destruction to lands and houses by overhead water and if it is not erected there before the floods of the coming winter the Water Supply will be gone.

It appears the Officials concerned do not realise the problem facing this townland who also cater for a large amount of visitors during the Summer and I would ask you to place the matter before next meeting of your Council for direction."

The County Surveyor said that the whole coast, in the

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vicinity of Ballyconnigar was being washed away. They put up special protection works and special large concrete blocks but they were all washed away. The Council could do nothing at the place.

It was decided that the statement be supplied by County Surveyor to Mr. P. O'Brien, Ballyconnigar, Blackwater.

APPLICATION REPAIR BALLYWOODOCK (BLACKWATER) LANE

Under date 11th June 1939 the following was read from Mr. Aidan Dempsey, Ballywoodock:-

"I beg to make application to the County Council to have Ballywoodock Lane repaired. It is in a terrible state in the Winter time, almost impassible to traffic. It would not cost a terrible lot to put it in repair. Trusting the Council will see their way to have it repaired before next Winter."

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

"That the application for repair of Lane at Ballywoodock be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote."

CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION - DAMAGE TO GATE

The following under date 8th June 1939 was read from Mr. Matthew Rowe, Spencerstown, Murrintown:-

"I beg to apply for £3 damages to a gate on the road side, which was burned through a barrel of tar which was spilled going on fire and burning the gate posts."

The County Surveyor said the claim of Mr. Rowe had been forwarded to the Insurance Company for consideration.

WORKMENS COMPENSATION ACTS

Application under date 17th June 1939 was read from Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, on behalf of Patrick Whelan, Fairfield, Rathaspeck, Wexford, that compensation for injury to his fingers and hand paid up to

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29th May at the rate of 27/- per week had ceased as from that date, and, as it was alleged, he was totally incapacitated Messrs. O'Connor & Co. claimed that payment should have continued.

The County Surveyor stated that the application had been referred to the Insurance Company.

Application under date 17th June 1939 was received from Mr. H. J. Frizelle, Solicitor, Enniscorthy, claiming compensation for injury to William Kinsella, Wilton, Enniscorthy (18 years old) knocked down at Dunanore, Enniscorthy, when a collision occurred between cycle ridden by Kinsella and lorry, the property of the County Council.

The County Surveyor ~~stated~~ that the matter had been referred to the Insurance Company.

INSURANCE "PART TIME" RATE COLLECTORS ETC.

The following under date 16th June 1939 (7895/36) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health (National Health Insurance Section):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 1st instant containing a copy of a resolution passed by the Finance Committee of the Wexford County Council recommending the payment of two years' arrears of contributions due for certain Rate Collectors and Sheep Dipping Inspectors, who are employed by the Council, and I am also to refer to your letter of the 2nd instant to Mr. Leahy, Inspector, inquiring the amount of two years' arrears of contributions due in respect of the officials concerned. The total arrears of National Health and Pensions Insurance contributions due up to 2nd April, 1939 is shewn in the particulars furnished you by Mr. Leahy as £111: 12: 8 and two years arrears would amount to £49: 14: 0.

I am, however, to refer you to the letter to you from
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this Department of the 17th ultimo in which it is pointed out that the Minister has no authority to remit any arrears of contributions which have accrued since January 1932.

This Department is in communication with the Department of Industry and Commerce regarding the amount of Unemployment Insurance contributions due and a further communication will be sent to you."

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

"That County Secretary and County Solicitor be directed to arrange Conference with Mr. Martin Leahy, Inspector National Health Insurance Acts, with a view to arriving at a possible settlement re payments for Insurance Arrears of "part time" Rate Collectors and Sheep Dipping Inspectors."

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

LAURENCE JORDAN, BALLYVELIG, CAMPILE: The following under date 15th June 1939 was read from Department of Education (Secondary Education Branch):-

"With reference to your letter of the 17th ultimo enclosing Extract from Minutes of Finance Committee of your Council relative to the case of Laurence Jordan, St. Peter's College, Wexford, on behalf of whom an application for the renewal of his Scholarship for a fifth year has been made, I am to state that the matter will be considered in connection with the recommendation of your Council for the renewal of the Scholarships for the school year 1939-40."

APPLICATION TRANSFER OF SCHOOL: The following under date 19th June 1939 was read from Mr. E. McConville, Railway Stationmaster, Fermoy:-

"As I have unfortunately, for health reasons, been transferred here from Enniscorthy since February 6th last I beg to apply to your Council for the favour of transferring

the bursary held by my son, Richard McConville. He is now at the Christian Brothers Schools here and I will much appreciate the favour in view of the exceptional circumstances."

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

"That the County Council be recommended to approve of bursary of Richard McConville being held at Fermoy Christian Brothers' Schools, as from February 1939."

ANNUAL MEETING COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL

Notification was received from the Secretary to above that the Annual meeting would take place during Horse Show Week (August 8th to 12th inclusive).

Any matter for Agenda should be furnished on or before 26th July 1939.

The Chairman said if members notified the County Secretary of any matters they desired to raise their requests would be conveyed to the General Council of County Councils.

CROSSABEG ROADS

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

"That, as requested by County Surveyor, the County Council be recommended to authorise the County Surveyor to expend £250 on repair of roads used as bus route in the vicinity of Crossabeg, amount to be included in next year's Road Works Scheme. This expenditure has become necessary in order to deal with the extra heavy traffic these roads have to bear consequent on the closing of Wexford Bridge to all heavy motor traffic."

KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE AREA

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

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"That application be made for the withdrawal of £40 from the special fund (Cuffe Estate) set aside for the repair of embankment at Kilmannock."

DANGEROUS CORNERS - ROAD 70

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district, wrote it was intended to improve a number of corners on Road 70. The landowners concerned had agreed to the removal of trees, putting back fences and removal of wall, the compensation in each case to be £1. The following were the landowners concerned:-

Messrs. John Power, Kilbride, Duncannon.

William Finn, Poulfur, Fethard.

J. Cahill, Coolroe, Ballycullane.

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

"That, as recommended by Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, in his report to County Surveyor under date 27th April 1939, £1 compensation be paid each of the following land holders in respect of easement of corners on Road 70:- Messrs. John Power, William Finn and J. Cahill."

FENCE AT OWENSTOWN, RATHMACKNEE

The following, dated 10th June 1939, was read from Mr. J. Kennan Cooper, Solicitor (Quay, Wexford), for Mr. James Boggan, Owenstown:-

"On the 15th ultimo you were kind enough to send me an extract from a Meeting of the County Council held on the 8th May.

My client, Mr. James Boggan, was in here to-day and he informs me that cattle broke into his meadow sometime before the 24th ultimo and that apparently nothing has been done to make the fencing good and under these circumstances I should be much obliged if you would kindly let me hear from you and

state what attitude the County Council propose to take up with reference to this matter."

The following report by Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, to the County Surveyor, under date 21st June 1939 was read:-

"In reply to yours of the 19th instant re above may I state that at the County Council Meeting on 8th May I suggested to the Council that if we replaced the fencing but on Mr. Boggan's side of the stream the whole matter might be solved.

The Council were fully satisfied with my explanation of the whole matter and decided that it was a matter for the parties concerned to settle among themselves."

It was decided to refer the correspondence in the matter to the County Surveyor and County Solicitor.

DRAINAGE AT BALLINAAS

The following report of Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, to County Surveyor under date 21st June 1939 was read:-

"I attach "10 day" notice served on Mr. R. Brett, Tanner Hill.

You will remeber my pointing out this shore to you. It takes surface water from the public road 34M and also drains a large hollow on the lands of Mr. Esmonde, Ballinaas.

Brett closed up the outlet and in a permanent fashion and so far has made no offer at removing the obstruction.

Proceedings should be taken."

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

"That the County Council be recommended to take proceedings against Mr. R. Brett, Tanner Hill, for interference with road shore at Ballinaas."

BALLYFADD LANE

The following under date 21st June 1939 was read from Mr. John Hackett, Ballyfadd, Inch:-

"I beg of you to have this lane leading to my house on the list for repair and widening as it is in a very bad state."

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

"That Ballyfadd Lane be listed for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote."

ROAD WORKS IN URBAN DISTRICTS

The following under date 21st June 1939 (R/RS.32) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"With further reference to your letter of 12th ultimo I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that fees are not payable to Surveyors who carry out road works financed by grants in Urban Districts."

The Secretary stated this letter was in reply to a resolution of County Council in support of resolution from New Ross Urban Council that Mr. P. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, should be allowed grant fees for road works in New Ross Urban District in respect of which special arrangements as to quarrying etc. had to be made by Mr. O'Neill.

LEAN-TO AT OLD ROSS CREAMERY

The County Surveyor reported that as regards erection of above to Old Ross Creamery by the Shelbourne Co-operative Society, he had seen the plan and it would not cause obstruction though it was within 30 feet of the public road.

No order.

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APPLICATION FOR PIER CAPPINGS

The following under date 17th June 1939, was read from Mr. John F. Robinson, Bryanstown, Foulksmills:-

"I am writing to ask your permission to take away the "two round stones" that were on top of the piers at Porters Gate near Loftus Hall, Fethard, Co. Wexford.

The piers were taken down about a year ago, and the two round stones are lying beside the road still.

I had enquiries made from Mr. P. O'Neill and he said I could probably get them if I had your permission.

I would very much like to get them, partly for sentimental reasons as my Grandfather and Uncle, W. R. Robinson, lived in Slade for years and I stayed there a lot when a boy!"

It was decided to recommend the County Council to make no order in the matter as the County Council made no claim to the capping stones referred to in communication of Mr. Robinson.

PRINTING UNCOLLECTABLE ETC. RATES

The following quotations were received for printing of Temporary Uncollectable Rates and Irrecoverable Rates Lists:-

	£.	s.	d.
1. Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy	11.	10.	0
2. Echo, Enniscorthy	16.	16.	0
3. John English & Co., Wexford	20.	0.	0
4. The Free Press, Wexford.	24.	8.	0
5. The People, Wexford.	26.	15.	6.

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

"That the tender of Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy, for printing lists of Rates at £11. 10. 0 be accepted on the distinct understanding that work must be completed within three weeks after receipt of copy."

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDERS

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

"That the same amount as last year, viz., £20, be paid to the Assistant Secretary for clerical duties during 1939 Treatment period under the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order, subject to the sanction of the Department of Agriculture."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 23rd June 1939 be received and considered."

BLASTING OPERATIONS: Mr. Keegan moved the confirmation of the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Lawlor seconded.

The County Surveyor said that the Finance Committee did not accept the proposals of the four Surveyors; it was modified to the extent that the Assistant Surveyors should be in a responsible position but that the man appointed as Explosive Officer should deal with the transport and handling of explosives; in other words the manual work in connection with the blasting. The Finance Committee were of opinion that the Assistant Surveyors should still be responsible and that as regards insurance they would be covered by Common Law and would of course, in the case of injury receive whatever the Court would allow.

The Chairman said that in the case of public bodies he really did not see what advantage it was to have insurances. As a rule the Insurance Companies made a handsome profit out of the business of public bodies.

Mr. Birthistle said the Assistant Surveyors would like to make further representations in the matter.

Mr. Keegan withdrew his motion and it was then decided on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Corish that the matter be referred to the meeting of Finance Committee on 7th July 1939 for further report and that the Surveyors be requested to attend this meeting.

TEMPORARY STOREKEEPER, MACHINERY YARD, ENNISCORTHY: Mr. Corish said that, according to the Temporary Storekeeper, the latter did not get fair play and records which would

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to Mr. O'Neill, Deputy Surveyor, for his services in the New Ross Urban area. It was most unjust and unfair, considering the excellent work he had done, that the Minister continued to turn down resolutions requesting adequate remuneration. The Minister should be asked to re-consider the matter. The Urban District Council were satisfied that any remuneration to Mr. O'Neill should come out of the grants. The total amount granted for maintenance by Local Government Department approval was £25 to County Surveyor who allowed half of this to Mr. O'Neill.

Mr. Corish seconded and said that the Council should strongly urge the Department to grant the application in Mr. O'Neill's case for the excellent work he did in New Ross. The Wexford Corporation had endeavoured to have fees paid their Borough Surveyor but the application was absolutely refused.

The proposition was passed unanimously.

On the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Lawlor, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 23rd June 1939, as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

APPLICATION FOUR ASSISTANT SURVEYORS RE SALARIES

The following notice of motion (adjourned from meeting of 8th May 1939) stood in the name of Mr. Corish:-

"That the resolution of Wexford County Council refusing application of four Assistant Surveyors to have their salaries placed on incremental scale be rescinded and that the Council reconsider their decision as regards the application."

Under date 26th June 1939 letter was read from Mr. Nicholas Ffrench, General Secretary, Irish Local Government Officials' Union, asking that a deputation consisting of himself, Mr. J. J. Clinton, Deputy City Treasurer, Dublin, and Mr. Liam O'Cearbhaill should be heard by the County Council in connection with the applications of the Assistant Surveyors.

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

"That Standing Order requiring seven days' notice of attendance of deputation to County Council be suspended to allow of the deputation from the Irish Local Government Officials' Union being heard by this meeting."

Mr. Corish, in moving his motion, said the reason he gave it was because he did not think the matter had got due consideration at the last meeting. He was not laying any blame on the Committee who did consider it but suggested that all the facts were not before them to enable them to arrive at a definite decision. The Assistant Surveyors, through the medium of their union, were asking to be put on increments of salaries which would bring them ultimately to a maximum of £400 per year through increments of £15. He understood that they submitted a list of the salaries of Assistant Surveyors in other Counties to the Committee and he thought it would be admitted on looking over these salaries that the Wexford Surveyors were in a very disadvantageous position. It would be found on examination of the list that in twenty out of the twenty-six Counties the Assistant Surveyors were on an incremental scale and that all had better salaries than the Wexford surveyors. In regard to the service of the four Surveyors who were applying for increments, Mr. Ennis had 21 years, Mr. Cullen, 16 years, Mr. Birthistle, 16 years and Mr. O'Neill, 14 years service.

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Their salary at present was £275 per year. That was the maximum so far as they were concerned, as they were affected by present conditions, and as they believed the mind of the Council to be on the matter. It would be suggested, as it had been suggested, that certain fees were paid to them over and above the amount that was received as salary, but that also applied to the other Counties in connection with which figures have been quoted. Just at random, he would submit certain figures in connection with other Counties. In Clare, which he did not think could be said to be a very rich County, the salary was £300, and by annual increments it reached £400 ultimately. In Donegal, which was not a very rich County, they had eleven Surveyors. They started at £250, and increments ultimately brought them to £400. In Longford the salary was something approximately like in Wexford, but coupled with that the Surveyors were acting as Town Surveyors and had a good salary for that. In Meath, there were six Surveyors, and they had increments on the scale that it was suggested should be paid to the Wexford Surveyors. In Waterford they were in the same position - they had annual increments that enable them to reach £400 ultimately. He submitted that it was unfair that they should treat their Assistant Surveyors in a different way to that in which their colleagues were treated in other Counties. Comparatively speaking, Wexford was a richer County than some of those he had mentioned. It might be pointed out - as pointed out in the letter sent by the Local Government Officials' Union - also that the roads in Wexford were difficult to maintain on account of its being such an intensive tillage County. There was a large number of by-roads that required special attention in consequence of that. No one could blame the Surveyors for trying to improve their position and for not being satisfied to remain

as the lowest-paid of their class and he asked the County Council to accede to their request. If their terms were conceded, it would mean this year an amount of £60. It would take about $8\frac{1}{2}$ years to reach the maximum for which they applied. He asked the Council, in order to treat the Surveyors with the consideration they deserved, to agree to the increments. He formally moved that their request be acceded to, and that they be placed on an incremental scale to enable them to reach ultimately £400. The cost when they reached the maximum would be approximately one-third of a penny in the £, and in order to get content amongst the Surveyors, who, he thought, everyone would agree, had done good work on behalf of the County, and who were ready to co-operate with the Council in every way, he asked that they be treated as ~~they should be treated as~~ were Surveyors in other Counties.

Mr. Kelly, in seconding, pointed out that the mileage of roads in Wexford County in proportion to its area was in excess of road mileage in any County in Great Britain and Ireland.

Mr. French, Secretary to the Irish Local Government Officials' Union, having thanked the Council for receiving the deputation, said the Council would be wanting in their duty to the ratepayers if they did not make proper provision for their Surveyors. Speaking generally, ~~the~~ loyalty and efficiency might be impaired by any grievance or sense of inequality under which they believed they suffered. Having referred to the figures given by Mr. Corish to prove that the County Wexford Assistant Surveyors were the lowest paid in Ireland and the actual years service of these Officers, it was hardly to be conceived that the Wexford County Council would tolerate the position that professional men who had the spending of a very large sum should receive such a low

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salary as £5 per week. The present Ministry recognised that in all services graded scales of salary were essential. for that efficiency which they all desired, for that loyalty which was essential in Local Government service, and he suggested that the Council would readily recognise that only on an incremental basis could the matter be satisfactorily fixed.

Mr. Clinton also thanked the Council for receiving the deputation and said he would like to emphasise the conditions of the Assistant Surveyors in the County. There was no doubt about the question of remuneration. It was the lowest in the thirty-two Counties. The Union had the figures supplied to them from the various members of their organisation and they found that Wexford was on the lowest basis. As far as they could gather, the road expenditure in the County was £70,000. That was a big responsibility and it required deep thought and consideration on the part of the men who had the spending of it. He asked the Council to meet this reasonable request of the Surveyors.

Mr. Laim O'Carroll, the third member of the deputation, asked the Council to consider how necessary it was that grave consideration should be given to the application of the Assistant Surveyors (who had to supervise the spending of £70,000) an application which at the moment would mean an increase of only £60. No one would attempt to contend that even the maximum salary was an excess amount for the services of professional men. The Assistant Surveyors had a very big job to keep everything going from year to year.

Mr. Doyle contended that the salaries of Wicklow Assistant Surveyors were even according to the figures supplied by the Association, lower than in Wexford.

Mr. Clinton said the Wicklow salaries were £260, £250 and £205 but there were also fees for acting for the Board of Health and two of them were acting as Town Surveyors.

Exact figures could not be given, but it was evident the figures were certainly in advance of those in Wexford.

In reply to Miss O'Ryan, the County Surveyor said that a sum of £25 was allowed for supervising the maintenance of the Roads in New Ross Urban Area and Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, received £12. 10. 0 out of that.

Miss O'Ryan said that £12. 10. 0 was a contemptible figure for the work for which Mr. O'Neill was responsible but she asked the question in order to have this question of payments made perfectly clear. Continuing, she said that on a previous occasion when they discussed the remuneration of the Surveyors, she believed the County Council were not at all adverse to treating them in a very generous way, but the question came up of a unified engineering service, and she thought that that cut across the matter. At the time they considered making the Surveyors' position better, a scheme was discussed - and received, she thought, very favourable consideration from the Council - of having a general engineering service, and that a man would have a smaller district, do all types of engineering, and that instead of having engineers for the Health Board and County Council, there would probably be the same number of engineers and the districts made smaller, with one chief engineer over all. It was believed that if they had a Chief Engineer in the County, ultimately responsible for the spending of all the money for subsidiary Committees as well as the County Council, business would be more simple. If they had a central engineering system she did not for a moment believe that the Council would act in an ungenerous way, but she thought the matter was held up for that reason. She did not want the engineers to think that they did not want to have them as well paid as in any other County, but for better pay they wanted a better and more comprehensive Engineering service.

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Mr. Doyle was of opinion that a case had not been made for an increase. It was very difficult to justify an increase when one took into consideration all the salient factors. It was his opinion that if they gave an increase it would place the Council in a false position. They had to take into consideration the treatment they gave to other employees of the Council when they came before them, and the treatment they might have to give them in the future, if they were going to create a precedent in so far as salaries were concerned, by increasing them as in other Counties, perhaps richer in their way. They would, he thought, establish a precedent which would place other employees of the Council in a position to ask for an increase on the same basis as given to the engineers. If they treated all employees alike, they would automatically place on the ratepayers, he supposed, an increase of £12,000 to £14,000 and he thought everyone was aware of the difficulties of the times. In regard to the point that Surveyors were the worst paid in Ireland, he did not find that to be the case on the figures the association submitted. Under the circumstances, he thought the Council should consider very carefully before giving an increase which might place them in a very false and difficult position afterwards.

Mr. T. Redmond said he acted as the Chairman of the Sub-Committee that considered the application. The Committee considered every aspect of the matter most carefully. Nothing new had been introduced that day by Mr. Corish or the deputation. He, personally, never thought as hard of anything as he did of turning down the application at the Committee meeting, because he knew all the Surveyors so well and knew of their good service and efficiency. There were no better Surveyors in the thirty-two Counties than the County Council Surveyors in Wexford so far as service and

efficiency were concerned. The Committee considered everything most minutely and in view of the financial state of the Council which had been referred to at the previous County Council meeting, that it was only by cheeseparings and most careful attention to the financial side that the business of the Council could be carried on at all, the Committee, after two hours' consideration reluctantly arrived at the conclusion that they could not grant the application. Nothing had happened since to change his opinion. The Committee were unanimous in their decision. They only asked that the matter be deferred until the financial condition of the Council improved. He considered it inopportune that this should be brought forward after such a short time, a couple of months after that decision, especially when nothing new was brought out to support the present proposal. The condition of the Council had not improved and was not likely to improve for the remainder of the financial year. He could not possibly support the motion. He could not see the necessity for bringing on the motion so soon after the decision of the Council.

Mr. Walsh said that as a member of the Committee that examined the application he had been just as reluctant as Mr. Redmond to turn it down. The Committee could not see how they could recommend an increase on the budget that the Council had adopted. It had been pointed out when the election of Chairman was taking place that day that before the end of the year probably the Council would be abolished. Why not wait and let their successors deal with this? Some people might question their right to claim to represent the ratepayers as their three years of office had long since expired. The Committee did not say the Surveyors were not deserving of an increase but they did claim they did their best in the circumstances.

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Mr. Bolger said that he came there to oppose increases in salaries. It was not a popular thing to do, but the time was not opportune for increases in the present condition of the country. The harvest prospects were very bad. It was not a time to increase the salaries of men who would not be hungry or in hardship and who have fat salaries already. The farmers had men working in the fields and could not pay them. One big farmer told him that if he got the best labouring man in County Wexford to work for his board alone, he could not afford it. The farmer could not pay the standard wage of 14s. He would oppose any increase.

The Chairman said the Council had gone into this matter several time in the last three or four years. An effort was made to unify the engineering services of the County Council and subsidiary bodies, such as the Board of Health and other bodies and possibly if that could be done the engineers would be entitled to some increase. But nothing came of it. The engineers had not the salaries that their status as professional men deserved, but they had fairly high travelling expenses. If portion of the travelling expenses could be included in the salaries of the Surveyors it might be advisable as the amount adjusted would count for ^{pension} purposes. He proposed as an amendment to Mr. Corish's motion the following:-

"That further consideration of the motion to place the salaries of four of their Assistant Surveyors on an incremental basis be adjourned to County Council meeting at which Roads Works Scheme for financial year 1940-41 is under consideration."

They would then be in a better position to deal with this matter as they would know what was intended to be spent on their roads.

Mr. M. Redmond, in seconding the Chairman's amendment

considered it a very wise proposal.

Mr. Corish said it was creditable to the Council that the matter was discussed in such a good atmosphere. Everyone seemed to agree that the Surveyors were entitled to an increase. Several members had referred to the difficulties of the times. He had been a member of the County Council for 20 years and any time an application came up for increased wages or salaries the bad times were always put against it, notwithstanding the fact that the times in which the other applications were introduced were infinitely better than they are now. Having again dealt with the various points raised by him and by the members of the deputation in support of his motion he said that Mr. Walsh had pointed out that no provision had been made this year for any increase. If the Council would make the increments operative from the start of the next financial year the Surveyors would be satisfied. Mr. Doyle had spoken of precedent and of increases to men in a worse financial position than the Surveyors. Mr. Doyle had the opportunity recently to vote to place these men in a better financial position, but he used the same arguments as he was using in the present case. Every time an increase was proposed Mr. Doyle adopted the same attitude. He was perfectly entitled to do it, but he (Mr. Corish) suggested that the Surveyors deserved better of the Council. A salary of £400 a year was not extravagant for men who had to study for their profession as Surveyors. His proposal would place them in a position that would not be inferior to other Assistant Surveyors elsewhere.

A vote was then taken on the Chairman's amendment, with the following result:-

For:- Messrs. Bolger, Bowe, Doyle, Keegan, Lawlor, O'Ryan, M. Redmond, T. Redmond, Ronan, Smyth, Sweetman, Walsh and the Chairman - 13.

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Against:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton and Kelly. 4.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

When he was about to put it as the substantive motion Mr. Colfer, who said the Chairman had agreed to accept a further amendment, moved:-

"That the four Assistant Surveyors be granted the increase in their salaries as from 1st April 1940."

Mr. Keegan seconded Mr. Colfer.

The Chairman said that this amendment assumed that Mr. Corish's motion would be adopted whereas as a matter of fact the amendment to defer the request of the Assistant Surveyors to the next Roads Works meeting had been carried. In the circumstances he ruled Mr. Colfer's amendment as not in order.

The Chairman then put his amendment as the substantive motion (through a show of hands) when 13 voted in favour and 2 against, the two other members present not voting.

Mr. Colfer said he did not get fair play in not being allowed to have his motion put to a vote.

Mr. Chairman said that Mr. Colfer had no grievance as every opportunity had been given to everyone to express an opinion. Even before he put his amendment he had asked if any other Councillor wished to take part in the discussion.

POUNDAGE TO RATE COLLECTORS

The following under date 23rd June 1939 (G.2732/9/39) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 13th instant and enclosure relative to payment of poundage to Rate Collectors I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that in regard to the second moiety he sanctions payment of poundage at the rate of 7d to each Collector who has lodged to the credit of the Council 87½%

of the assessment for 1938-39 plus the full arrears applicable to the 1937-38 collection. Any cases not complying with the above condition may be paid at the rate of 7d less 5%.

In regard to the first moiety he sanctions payment of poundage at the rate of 7d to Collectors P. Nolan, J. Deegan, J. J. O'Reilly, D. Kenny, A. Dunne, E. J. Murphy, M. Kehoe, and P. Carty. In view of the manner in which their warrants have been closed he will raise no objection to the remission of the 5% deduction made in the poundage of Collectors P. Doyle, M. McCarthy, J. Cummins and J. Flood. In all other cases poundage at the rate of 7d less 5% may be paid on the moiety."

The Secretary said this approval for payment of poundage was exactly on the same lines as the approval for payment of poundage fees in 1938.

The following were the amounts of the deductions in accordance with the directions of the Department:-

	£.	s.	d.
W. Cummins	10.	11.	9
W. Doyle	6.	4.	5
J. Quirke	6.	13.	3
J. J. Sinnott	5.	7.	11.

DELEGATES AT MEETINGS OF INSURANCE SOCIETY

The following under date 21st June 1939 (A.11378/1939) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant enclosing a copy of a resolution adopted by your Council at a meeting held on the 12th instant requesting that delegates attending meetings for the purpose of electing representatives of insured persons to the Committee be allowed to express their opinions on matters of Insurance Administration and to state that the matter has been noted."

DUNCORMACK ROADS

It was decided, on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by the Chairman that the report of Committee re Duncormack Roads be considered at Finance Committee meeting to be held on 7th July 1939.

NATIONAL MONUMENTS

The following under date 20th June 1939 (C.94/49/1/36) was read from Office of Public Works:-

"With reference to your letter dated 9th instant, we beg to state that Coolhull Castle is in our view a National Monument within the meaning of the National Monuments Act, 1930, and as such it is eligible for guardianship by the County Council."

The Secretary stated he was in correspondence with the owner, Mr. Murphy, through Miss Browne, Rathronan Castle, Bridgetown.

PERMANENT APPOINTMENT TELEPHONE ATTENDANT ETC.

The following under date 23rd June 1939 (G.18265/39 - Loch Garman Sc) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 16th instant in regard to the appointment of Miss Moran, Telephone Attendant etc. on the permanent staff of the Council."

APPROVAL INSPECTORS SHEEP DIPPING

The following under date 24th June 1939 (L.1844/39) was read from Department of Agriculture:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to refer to your letter of the 15th instant and previous correspondence on the subject of sheep-dipping arrangements for the current year, and to state that he will offer no objection to the employment as Sheep Dipping Inspectors during the

forthcoming dipping period of the six persons who were employed in that capacity last year, with remuneration in each case of £20 for the dipping period, plus actual expenditure on postage in connection with the Sheep Dipping Scheme. It is presumed that any conditions which may have been imposed by the Local Authority in connection with such appointments have been complied with."

REMOVAL OF MATERIAL FROM CAHORE-POULDUFF FORESHORE

Mr. Smyth said there was a great deal of condemnation of the County Council in the Cahore area regarding an order made recently by the Minister for Industry and Commerce, prohibiting removal of beach material from the foreshore in that vicinity. The people had a wrong idea about the matter and they blamed the County Council for the Order being made. When a memorial was received from people in the vicinity at the second last meeting regarding coast erosion the Chairman suggested that it be discussed in committee and the suggestion was adopted and he thought that the statement made emphatically by the Chairman at the last meeting that the County Council were not responsible for the order should be made public because the County Council as a body was being condemned. The resolution passed by the County Council referred to the material taken for the roads and had nothing to do with the Minister's order.

The Secretary said the County Council's resolution was to the effect that the County Surveyor be asked to see that in taking road material from the North shore, he would not interfere with the large seastones. The County Surveyor ~~was~~ understood that these referred to the boulders. The County Council had nothing to say to the order made by the Minister. They knew nothing about it until it was brought to their notice. They never asked for it and it came on them as a surprise.

Mr. Smyth said he only raised the point to make the public aware of what happened. The County Council passed their resolution not to take the boulders, so as to prevent the matter going to the Minister. The most drastic order was made by the Minister without any inquiry.

The County Surveyor said the order penalised the County Council the same as it did everyone else and he had to apply specially for a licence to take material.

Mr. Smyth said he had it on good authority that the people who sent in the memorial were quite satisfied if the County Council stopped drawing the stuff that they wanted to be left there, but it looked as if some other body moved in the matter and sent some communication to the Department of Industry and Commerce. He thought it was up to the Council to find out from what source that was sent, because the Council was being saddled with the blame.

The Chairman said Mr. Smyth was quite right to raise the matter. The Council either as a body or any of its individual members, had nothing to do with reporting the matter to the Minister for Industry and Commerce. The Order was more of an injury to the County Council than to the local people who were being prohibited from drawing the material. If anyone thought the County Council was responsible they were mistaken.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCE

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

"That renewals of licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 be issued Daniel Keating, Quay Street, New Ross, as from 27th July 1939 and John Fardy, Camolin and Edward Connolly, Buncloody."

James Kelly
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The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 14th August 1939.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding; also, Messrs. M. Bolger, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, John Day, Raymond Doyle, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, William Kinsella, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Patrick Ronan and Myles Smyth.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor and the five Assistant Surveyors of the Council were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for the following were examined and signed:- £317 (Ordinary Salaries) and £1569. 5. 0 (Payments to Contractors for maintenance of Roads and Works.

STRIKING RATE - KILMANNOCK AND SOW DRAINAGE AREAS

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

"That we hereby strike Rate for Sow Drainage Area for financial year ending 1st March 1940, in accordance with Charging Order of Commissioners of Public Works, dated 16th January 1929 and amended by said Commissioners of Public Works under date 22nd March 1933 No. 4672.31. Amount £263. 4. 4d to be levied on the persons named in Charging Order or their Successors in Title. In addition, that a sum of £120 be raised towards cost of maintenance of Sow Drainage Area; said amount to be levied on the persons named in the above mentioned Charging Order or their Successors in Title, in the same proportions as the amounts leviable under the Charging Order."

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"That we hereby strike rate for Kilmannock Drainage Area in respect of financial year ending 1st March 1940, in accordance with amounts entered on Charging Order of Commissioners of Public Works, dated 19th January 1927, as amended by said Commissioners of Public Works under date 16th May 1934, No. 9/94/34, amount £83. 7. 10d, said amount to be levied on the persons named in the Charging Order as amended, or their successors in Title."

"In addition that sum of £40 be raised towards cost of Maintenance of Kilmannock Drainage Area, said amount to be levied on the persons named in the Charging Order or their successors in title in the same proportions as the amounts leviable under the said Charging Order."

APPOINTMENT TO COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Ronan seconded by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That Senator Patrick Kehoe, Glencarrig, Enniscorthy, be appointed a member of County Wexford Library Committee vice Mr. Patrick Tobin, resigned."

CONFIRMATION FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

MEETING 7th JULY 1939: The Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 7th July, 1939.

Present:- Miss N. O'Ryan, Messrs. P. Colfer, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy and Sean O'Byrne.

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

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the Chair was taken by Miss O'Ryan.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5832. 1. 11d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTORS

The following letter, under date 24th June 1939, from Mr. John M. Curtis, Rate Collector, was read:-

"At a meeting of Collectors held yesterday I was instructed to send in the following to the County Council. As it would be a great hardship on us if payments were made only twice yearly we ask that the following scale be adopted:- 1st payment when 60% of 1st moiety plus arrears applicable to 1938-1939 rate is collected, payment in full; 2nd payment in full when 50% of year's Rate plus 1938/39 arrears is collected; 3rd payment in full when 75% of year's Rate plus arrears applicable to 1938-1939 rate is collected; 4th payment when collection is closed.

We request the County Council to ask Local Government Department to place the Collectors who are not pensionable on a pensionable basis. We also ask that poundage and fees for Voters and Jurors be paid without delay."

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, to request Mr. Curtis to state dates by

which various percentages must be lodged in order to qualify for poundage, so that scheme may be considered by County Council before being recommended to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for approval.

The Assistant Secretary stated that the following seven Collectors were whole-time pensionable officers:- Messrs. J. Quirke, J. Cummins, W. Cummins, J. J. O'Reilly, J. J. Sinnott, E. J. Murphy and J. M. Curtis.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, that the County Council be recommended to agree to the following Collectors being placed on a whole-time pensionable basis, and that the Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the proposal:- Messrs. W. Doyle, P. Doyle, M. McCarthy, P. Nolan, Sean Gannon, J. Deegan, J. Flood, D. Kenny, Art Dunne, Maurice Kehoe and Patrick Carty.

MR. STEPHEN HAYES - EX-CLERICAL ASSISTANT

The following letter, under date 29th June 1939, No. G.4508/7/39, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 16th instant on the subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he sanctions the retention of Mr. L. Cleary as temporary clerical assistant for a further period of one month from the 22nd instant with remuneration at the rate of £3 per week. Before the expiration of current sanction the staffing position should be examined and if the services of a permanent clerk are in fact considered necessary proposals should be submitted in connection with the permanent filling of the vacancy. Until a decision on the matter has been arrived at the Minister

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will not be prepared to consider proposals for continued temporary assistance.

I am to add that the Medical Certificate submitted by Mr. Hayes is regarded as adequate and to request that the enclosed query form be completed in respect of the proposed grant of a superannuation allowance to Mr. Hayes and returned to this Department."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. McCarthy it was decided that terms for appointment of Clerical Assistant to replace Mr. Hayes be considered at next meeting of Finance Committee.

Mr. Colfer handed in the following notice of motion regarding proposed superannuation allowance to Mr. Hayes:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at meeting of Wexford County Council to be held on Monday, 14th August 1939, that superannuation allowance be granted to Mr. Stephen Hayes, former Clerical Assistant in County Council Offices, who has resigned his position on the grounds of ill-health and that the amount of superannuation allowance payable be fixed at said meeting."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The following letter, under date 4th July 1939, which had been forwarded by Mr. Elgee, County Council Solicitor, to Mr. John Murphy, Kellystown, Adamstown, was submitted:-

"I am in receipt of yours of yesterday enclosing the Receivable Order in respect of your Land Commission payments. I notice that there are five persons returned as Owners of the Holding, and this being so, I do not see how, in any event, the County Council could accept a Mortgage from you in respect of the Loan which they might make to you under the above Acts.

Apparently the Lands have not yet been vested in you by the Land Commission, and accordingly, you have not

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sufficient Title to warrant the Council making any Advance at all to you, and this being so, the matter of your Application can be considered as rejected. I return your Receivable Order."

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, to adjourn further consideration of the matter until next meeting, Mr. Colfer, M.C.C., to make inquiries in the meantime as to the possibility of satisfactory title being obtained by the applicant.

The following letter, under date 30th June 1939, from Mr. J. Elgee, County Council Solicitor, was read:-

"Referring to the List which I submitted to you herein on the 20th instant and to your Queries raised thereon, I now give you hereunder the required information:-

No. 32 on List	John O'Connor	Received no Reply.
No. 12	James Wyse	do.
No. 19	L. Cogley	do.
No. 27	T. Casey	No further reply received from Messrs. Colfer - Cannot certify Title until Holding is vested.
No. 49	M. Kirwan	Form not yet received. Have again written as to same.
No. 50	J. Murphy	do.
No. 30	Mrs. M. J. Doyle	Received no reply.
No. 28	Richard Redmond	do.
No. 33	Martin Doyle	Mr. Doyle called on 27.6.39 to know amount available for him - Wrote him as to this on the 28.6.39 and am awaiting his reply."

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, that the County Solicitor notify the following applicants by registered post that the County Council had cancelled the amount provisionally allocated in each case:-

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John O'Connor, Glenbubber	£. 100
Thomas Wyse, Grange	100
L. Cogley, Bree	190
T. Casey, Newbawn	50
Mrs. M. J. Doyle, Gurteen	200
Richard Redmond, Coolbawn, Ferns	145.

It was further decided, on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, that these amounts be provisionally re-allocated to new applicants at next meeting of the Finance Committee.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDERS 1936 AND 1939
TEMPORARY INSPECTOR WILLIAM CARTY:

The following letter, under date 4th July 1939, was read from Mr. William Carty, Temporary Warble Fly Inspector:

"I have to inform you that owing to illness I will not be able to carry out my duties under Warble Fly Order until further notice."

No order.

TEMPORARY INSPECTORS AND HOLIDAYS (EMPLOYEES) ACT 1939: The following letter, under date 14th June 1939, which was forwarded to the Department of Agriculture, was read:-

"In reference to above Act, I have to state that Warble Fly Inspectors in this County worked as usual on Whit Monday, 29th May, 1939 and I would be glad to be informed if it will be in order to allow each Warble Fly Inspector, who worked at least 150 hours for the five weeks immediately preceding 29th May, 1939, a day's leave with pay for the Feast of Corpus Christi (8th June 1939). None of the Inspectors carried out any duties on the last mentioned date.

It is unlikely that the County Council will decide to pay Inspectors 1½ days' wages for their work on Whit-Monday, 29th May, 1939, and I would be glad to have the Department's approval of a day's leave in lieu with pay at normal rate

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being granted to the Inspectors under the above-mentioned Act."

Under date 26th June 1939, the Department of Agriculture (L.350/39) replied as follows:-

"With reference to your letter of the 15th instant in regard to the question of payment of remuneration to temporary Inspectors J. Morrissey and W. Carty for the period of their suspension, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that he regrets he cannot see his way to reconsider his decision in the matter as conveyed to you in this Department's letter of the 26th ultimo.

As regards the question of the effect of the operation of the Holidays (Employees) Act, 1939 in the case of the temporary Warble Fly Inspectors, referred to in your letter of the 14th instant, I am to state that as the matter appears to be in order, the Minister will offer no objection to the proposal contained in the second paragraph of that letter."

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, that each Warble Fly Inspector be paid one day's pay in respect of Feast of Corpus Christi (8th June, 1939), a prescribed Church Holiday and which will replace public holiday on 29th May, 1939, on which Inspectors worked.

The following letter, sent to the Department of Agriculture, on 1st July 1939, was submitted:-

"In reference to Holidays (Employees) Act 1939 - Section 10, Sub-Section 3 - I have to inform the Department that the County Council propose to allow each Warble Fly Inspector one day's pay in respect of the first 30 days of continuous employment since 1st March 1939 and one additional day's pay in respect of each subsequent 60 days continuous employment subject to the approval of the Department.

As regards continuous employment, none of the Inspec-

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tors work on Church Holydays as it is the custom in this County to close down work on such days. In view of this, I would be glad to be informed if it will be correct to regard as continuous employment a 30 days' or 60 days' period during which a Church Holyday intervenes and on which day no duties were performed."

The following reply, under date 5th July 1939, No. L.350/39, was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to advert to your letter of the 1st instant in further reference to the question of the application of the Holidays (Employees) Act, 1939, in the case of temporary Warble Fly Inspectors during the current treatment period and to state that the Minister considers that the matter is one in which the Local Authority might consult their Legal Adviser."

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, that the County Council Solicitor be requested to advise the Council as to the appropriate "holiday pay" payable to each Warble Fly Inspector and also to the temporary Rate Staff.

ENGINEER'S HOUSE - MENTAL HOSPITAL

Under date 30th June 1939, the following letter was read from Dr. C. B. Molony, Resident Medical Superintendent, District Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy:-

"With reference to the County Council's resolution and correspondence regarding loan for building of Engineer's House I beg to forward the following relative copy of Notice of Motion which was handed in at meeting of the Committee of Management on the 20th instant:-

"That as an alternative to building a new house for the Engineer sufficient additional accommodation with garden be added to his present house."

This motion will come before the Committee at meeting on the 17th proximo."

NOTED.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES - ACTING CO. MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

The following letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, under date 5th July, 1939, No. P.H.6349/5/39, Loch Garman, was submitted:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th ultimo and I am to state that the Minister has approved of an increase in the limit of the vouched travelling expenses of Dr. MacDonald to £300 per annum in respect of the period from 1st November 1938 to 24th April 1939, during which he carried out the duties of the County Medical Officer of Health."

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, that Dr. MacDonald, Acting County Medical Officer of Health, be paid travelling expenses at the rate approved by the Department in the above communication:

PAINTING OF NEW ROSS BRIDGE

The County Surveyor stated that he had agreed to accept one surety from Mr. Michael L. Stokes, Contractor for the painting of New Ross Bridge, viz., Mrs. Margaret Fitzgerald, North Street, New Ross. When he was inviting tenders, he did not specify that Sureties were required.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was decided to accept one surety, viz., Mrs. Fitzgerald, for bond being entered into by Mr. Michael L. Stokes, 13 Quay, Waterford for the painting of New Ross Bridge.

BLASTING OPERATIONS IN QUARRIES

The County Surveyor stated that the Assistant Surveyors were at present re-considering this matter and that memorandum on the position would be submitted by him to the Finance Committee in due course.

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SUPPLIES - FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

Requisition for the following supplies for ex-officio Inspectors under Food and Drugs Acts was received from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Wexford:-

8 Bottles of Ink; 17 Balls of Twine; 24 lbs. of Sealing Wax; 11 Gross Butter Jars with screw caps; 13½ Gross Milk Bottles; 231 Cardboard boxes for butter jars; 257 Cardboard boxes for milk bottles; 18½ Gross Corks for milk bottles; 75 Sheets of Blotting Paper; 539 Sheets of Foolscap; 479 Envelopes for Foolscap; 1494 Envelopes for butter jar samples; 572 Sheets of Brown Wrapping Paper; 12 Cash Receipt books; 515 Tie-on labels for parcels; 3150 Adhesive Labels for samples taken; 94 Wax Tapers; and 3 Fountain Pens.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by the Chairman, that the various supplies requisitioned be ordered with the exception of the fountain pens which the Finance Committee cannot see their way to supply.

DRAINAGE AT BLACKSTONE, DUNCORMACK

The following memorial, dated 3rd July 1939, in connection with above, was read:-

"We, the undersigned tenants, wish to draw your attention to the following matter:-

For the past few Winters and last Winter in particular we have had great difficulty in reaching our Lands and Premises on account of the flooded state of the Road. The Road we refer to is in Blackstone and is known as the Sea Road. Last Winter some of us had the flood at our kitchen doors and for three months the road remained flooded.

Some time ago the Assistant County Surveyor came here and we understood at that time that something would be done with the road, but so far no steps seem to have been taken

in the matter.

We now trust you to be good and kind enough to have the road repaired as soon as possible.

Thanking you in anticipation, we are,

Respectfully Yours,

(Signed) Thomas Kelly, Blackstone, Duncormack; Anastasia Cleary; John Furlong; John Harpur; Margaret Devereux; James Jordan; Denis Goff; Bridget Murray and Anna M. Breen."

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES VOTE

The following applications under Minor Relief Schemes Vote were submitted:-

LANE AT BALLINRUANE: "We, the undermentioned residents of Ballinruane hereby make application to have lane leading from Mr. Samuel Elme's gate at Ballinruane to Mr. James Whelan's house at Ballinruane repaired. This lane is used by us, and it connect~~s~~ two minor roads and if in repair would be a very short way to Ballycullane village. There are two houses also on this lane, and in Winter it is impossible for occupants of these houses to get in or out with cars, or even to walk on it.

(Signed) James Whelan; Francis Cullen; Mary Whelan; Mary Browne; Samuel W. Elmes; Samuel Elmes; James Kehoe; Richard Murphy and Philip Conway."

LANE AT CAMROSS: (This application was submitted by Miss O'Ryan, M.C.C.):-"The lane leading to our home is in a dreadful state of repair; all winter it is impossible to get in or out. It leads to three homes that priest and doctor must get through. There is a sick person so that the priest has to suffer to get there so often. Father Kelly will tell you how bad it is and Doctor O'Leary. It is the first grant I ever asked of you and I'm asking in the

interest of all concerned. It is used to get to Mass and School and by five more ratepayers.

Will you please get it done for us. You never turned a deaf ear to a bad case and I hope you will see to this lane. John Gorman, Poulpeasty, will tell you how we are suffering here. I know you will help us.

Truly Yours,

(Signed) James Kavanagh, Camross, Taghmon."

It was decided that both application be listed by the County Surveyor under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

PIPE UNDER FERNS - CARNEW ROAD

The following letter from J. Henry Poole, Ballybeg House, Ferns, was read:-

"I would be much obliged, if, at the next meeting of the County Council, you could obtain permission for me to put a water pipe across the Ferns-Carnew road, on Slieve Bhui Gap, immediately above the cottage occupied by Edward Murphy. There are 22 Irish acres across the road and not a drop of water on them except when the springs open.

I need hardly say that if the County Council will facilitate me in this matter, I will do the job in a safe and proper manner."

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Colfer, to grant the necessary permission to Mr. Poole, subject to the surface of the road being restored to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor.

DUNCORMACK ROADS

Report in connection with above was submitted as follows:-

"A Committee, consisting of Miss O'Ryan, County Surveyor and Mr. J. F. Birthistle, Deputy Surveyor, visited Duncormack on Friday, 23rd June, and there met a deputation of the

local people, Messrs. Parle, Furlong and Roche.

The Deputation pointed out many dangerous corners in the vicinity which required lowering or widening. The desirability of such work was admitted, but it was pointed out to the Deputation that funds, as at present, would not permit of such work being put in hands.

The bad condition of the surface of a number of the roads was referred to, and in this case also, the money allowed for maintenance does not permit of further improvement.

The Deputation stated that the recent schedule of Main Road L.128A - from Carrick to Duncormack, via Coolseskin, was not the proper line having regard to the incidence of traffic. They stated the road through Carrick Village and via Coolishal to Duncormack was the proper route, as it carried most of the traffic. The Surveyors stated that this was their original recommendation, and they thoroughly agreed with the Deputation that this line should now be substituted for the present route and continued via Ambrosetown to Tullicanna Cross roads on L.159. The Road from Duncormack to Baldwinstown via Rathangan will then be classified as a County road.

Mr. Rochford, Belgrove, was interviewed re the removal of a projecting ruined house on the Johnstown road leading to Duncormack Station. Mr. Rochford would give no decision but promised to think the matter over.

Mr. Parle agreed to the lowering of wall at his Mill premises turning on to Johnstown Road. This work will be carried out at a subsequent date when funds permit.

The Committee recommended that the hedges should be lowered at several other corners during coming Winter if arrangements can be made with the adjoining landowners.

The Deputation were unanimous in requesting the

lowering of a fence at corner of entrance to Railway Station. An endeavour will be made to deal with a short length of this.

Alderman Corish who was also appointed to this Committee was unfortunately unable to attend."

On the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the report was approved, the Department of Local Government and Public Health to be requested to approve of the proposal in connection with the re-classification of the roads as follows:-

1. Classification as main - the road through Carrick Village to Duncormack via Coolishal instead of road from Carrick to Duncormack via Coolseskin, the latter road to be classified as a County Road.

2. Road from Duncormack to Tullicanna Cross (at Duncannon Main Line) via Ambrosetown, to be classified as a main road instead of road from Duncormack to Baldwinstown via Rathangan, the latter road to be classified as a County Road.

TINNACREE QUARRY

A deputation consisting of Messrs. William Smith and James Leary, Kilmuckridge Fianna Fail Club, and P. Dempsey, Kilmuckridge Labour Party, attended in connection with opening of Tinnacree Quarry.

The County Surveyor stated that there was a very bad roadway (repaired under Minor Relief Scheme) to the quarry.

The deputation stated there was a large number of unemployed men in the area, and, if the quarry was re-opened it would give much needed employment. The quarry had been worked last year. At the present time there would be no difficulty in machinery being brought to the quarry. The roadway was quite passable except in very bad weather.

The County Surveyor stated he was making arrangements

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with the Assistant Surveyor to start work in the quarry in the near future. He advised the members of the deputation to see Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, who was expected in the County Surveyor's Office that day as regards the probable date when work would begin.

As regards employment on road from Ballygarrett towards Courtown, the deputation were informed that ~~for~~ Relief Grant work on this road, men from Ford Electoral Division would be included for employment along with men from Ardamine, Ballygarrett and Cahore.

CAHORE - POULDUFF FORESHORE

The following resolution from Kilmuckridge Branch Irish Farmers Federation, was read:-

"That this meeting protests against restrictions being placed on farmers hauling gravel and sand for their own use from the seashore, especially in parts which are building such as Tinneberna, Morriscastle and Ballinoulart, and request the County Council to remove restrictions from these parts if already placed on them."

The following reply furnished to Mr. Aidan O'Connor, Branch Hon. Secretary of the Federation, under date 28th June 1939 was approved:-

"I have the resolution of your Branch of Farmers' Federation as to farmers taking gravel etc. from Cahore-Poulduff foreshore and which I will submit to next meeting of Finance Committee.

The restrictions to which resolution refers were not imposed by the County Council but by the Department of Industry and Commerce. The County Council never asked for them, never wished for them and it is very much against their interests they are imposed.

The first intimation the Council had in the matter was a letter referring to the imposition of these restrictions, to the County Surveyor from the Department of Industry and

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Commerce.

The matter was raised by Mr. Myles Smyth at last meeting of my County Council and if you will refer to the newspaper report you will understand that your protest should be addressed, not to the County Council, but to the Department of Industry and Commerce."

INSURANCE CLAIM - DAMAGED DENTURES

The following correspondence was submitted:-

From County Surveyor to County Secretary under date 30th

June 1939:- "As directed by the County Council I wrote to Insurance Company to have this man's claim reconsidered, and now enclose you copy of reply received from them, and also copy of my letter to Mr. Lawlor."

From Insurance Company to County Surveyor under date 26th

June 1939:- "With further reference to your letter of the 16th instant and following our recent conversation on the telephone you are of course aware, that no liability attaches to the Council under Workmen's Compensation Act in this matter as the accident did not incapacitate the man from working.

The cost of replacing the man's dentures could not of course come within the Public Liability Policy as in the first place there was no negligence on the part of the Council, and secondly the Public Liability Policy excludes claims by Employees.

The Ocean are however prepared to consider favourably an ex gratia payment but are not prepared to pay £12. If Lawlor is prepared to accept the sum of £5 in the spirit in which it is offered and the Council appreciate that such a payment is purely sympathetic, and outside the scope of the Council's Policies they would be agreeable to pay that sum.

We await the favour of your advices."

From County Surveyor to Mr. Luke Lawlor, Bellinavary,

Bree, under date 30th June 1939: "I have to inform you that, at the request of the Wexford County Council, I made further representations to the Insurance Company covering us in this matter. The Insurance Company distinctly disclaims all liability, either under Workmen's Compensation or Public Liability Policy. The Company is, however, prepared to offer an ex-gratia payment of £5 to you. I am asked by the Company to request you to state if you will accept this purely sympathetic payment, and if so the Company will deal with the matter."

The offer of the Insurance Company was considered satisfactory by the meeting.

PALLAS BRIDGE OVER RIVER BANN

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter which he had received from Mr. William Lee, 21 Main Street, Arklow, under date 27th June 1939:-

"Further to my letter of 13th instant in reply to yours, asking me to rebuild bridge at Pallas, I have gone carefully into the matter and am advised that as I have carried out the works in accordance with the Plans and Specification, I have no liability in the matter. And therefore cannot accept any responsibility for the rebuilding or repair of the bridge in question."

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, stated he was obtaining Counsel's opinion and, as soon as it was available he would submit it to the Finance Committee.

MACHINERY YARD

The following letter, under date 6th July 1939, was read from Mr. Martin O'Leary, 9 Shannon Hill, Enniscorthy, who had been acting as temporary storekeeper at Machinery Yard since 17th April 1939:-

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"I beg to inform you that I was appointed Storekeeper at the Machinery Yard for three months. I find I have been treated very unfair by Mr. Barry. I was kept out of the position for five weeks when he sent for me for an interview, his attitude to me on that occasion was if I did not chuck it I would have to be chucked; that did not surprise me as I could see by the attitude of the officials at the yard. I got very little help with such an undertaking as the stocktaking, was very heavy. It would be impossible for me to take by myself having no last years stock sheets, and engine parts not marked to guide. I could see there was no system to work on. I went back several occasions after hours to try and get in touch with the place in the short space of time. I would like the members to give this letter their full consideration. I have held positions of trust in many parts of Ireland and always proved satisfactory and never was taken short at any time."

Copy of Mr. O'Leary's communication was being forwarded to the County Surveyor.

No Order.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 7th July 1939 be received and considered."

PAINTING NEW ROSS BRIDGE: In reply to Mr. Corish, the County Surveyor said that the painting contract at New Ross Bridge was proceeding slowly; the weather had been against it.

In reply to Mr. Ronan the County Surveyor said that Contractor was using Harrington's non-corrosive paint which was very good but fairly expensive.

In further reply to Mr. Corish the County Surveyor said he did not believe the Wexford Paint Manufacturing Firm made the class of paint required on this job.

CAHORE-POULDUFF FORESHORE: Mr. Smyth said that a number of local people were under the impression the County Council had something to say to the issue of the Order.

Mr. Ronan said he believed a question had been asked in An Dail and it was stated in reply that the Government had not made the Order.

Chairman - The Order was made under the Foreshore Act under which the Department of Industry and Commerce have the right to prevent or licence people to remove material at any time.

Secretary - All foreshores are owned by the State.

TEMPORARY STOREKEEPER, MACHINERY YARD: The following under date 12th August 1939 was read from County Surveyor:-

"With reference to the letter, dated 6th July last, from Mr. Martin O'Leary, and addressed to the Chairman and Members of the County Council, I beg to emphatically repudiate Mr. O'Leary's statement that he was unfairly treated.

As a matter of fact, I personally and all the workers in the yard, gave Mr. O'Leary every possible assistance. I retained him in the job (which as the Council were aware was on probation for three months) nearly up to the full extent of the period, in the hope that it might possibly enable him to carry on, but the stock-taking was delayed beyond any reasonable period, and the Forms were not properly filled up. The Machinery Pay Sheet, on one occasion, at least, had to be entirely re-written. Generally, I found that though Mr. O'Leary was apparently anxious to carry on he was not equal to the job, and I had no alternative but to recommend his being relieved."

Mr. Corish did not think it was wise to appoint as successor to Mr. O'Leary the next man on the list - the runner up for the position, Michael Kirwan, 49 St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy.

Mr. O'Byrne was of opinion that when the services of Mr. O'Leary were dispensed with the position should have been advertised.

The County Surveyor said that the present storekeeper was on a week-to-week basis, the same as any ordinary road worker. He had been employed in his (County Surveyor's) office previously and had proved himself very capable. He was doing the work at the Machinery Yard in a satisfactory way and he (County Surveyor) believed the men were quite satisfied.

Mr. Corish asked would the position be permanent.

The County Surveyor said it would be on the week-to-week basis as already explained.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was decided that copy of the County Surveyor's letter be furnished Mr. Martin O'Leary.

The Chairman said that the Finance Committee and the last County Council meeting gave the County Surveyor power to make a suitable appointment to the position and the County Surveyor explained that this had been done. The meeting, he believed, would look on the action in the matter as quite in order.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Miss O'Ryan, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 7th July 1939, as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - 21st JULY 1939: The Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 21st July 1939.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman), presiding; also, Miss N. O'Ryan, Messrs. P. Colfer, R. Corish, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy and Sean O'Byrne.

The County Solicitor and the Assistant Secretary were in attendance.

Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4910. 2. 3d was examined and signed; also Treasurer's Advice Note for £1002 payment to County Wexford Vocational Education Committee.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: Return of Rate Collection showed that a sum of £1606. 8. 6d has been lodged as compared with £128. 12. 11d for the corresponding period of last year.

DERELICT HOLDING - JOHN SULLIVAN, SHANAHONA, OWNER: The following letter from the Department of Lands (Forestry Division) under date 19th July 1939, No. 8398/F, was read:-

"I am desired to inform you that the Department have had under consideration the acquisition of the holding of John Sullivan in the townland of Shanahona, Co. Wexford, containing 68a. 3r. 28p., for State forestry purposes. The lands appear to be unused and have lain derelict for years and there are substantial arrears of Land Purchase Annuities on the holding. The Department would be glad to receive particulars as to arrears of rates outstanding and in the event of the holding being purchased for State forestry purposes, the minimum sum which the County Council would be prepared to accept in satisfaction of their claim for rates.

For your information I am to state that the sum which would be required to discharge the lands from Land Purchase Annuity is in excess of their maximum valuation for forestry purposes."

The Assistant Secretary stated that arrears of rates outstanding to 31st March 1939 amounted to £37. 15. 1d. Current year's rate is £10. 10. 11d.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was decided that application be made to the Department of Lands (Forestry Division) for the full amount of the rates outstanding on the holding.

PART PAYMENT OF RATES: Under date 18th July 1939, the following letter, No. G.18270/2/39, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, was read:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 30th ultimo on the subject I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he will raise no objection to the continuance for the current financial year of the existing arrangements for the acceptance of part payment of arrears of Rates."

REMUNERATION RATE COLLECTORS CHECKING ABATEMENT FORMS:

Under date 14th July 1939 the following letter, No. G.20697/39, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, was read:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 8th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he will raise no objection to the Poor Rate Collectors being remunerated in the current financial year in respect of services in connection with rate relief to occupiers of Agricultural Land at rates not exceeding those sanctioned in Circular Letter of 19th September, 1934 (No. 24.18.34)."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

In connection with the following applications which were cancelled as applicants did not reply to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, regarding title, it was decided to re-allocate amounts at this meeting.

Loans Cancelled:

	£.
John O'Connor, Glentubber	100
James Wyse, Grange	100
L. Cogley, Bree	190
Richard Redmond, Coolbawn	145
J. Murphy, Kellystown, Adamstown	200
T. Casey, Newbawn	<u>150</u>
	885
Reduction in amount of loan required by J. Murphy, Ballysimon	<u>90</u>
Total	£975.

New Applicants:

The following new applicants submitted application forms for the £975 available:-

	£.
James Canavan, Effernogue, Ferns, Carpenter	245
John L. Kickham, Clonhaston, Enniscorthy, Traveller	270
Mrs. Margaret Grannell, Craheen, Enniscorthy Farmer	170
Edward Kehoe, Raheenduff, Oulart. Traveller	225
Patrick Byrne, Kilbride, Courtown Harbour. Farm Labourer.	200
William Dempsey, Mill Lands, Gorey. Labourer	200
John Hanstock, Ballinatray, Courtown Harbour. Small Farmer.	100
Samuel Johnston, Barnadown, Gorey. Retired Farmer	225
Annie McCarthy, Corecannon, Inch. Farmer.	150
Laurence Murphy, Belcarrig, Ballycanew. Blacksmith.	200
Michael Walsh, Arklow, Wellingtonbridge. Farmer	155
Thomas Howlin, Gardimus, Ballycogley. Farmer	100

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Patrick O'Keeffe, Mulrankin, Bridgetown.
Beet Loading Agent £200.

The following amounts were provisionally allocated, subject to the sanction of the County Council and Department of Local Government and Public Health, on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

	£.
Thomas Howlin, Gardimus, Ballycogley	100
Patrick O'Keeffe, Mulrankin, Bridgetown	200
Michael Walsh, Arklow, Wellingtonbridge	155
Mrs. Margaret Grannell, Craheen, Enniscorthy	170
Annie McCarthy, Corecannon, Inch	150
John Hanstock, Ballinatray, Courtown Harbour	100
Edward Kehoe, Raheenduff, Oulart	<u>100</u>

Total £975.

It was also decided that William Dempsey, Mill Lands, Gorey, be recommended to apply for a labourer's cottage.

APPLICATION FOR RE-INSTATEMENT OF LOAN: Alderman Corish referred to the case of Mrs. M. J. Doyle, Gurteen, Inch, whose loan was cancelled at last meeting. Permission of the Land Commission had now been obtained by Mrs. Doyle's Solicitors. It was expected that title would be ready in a very short time.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, it was decided that £200 provisionally allocated to Mrs. M. J. Doyle, Gurteen, Inch, be re-instated.

JAMES KENT, ROCHESTOWN: Above applicant, who had been provisionally approved for loan of £170 was not yet in a position to submit particulars of title, as it was a subdivision case in which certificate of Land Commission was required.

Mr. Elgee stated it would be a very considerable time before this would be available.

The Chairman considered that perhaps it would be

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advisable if Mr. Colfer suggested to this applicant that he should make application to the Credit Corporation and in the meantime the County Council would not cancel amount provisionally allocated in case the applicant should require the amount in the event of his not being able to obtain advance from the Credit Corporation.

INSURANCE OF HOUSES: The meeting considered that policy of £20,000 to cover the Council's interest in houses erected under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts was quite ample to meet all possible contingencies.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Miss O'Ryan it was decided that no increase be made in the amount of the policy.

ARREARS OF INSTALMENTS: It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that statement be presented to Finance Committee, giving particulars of arrears of instalments outstanding on 31st August and each succeeding month and that the present collection system be continued.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDERS 1936 AND 1939

REPORTS OF VETERINARY INSPECTORS: The following reports of four of the Veterinary Inspectors were submitted:-

FROM MR. F. STAPLES, V.S.: "Yours of 15th instant re Warble Fly Treatment. From my observations of cattle shown on the local fairs and visits to farms in the Wexford district, I believe that the treatment carried out during the last three years has definitely considerably reduced the number of infested cattle in the Wexford Area and the cattle found infested during the present year were very slightly affected as in comparison with former years.

The three inspectors in the district worked their areas very efficiently, the only complaints they had to

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make wefe that cattle brought into the district from other Counties showed much more infestation than the locally bred animals."

FROM J. LYNCH, V.S., NEW ROSS: "In accordance with terms of appointment, I hereby report on working of above Order for current season.

Slow progress is being made. This will continue unless Inspectors are given further powers. They should have been given Detention Notices at the beginning of the Season. They were not received until end of May and even then the threat of serving same speeded up the dressings.

I have nothing further to say only to emphasise the remarks I made last year i.e., while dealers can purchase warbled cattle with impunity progress must be slow.

Denmark is reputed to have got rid of the pest in three years. Conditions here are very different but it should be possible to achieve the same result here in six years.

I now wish to refer to the suspension of Inspectors.

I consider this was unfortunate and unwise and had a very prejudicial effect on the work. In my opinion neither case deserved suspension.

The more essential part of the duties were done satisfactorily, viz., visits, inspections and instructions.

I rather expected that your Council would ask my opinion and that the Department would have consulted me before suspending these Inspectors. I should be at least as well qualified to know as any other, whether these Officers were doing their duty satisfactorily or not.

If I cannot be relied on to give an impartial opinion, then I am not qualified to hold office as supervisor."

FROM F. W. TAYLOR, V.S., NEW ROSS: "I beg to submit my report of the working of the above Order during this season. The Order which came into force on the first of March and expired on the seventh of July has been carried out in a very satisfactory manner by the Inspector. In no case, in my area, has any ill result been noticed due to the dressing of infested animals. The stock owners all seem to approve of the Order and are willing to carry out the Inspector's directions. Unfortunately, the Inspector was ill from the first of May until May the fifteenth for which he sent in a medical certificate to the County Council Secretary. This caused some dislocation of the arrangements but even with this handicap the vast majority of infested stock has received four dressings. Warble infestation is still prevalent. There is no diminution in the number of animals which requires dressing, but there is a marked improvement in another way, namely, the number of warbles found in each affected animal is considerably less than in previous years.

I append a list of owners called on by me during the session.

March 28th.	Mrs. Keogh, Ballyleigh, had not dressed yet. Will do so immediately.
	Mrs. Brennan, Ballyleigh. Dressed.
	James Walsh, do. Dressing to-day.
	Pat Donovan, do. Dressing on Monday.
	John Fogarty, Ballinabanogue. Applying second dressing next week.
	P. Hickey, Knockmullen. Second dressing on Monday.
	William Gannon, Arnetstown. No Warbles.
April 20th	John Keogh, Lacken. No Warbles.
	Thomas Kelly, do. Applying 2nd Dressing.
	Tim Keogh, do. No Warbles.
May 26th	Thomas Keating, Ballygalvert. Applied three dressings.
	Mrs. Condon, Donard. Applied three dressings.

May 26th. P. Kavanagh, Donard. No Warbles.
 Thomas Deacon, Milgarrow. Applying 3rd Dressing
 Pat Flynn, do. No Warbles.
 A. Kelly, do. Applying 3rd Dressing
 June 20th Michael Bolger, Coolback. Applying 4th
 dressing next week.
 Mary Bolger, Coolback. No. Warbles.
 John Murphy, Ballycohare. Applying 4th Dressing
 Pat Murphy, do. Applying do. do.
 J. Redmond, do. do. do. do.
 Mary Lynch, do. No Warbles.
 John Murphy, Whitemoor. Three dressings applied.
 T. Furlong, do. No Warbles.
 J. Cullen, do. No. Warbles.
 P. Quigley, Lacken. Has dressed three times and
 will apply the 4th next week.
 Pat Murphy, Corcoran's Cross. No. Warbles.
 M. Nolan, The Maudlins. No Warbles."

FROM F. S. RINGWOOD, V.S., ENNISCORTHY: "In connection
 with the above Order the percentage of cattle infested with
 warbles in Areas 1, 2 and 4 has decreased considerably, but
 there is still a very high percentage of Infested Cattle in
 No. 3 Area.

In Areas 1 and 2 I advised the Inspectors at the
 beginning of the season to notify a number of owners by post
 cards the day they would call and by doing so the Inspectors
 saw a lot of the cattle being dressed and this is, I am
 afraid, the only way that the Order will be successfully
 carried out.

It would appear that a number of owners are careless
 about the way they apply the wash.

If cattle owners took notice how well cattle that have
 been freed from the larvae, improved in condition, compared
 with those that were still infested with live larvae, they

would see that it would be to their own interests to properly carry out the dressings.

In addition to checking the weekly returns from the Four Inspectors in my district and forwarding them to County Council, the following items will show my supervision.

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March 1st Instructed the Four Inspectors re working of Order.

" 6th Interviewed D. Creane.

" 13th Surprise Visit in No. 2 Area.

" 27th Held P.M. on cow at Pat Kane's, Kilanure, Buncloody, alleged to have died as result of dressing for Warbles.

" 28th Surprise visit No. 1 Area.

" 29th Inspected Cattle at Clonhaston, not dressed.

" 31st Surprise visit No. 3 Area. Gave Inspector instructions re Clonhaston Cattle and found error in his book.

" 31st Inspected Blackwater Fair.

April 3rd Surprise visit No. 4 Area and interviewed Inspector re Blackwater Fair.

" 6th Surprise visit No. 1 Area.

" 7th Surprise " No. 2 "

" 18th Surprise " No. 3 " . Inspector not making enough visits per day.

" 19th Interviewed Levingstone, Clone, re cattle returned as not dressed and got them done.

" 27th Arranged to take D. Creane to Blackwater Fair owing to illness of W. Brien.

" 28th Took D. Creane to Blackwater Fair.

May 2nd Surprise Visit No. 2 Area.

" 8th Interviewed W. Brien re Scallan's Cattle.

" 10th Surprise Visit No. 1 Area.

" 10th " " No. 2 ".

" 12th Interviewed D. Creane.

" 16th Interviewed J. Walsh.

" 22nd Surprise visit No. 2 Area.

" 23rd " " No. 4 Area.

" 23rd Interviewed D. Creane.

May 26th Surprise Visit No. 3 Area.
June 5th Interviewed J. Walsh.
" 5th Interviewed W. Brien.
" 7th Surprise visit No. 2 Area.
" 13th " " No. 4 Area.
" 17th " " No. 1 Area.
" 21st Interviewed J. Walsh.
" 27th Surprise visit No. 1 Area.
" 28th " " No. 2 "
" 30th " " No. 4 "."

It was decided that copies of the reports be furnished to the Department of Agriculture.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE - MR. J. LYNCH, VETERINARY INSPECTOR

The following under date 13th July 1939 from J. Lynch, New Ross, making application for leave, was read:-

"I propose taking a course of treatment from 16th to 26th instant inclusive. I hope that is in order.

I have arranged with Mr. Taylor to do duty in my absence."

Under date 20th July 1939, the following letter, No. L.2630-39, was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to your letter of the 14th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that, subject to the concurrence of your Local Authority, he will offer no objection to the temporary employment of Mr. F. W. Taylor, M.R.C.V.S. as substitute for Mr. J. Lynch, Veterinary Inspector for duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts in the South New Ross District, during the absence of Mr. Lynch on leave from the 16th to the 26th instant, with remuneration at the same rate as that normally paid to Mr. Lynch."

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by the Chairman, that leave of absence be granted to Mr. J. Lynch, Veterinary Inspector, New Ross, from 16th to 26th

July 1939 and that Mr. F. W. Taylor, Veterinary Inspector, New Ross, be remunerated at the rate of £2 per week for acting as substitute for Mr. Lynch for the period.

HOLIDAYS (EMPLOYEES) ACT 1939 - WARBLE FLY INSPECTORS AND TEMPORARY RATE CLERKS.

The following report from Mr. J. Elgee, County Council Solicitor, under date 11th July 1939, was submitted:-

"I have now looked into the question of the Liability of the Council to pay the above one days pay in lieu of Holidays.

The Section of the Act bearing on the matter is Sec.10 Sub. Sec.(3)(b) which provides "where a Non Domestic Worker has been in the employment of a person during not less than one month in an employment year and has worked not less than 150 Hours in such month, the Employer shall pay to the Worker in respect of the first month for which he has worked for not less than 150 hours a sum equivalent to one days pay".

The definition of month according to the Act is, any period of thirty consecutive days.

There is no clause in the Act providing for the event of a Church Holiday occurring during the month of thirty consecutive days, nor is there any provision in respect of Church Holidays in the Act except in so far as reference is made to them where provision is made for the transfer of Public Holidays to Church Holidays, but this provision does not affect the position of the Warble Fly Inspectors and Temporary Rate Clerks."

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, that Warble Fly Inspectors and Temporary Rate Clerks be paid one day's wages in respect of each consecutive 30 days' employment and also in respect of each succeeding 60 days' consecutive employment. That, in view of Mr. Elgee's opinion, Church Holiday will be considered to

have broken consecutive period of days except where Church Holiday is substituted for a Public Holiday in which case consecutive period of days will not be broken through Church Holiday intervening.

It was also decided, on the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, that Warble Fly Inspectors who worked on 29th May (Public Holiday) be granted one day's leave with pay for Church Holiday, Feast of Corpus Christi.

VACANCY FOR CLERICAL ASSISTANT

It was decided that terms and conditions for appointment of new clerical assistant be agreed to at next meeting of Finance Committee.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES) ACT 1926

Under date 12th July 1939, the Department of Local Government and Public Health forwarded copy of Order (No. 13418/1939) made by the Minister, assessing £213. 18. 9 under the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act 1926 in Wexford County in respect of the year ended 31st March 1939.

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

"That, in accordance with letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health, under date 12th July 1939, the County Council be recommended to issue Paying Order for £213. 18. 9d, amount assessed on Wexford County under the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act 1926 in respect of the financial year ended 31st March 1939"

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (COMBINED PURCHASING) ACT 1925

Under date 17th July 1939, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (S.13113/39) forwarding copy of Order made by the Minister, assessing £183. 6. 10d on Wexford County under the Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing Act 1925, in respect of the year ended 31st

March 1939.

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

"That, in accordance with letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 17th July 1939, No. S.13113/39, the County Council be recommended to issue Paying Order for £183. 6. 10d, amount assessed on Wexford County under the Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act 1925, in respect of the year ended 31st March 1939."

COUNTY SURGEON'S RESIDENCE

The following letter from County Board of Health, under date 7th July 1939 was read:-

"I beg to inform you that at the meeting of the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance on the 19th June last, the following letter was received from Dr. M. O'Brien:-

'I have to report that two of the chimneys of my residence (Rose Park) are in a very bad condition of repair.

The chimney from kitchen is cracked, and leaking and I am told in danger of falling on the road.

I would be glad if the Board would consider the Matter.'

The Board directed that this matter be referred to the County Council with whom Dr. O'Brien had the tenancy Agreement."

It was decided that the County Board of Health be informed that resolution of County Council, adopted at meeting of 5th May 1924 (when Rosepark was purchased) stated that Dr. O'Brien was to be responsible for repairs to the premises, Rosepark, Wexford, purchased by the County Council as a residence for him as Surgeon of the County Hospital.

The resolution of 5th May 1924 was sent to Dr. O'Brien at the time and notification was duly received from him that he accepted the terms thereof.

RENEWAL OF SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by the Chairman, it was decided that Secondary School Scholarships and Bursaries be renewed for 1939/40 as follows:-

<u>Christian Brothers' Schools Gorey.</u>			<u>Value</u>
			<u>£.</u>
Peter Lawless	4th Year		30
Patrick J. Brennan	2nd Year		15
<u>St. Louis Convent, Monaghan.</u>			
Maire O'Brien	4th Year		50
<u>St. Louis Convent, Carrickmacross.</u>			
Mary B. Power	3rd Year		50
<u>Good Counsel College, New Ross.</u>			
Donal O'Donnell	3rd Year		50
Laurence J. Doyle	2nd Year		50
Kieran G. O'Regan	2nd Year		50
<u>Blackrock College, Dublin.</u>			
Thomas P. Cullen	4th Year		15
<u>Loreto Abbey, Gorey.</u>			
Annie Kennedy	2nd Year		50
Anne Doran	3rd Year		15
<u>Loreto Convent, Wexford.</u>			
Elizabeth Devereux	4th Year		50
Annie Foley	4th Year		50
Elizabeth Ronan	3rd Year		50
Mary E. Devereux	3rd Year		50
Angela McCormack	2nd Year		50
Margaret M. Doyle	2nd Year		50
Annie Donovan	3rd Year		15
<u>St. Peter's College, Wexford.</u>			
John A. O'Brien	4th Year		50
William F. Doyle	4th Year		50
John J. O'Neill	3rd Year		50
Edward Rutledge	4th Year		15
Michael M. Lennon	3rd Year		15
James J. Green	2nd Year		15

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Christian Brothers' School, Wexford.

Patrick J. O'Regan	3rd Year	30
Patrick Sinnott	2nd Year	30
Timothy T. O'Leary	4th Year	15
Laurence J. McGrudden	3rd Year	15
William F. Ryan	3rd Year	15
Peter McDonald	3rd Year	15
Michael McCarthy	2nd Year	15

Christian Brothers' Schools, Enniscorthy.

Samuel Jordan	4th Year	15
Michael A. O'Hanlon	4th Year	15
Patrick McGarrigle	2nd Year	15
Felix J. Murphy	2nd Year	15
James P. Hendrick	2nd Year	15.

It was decided that question of renewal of bursary awarded to Maurice Treacy, Christian Brothers' Schools, Enniscorthy, be postponed as satisfactory explanation had not been given for this boy's absence from school for practically the entire school year 1938/39.

SEATING ACCOMMODATION, JURY BOX, COUNTY COURTHOUSE

The following report from the County Surveyor, under date 21st July 1939, was read:-

"I inspected seats at the Theatre Royal, Wexford, and I do not think that they would be satisfactory. I accordingly got into communication with Messrs. Hilton Brothers, Lombard Mills, 74 & 75 Townsend Street, Dublin, and have now got a quotation from them of a chair (The Galway Minor) which, I believe would be entirely suitable, covered in Rexine leather cloth. I enclose copy of their letter, and also their catalogue, which shows a sketch of the chair, and explains the matter."

Letter from Messrs. Hilton Brothers, Limited, Lombard Mills, 74 & 75 Townsend Street, Dublin, to the County

Surveyor, under date 19th July 1939, was read as follows:-

"We are obliged for your kind enquiry of the 18th inst.

We enclose a copy of our tip-up chair catalogue. We would suggest a suitable chair for the Jury Box in the County Courthouse would be our 'Galway Minor' chair as illustrated. Possibly the most suitable covering would be a good quality Rexine leather-cloth.

This chair is very strongly made and is assembled on Dublin made cast iron standards of considerable strength. We think that polished timber arm rests would be most suitable to match the chairs, covered in leather-cloth. Our price for twelve chairs 18" wide, complete with all necessary cast iron standards as described above, with seats automatic tip-up is 26/10d each.

Alternatively chairs as described above, but covered in a crushed mohair velvet as quality sample enclosed, any shade desired, with covered sponge rubber arm rests 28/4d each.

These prices are for chairs free on rail Dublin.

Should you not consider this design suitable we can manufacture tip-up chairs to any specification you care to give us, and would be only too glad to make you up a sample."

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Miss O'Ryan, to accept quotation for 12 chairs covered in Rexine leather cloth at 26s. 10d each.

PLATE, OLD WEIGHBRIDGE, COURTTOWN HARBOUR

The following from the Chairman of the Courtown Harbour Commissioners, under date 4th July 1939, was read:-

"At a meeting of the Commissioners held on above date, it was decided to request you to lay the following recommendation before the next meeting of your Council.

That the plate of the obsolete weighing bridge be removed and the cavity filled up and cemented over, also that the two large stones be removed, as they are very

dangerous to traffic being on side of the public road."

Referred to County Surveyor.

WEXFORD BRIDGE

The following report from Mr. J. Elgee, County Solicitor, under date 15th July 1939 was read:-

"You will recollect that at the meeting of the County Council held on the 12th June last Draft Bye Laws which it was proposed the Commissioner of the Garda should be asked to make under Sections 147 and 149 of the Road Traffic Act, 1933, dealing with the passing of Vehicles over the above Bridge, were submitted to the Council for their consideration, and same were duly approved of by them.

I then submitted same to the Local Government Department for their approval, and on the 8th instant., I received a letter from them stating, that the Minister was advised that it would not be within the Power of the Commissioner of the Garda Síochána under the Sections referred to, to make Bye Laws such as those proposed, and stating that the matter should be dealt with under Section 158 of the Act.

Under Section 158 above referred to the Council may, by Notices in the prescribed Form placed on the approaches to the Bridge, prohibit any Vehicle from passing over the Bridge at, or at a speed exceeding the speed specified in such Notices.

I have, after consultation with the County Surveyor prepared and send you herewith the Draft of a Notice to carry into effect the wishes of the Council as set out in the Bye Laws, already approved of, and I will be glad, if you would bring this Notice before the next Meeting of the Finance Committee for their consideration."

The following Bridge Notice, prepared by Mr. Elgee, was approved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. McCarthy:-

WEXFORD BRIDGE

ROAD TRAFFIC ACT, 1933

BRIDGE NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given by the County Council of the County of Wexford in pursuance of Section 158 of the above mentioned Act, that no Mechanically Propelled Vehicle, with the exception of Mechanically propelled Vehicles used for Private or Hackney Purposes, without a Trailer, having seating accommodation limited to five Persons including the Driver, or Mechanically Propelled Vehicles used for Hearses is permitted to pass over this Bridge.

The Said Mechanically Propelled Vehicles used for Private or Hackney Purposes, or as Hearses passing over the said Bridge shall do so at a speed not exceeding Five Miles per Hour.

No Horse Drawn Vehicle which with its load (if any) weighs more than Two Tons is permitted to pass over this Bridge, and any Horse Drawn Vehicle under that weight passing over the said Bridge shall do so at a speed not exceeding Five Miles per Hour.

Any person driving any Vehicle over this Bridge in Contravention of this Notice is liable on Summary Conviction to a Fine not exceeding £20, and the Owner of the Vehicle is liable in Damages for any Injury occasioned to the said Bridge.

Dated this day of 1939.

BY ORDER.

PAINTING NEW ROSS BRIDGE

In connection with point raised by Mr. T. Redmond, M.C.C., at last County Council meeting, the County Surveyor appointed Mr. John Lanigan, Bewley Street, New Ross, as Clerk of Works for the painting of New Ross Bridge at remuneration of £3. 10s. per week.

Approved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. McCarthy.

CLAIM, LUKE LAWLOR - DENTURES

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter he received from Luke Lawlor, Ballinavary, Bree, regarding offer of Insurance Company of £5, ex-gratia payment:-

"With reference to your letter of the 4th July 1939 in which you state that the Insurance Company disclaim all liability regarding my claim for compensation. There must be some mistake or error on the part of the County Council. As a result of the accident there ~~were~~ four of my own teeth in the front of my mouth had to be taken out, and two dental plates replaced which cost me the total sum of £12. If the Insurance say that they are not liable, there must be some misunderstanding between the Insurance Company and the County Council. Someone must be responsible. All I want is really what the accident cost me."

Under date 18th July 1939, the Insurance Company wrote as follows in reference to Mr. Lawlor's communication:-

"We thank you for yours of the 17th instant enclosing copy letter received from this man and same has our attention. As already advised, however, unless Lawlor is prepared to accept the figure mentioned, namely £5 in ex gratia payment there is nothing further that we can do regarding the matter. We shall be glad, therefore, to hear from you in due course, whether or not, Lawlor is prepared to accept this offer, when we will give the matter our further attention."

No Order.

SLIPPERY CONCRETE ROAD - ENNISCORTHY BRIDGE

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Corish, that the following report from the County Surveyor, under date 18th July 1939, be furnished to Enniscorthy Urban District Council:-

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"On the 4th instant by direction of the Enniscorthy Urban District Council, Mr. McDonald, Town Surveyor, interviewed me in my office in regard to the above matter. I pointed out to him that the Council had already dealt with this and I did not believe that they would re-open the matter until the Urban Council had taken steps to prevent the scattering of sand on the concrete. On the eve of the 4th instant I myself saw a heavily laden cart, horse drawn, making up the slope over the bridge without undue difficulty. In this case the load must have been 25 cwt. at least excluding the cart, and the horse was of good quality. I understand there are only four or five carters making any complaint about this slippery roadway."

FLOODING AT BLACKSTONE, DUNCORMACK

In reference to memorial submitted to last meeting of Finance Committee, regarding flooding at Blackstone, Duncormack, the following report from Mr. J. F. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, under date 21st July 1939, was read:-

"I wish to state that I examined this place thoroughly on 20th October 1938 and interviewed the local people who complained re same.

The public road is subject to occasional flooding on the lower end adjoining the Embankments, in bad weather and over Springtides. This however is not the flooding complained of and is unavoidable owing to low lying nature of the land.

The flooding which causes the real hardship occurs on a private lane just off the public road. To alleviate the hardship it will be necessary to raise this lane for a short stretch, and to clear up the waterways leading to and from same. A short stretch of this waterway runs parallel to the public road, the balance is through the lands owned by the local people, and a short stretch adjoins the embankment.

At that time I promised to recommend a Minor Employment Scheme in this deserving case and have done so.

It would be wrong for anyone to assume that I had not dealt fully with this matter."

It was decided to send copy of Mr. Birthistle's report to Mr. Thomas Kelly, Blackstone, Duncormack, the first signatory on the memorial.

MONEYGARROW LANE

In connection with following application, received from Mr. David Condren, Moneygarrow, Inch, it was decided that Moneygarrow Lane be listed for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote:-

"I have been asked by the people who live on the Moneygarrow Lane near Castletown in the Electoral Division Kilgorman to request the Wexford County Council to have it recommended to the proper Government Department for repairs, and trust you will bring it before next meeting of County Council. This lane is an Irish mile long, and the families who live on it have no other way to County road; it is their only way to Church or market, and they are not able to repair it. It is beyond their means. It is impossible to live in such a place unless they get Government help and these people pay rates and taxes to keep the road to other peoples doors, but if things go on they will be neither able to pay rates or rent, on account of such a bad way to County road. They are cut off from all the advantages people who live near road have.

The following people live on this lane:- Leonards, Kavanaghs, Kavanaghs, Kavanaghs, Doyles, Condrens."

PROTRUDING WALLS - GOREY TOWN

The following letter from Mr. John Fortune, The Avenue, Gorey, under date 14th July 1939, was referred to the County

Surveyor for report to next meeting of Finance Committee:-

"I understand that representations have been made to your Council to the effect that the boundary wall between my premises and the public road is encroaching on the public highway; I would inform you that this wall is erected on the foundation of the old ditch fence which is on my property, and is not encroaching in any way on any other property.

If, however, your Council consider that more space is necessary for a pathway at this point, I am willing to give them this space, provided they are prepared to bear the cost of the taking down of the existing wall, and the erection of a similar wall. I think this is a reasonable offer, as I am sure the Council do not expect me to go to an expense that I cannot afford.

Would you please bring this matter before your Council at their next meeting and let me hear."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Ronan:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 21st July 1939 be received and considered."

WEXFORD BRIDGE: Mr. Corish asked if there was any reason why the tortuous snake-like route over the New Bridge at Wexford should be continued as at present or if the obstructions at the bridge could not be removed.

Mr. Kinsella said he got as much hardship as anyone driving across the bridge but the obstructions were a good idea because they kept people from driving too fast.

Mr. Corish said that the impact of a car turning and twisting through the obstructions had a worse effect on the structure than any effect of speed at straight driving. The obstructions to funerals were awful. It was disgraceful the way funerals had to twist through the barriers.

The County Surveyor said that he had inspected Youghal bridge and found that Mr. Bowen, the County Surveyor of Waterford, had hit on the only effective way of keeping traffic under control on that bridge, which was in a bad way, and he then adopted the same method for Wexford bridge.

With regard to the borings that are being carried out to ascertain the nature of the river bed at the present bridge and opposite Wexford Courthouse, the proposed alternative site for the bridge that is to be built, Mr. Kinsella asked if the County Surveyor could give them any information about the work and of the cost of the borings.

County Surveyor- There seems to be no bottom at the place. We are paying the contractor at so much a foot according to the depth of the boring. The time he takes with the work does not cost us money because we do not pay by the time. The borings have gone down 100 feet below the deck of the bridge and they have found no bottom. They are

going through mud and dirty sand and water.

Mr. Corish - In view of the fact that they have gone down so far without coming to rock, I think they should do some boring opposite the old site.

County Surveyor - There is a second outfit and it will be starting at the Courthouse site to-day. We got nothing but mud and gravel close to the present bridge and we went down 100 feet under the deck.

On the motion of Mr. Keegan, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 21st July 1939, as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - 4th AUGUST 1939: The Minutes of Finance Committee for this date were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 4th August 1939.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding; also, Messrs. P. Colfer, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £545l. 9. 9d was examined and signed.

THE LATE DR. W WALSH, AIRMOUNT, NEW ROSS

A vote of condolence was adopted to Mr. J. E. Walsh, County Councillor, in the death of his father, Dr. Michael Walsh, Airmount, New Ross, on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Kelly.

The Secretary expressed his own personal sympathy with Mr. Walsh in his bereavement.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following shows the state of the Rate Collection to 4th August 1939:-

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Percentage of Warrant Collected.</u>
1.	S. Gannon	6.7
2.	W. Cummins	5.3
3.	J. Quirke	4.6
4.	A. Dunne	4.4
5.	J. J. O'Reilly	4.1
6.	D. Kenny	4.0
7.	P. Nolan	3.7
8.	J. Cummins	3.4
9.	E. J. Murphy	3.2
10.	W. Doyle	3.0
11.	J. J. Sinnott	2.9
12.	J. Deegan	2.6
13.	J. Flood	2.6
14.	P. Carty	2.5
15.	P. Doyle	2.1
16.	M. McCarthy	1.5

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17.	J. Curtis	1.1
18.	M. Kehoe	<u>.6</u>

Average 3.4%.

The average at the corresponding period last year was 1.8 per cent.

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

"The Finance Committee desire to impress upon Rate Collectors the necessity for pushing forward the Collection with all diligence. They feel that unless this be done the same difficulty as arose in previous years with regard to closing the collection, and payment of Collectors' poundage will arise. Unless active steps are now taken by the Collectors to get in the Rates the delay will certainly have a damaging effect upon the collection."

APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF RATES: Under date 31st July 1939 Mr. A. John B. Boyd, Kiltrá House, Wellingtonbridge, wrote:-

"Rate No. 15a Kiltrá.- Mrs. Dora Boyd - is on a house which has been in Ruins for nearly 20 years, so will you please have it struck off your list and will you let me know how I put in a claim for a refund of Rates."

It was decided to inform Mr. Boyd that the Finance Committee have no power to make refund of rates in the circumstances.

COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE: Mr. John M. Curtis, Hon. Secretary Rate Collectors, wrote that as regards payments of poundage the Collectors requested the Council to agree to the following:-

First qualifying date 30th November - 60% of first moiety and arrears applicable to 1938-39 arrears to be collected - payment of full poundage.

Second qualifying date 15th December 1939 - 50% of year's

warrant and arrears of 1938/39 to be collected - payment of full poundage.

Third qualifying date: 25th March 1940 - 75% of current warrant plus arrears of 1938/39 to be collected - payment of full poundage.

Fourth and last qualifying date when collection is finally closed. Balance of Poundage.

The following Order was made:- "That, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health interim payments of Poundage to Rate Collectors be made for the same periods and on the same bases as obtained for Rate Collection of 1938-39."

The Chairman said the Finance Committee could not see their way to allow the collection to drag on for the whole year.

INSURANCE OF TEMPORARY RATE COLLECTORS ETC.

The following under date 20th July 1939 (7895/36) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health (National Insurance Section):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to the letter from this Department of the 16th June requesting payment of arrears of National Health Insurance contributions due for certain Rate Collectors and Sheep Dipping Inspectors and I am to request payment without delay of the arrears of contributions to the amount of £111. 12. 8d as therein stated.

I am also to request payment of the arrears of Unemployment Insurance contributions for the same officials amounting to £171. 15. 9d, particulars of which were furnished you by Mr. Leahy, Inspector, with his letter of the 17th April 1939.

I am to add for your information that the question of the insurability of Sheep Dipping Inspectors was raised in the case of a Sheep Dipping Inspector employed by the

Kilkenny County Council. The Minister for Industry and Commerce gave a formal decision that the employment was insurable under the Unemployment Insurance Acts. In an appeal by the County Council it was decided by the High Court of Justice that the Minister's decision was right and the appeal was dismissed."

The following letter forwarded by Department of Industry and Commerce, Employment Exchange, House 5, Upper Castle Yard, Dublin, to the Secretary County Councils' General Council, under date 17th July 1939 (E.B.234456) was read:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Industry and Commerce to refer to your communications of the 19th May and 9th June last relative to a claim for payment of arrears of Unemployment Insurance contributions made by an Inspector of National Health Insurance on the Secretary of the Wexford County Council in respect of the employment of part-time Rate Collectors and Sheep Dipping Inspectors. In reply I am to inform you that since the employment therein of the persons involved has been and continued to be employment within the meaning of the Unemployment Insurance Acts contributions thereunder are compulsorily payable in respect thereof and there is no legal power to waive or forego payment of them or of any other contributions which are properly payable under the general provisions of the Acts.

I am to explain that apart from the Minister's responsibility under the provisions of the Acts, the workers themselves are given independent legal remedies under Section 24 of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, which enables them to recover from the Employer the equivalent of any benefit they may lose by reason of the employer's failure to pay contributions required by the Act to be paid, and the Courts have in many cases at the instance of employed persons given

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substantial decrees against employers under this Section.

In the circumstances it will be appreciated that the Minister as custodian of the Unemployment Fund and as guardian of the workers' interests under the Acts has no alternative to requiring that the contributions due in this case are duly paid."

The following under date 1st August 1939 was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"I have now had an opportunity of discussing this matter with Mr. Leahy, the Local Inspector, and he tells me that he is never asked by his Department for a recommendation as to what allowances should be made to insured Persons, but merely to give his opinion as to whether they were in a position to pay or not.

In the case of the Cow Testing Associations he pointed out that these Associations were composed of a large number of Farmers, and if proceedings had to be taken, they would have had to be taken against all the Members, which would entail the payment of a fairly large amount for costs, and it was only to obviate the necessity of proceedings, and the consequent expense, that the Department agreed to accept a lesser amount for Stamps than the full amount due.

In the case of the County Councils, and other public Bodies, the facts as mentioned in connection with the Cow Testing Associations do not arise, and no allowances are or can be made to them.

This being so, I see nothing for it but that the full amount of the claim as made should be paid."

After discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That we recommend the County Council to pay the demand for arrears of insurances of "part time" Rate Collectors and Lay Sheep Dipping Inspectors, viz., £111. 12. 8d (National Health Contributions) and £171. 15. 9d (Unemployment Contributions)."

APPOINTMENT OF CLERICAL ASSISTANT

In connection with the resignation of Mr. Stephen Hayes as clerical assistant in County Council Office, the following under date 28th July 1939 (G.4508/8/39) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 22nd instant and to state that he has sanctioned the retention of Mr. L. Cleary as temporary clerical assistant for a further period of one month from the 22nd instant on the terms already approved."

In connection with filling the vacancy for the post, the following draft advertisement was approved, on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by the Chairman and was recommended to the County Council for confirmation:-

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

APPOINTMENT OF CLERICAL ASSISTANT

Applications are invited for the whole-time permanent post of Clerical Assistant.

Salary: £90 per annum increasing by annual increments of £5 to a maximum of £150 per annum.

Age Limits: 17 to 25 years on 1st April, 1939.

An entrance fee of 5/- will be payable by candidates.

Candidates must be natives of County Wexford or have been ordinarily resident, or the children of persons ordinarily resident in the County since 1st April 1934.

The appointment will be made as the result of a competitive examination to be held by the Local Appointments Commissioners, and the candidate who obtains the highest place, if suitable in respect of age, health and character, will be appointed subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. A female appointee will be required to resign on marriage. The person

appointed will be regarded as being on probation for a period of 12 months from the date of taking up duty, and in the event of unsatisfactory service the appointment may be terminated with the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health at any time during that period.

Application forms and particulars may be obtained from the Secretary, Wexford County Council, County Hall, Wexford.

Latest date for receiving completed application forms to be fixed when preliminaries have been arranged with Department of Local Government and Public Health and Local Appointments Commission."

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

"That, in connection with examination to be held by Local Appointments Commissioners for Clerical Assistant for Wexford County Council the Intermediate Education standard be fixed, subjects to be as follows:- Irish, English, Arithmetic, History and Geography. The successful candidate will be required to qualify in Shorthand and Typing during the year's probationary period.

That the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be sought to these proposals of the Finance Committee and to draft advertisement for the position

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

UNIVERSITY: The following under date 18th July 1939 was read from University College, Dublin:-

"The following are the results of the recent examinations of students holding scholarships from your Council in this College during Session 1938-39:-

James N. Anglim	Passed the First University Examination in Agricultural Science Part I. Renewal recommended.
Thomas P. J. Bowne	Passed the First University Examination in Engineering. Renewal recommended.

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| Una M.O Corcoidin | Passed the First University Examination in Arts obtaining Second Class Honours in English. Renewal recommended. |
| Gerald Coffey | Passed the First University Examination in Agricultural Science Part II with First Class Honours in Zoology and Rural Science and Second Class Honours in Botany and Agricultural Geology. Renewal recommended. |
| John Flynn | Passed in Irish Subsidiary Subject for the B.A.(Hons.) Degree Examination. Further report after the Degree Examination in Autumn. |
| Anne Hickey | Passed in Mathematics Subsidiary Subject for the B.Sc. (Hons.) Degree Examination. Further report after the Degree Examination in Autumn. |
| John P. Kehoe | Passed in Greek Subsidiary Subject for the B.A.(Hons.) Degree Examination. Further report after the Degree Examination in Autumn. |
| James J. Meyler | Passed the Third University Examination in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering with First Class Honours, also passed the First University Examination in Science. Renewal recommended. |

A report for the following students will be forwarded after the Autumn Examinations:- James Doran, Peter Doran and Robert A. Scanlon."

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

"That, as recommended by University College Authorities, Dublin, under date 18th July 1939 and subject to confirmation by County Council renewals of University Scholarships to the following be approved:- Messrs. J. H. Anglim, Thomas P. J. Browne, Una M. Crean, Gerald Coffey and James J. Meyler."

PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME: Under date 1st August 1939 (Trg.2/51575) the Office of National Education forwarded Results of examination for award of Scholarships and Bursaries under above Scheme.

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

"That, in accordance with Results of Examination under

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Primary and Secondary Scholarship Scheme furnished by Office of National Education, the following candidates be (subject to the approval of County Council) awarded Scholarships:-

Boys: 1. ¹ O'Donnell Francis Kevin, The Fort, Duncannon (728 Marks) (Small School).

2. ² Wall James, 1 Irish St., Buncloody. (699).

No other successful male candidate eligible for Scholarship.

Girls: 1. ¹ Blake Alice, Kilmore Quay (738) (Small School).

2. ² Kelly Anne Teresa, Ralphtown, Bridgetown (729).

3. ³ McCormack Margaret Mary, Drimma, Rosslare Strand (703),

and as no male candidate is eligible for Third Scholarship provided under the Scheme we recommend it be awarded to the next eligible female candidate, viz., Anne Mary Keating, Kilmore Quay with 660 marks.

And we further recommend also in accordance with Results of said Examination furnished by Office of National Education that Bursaries be awarded the following:-

1. ¹ Carty Matthew Francis, 6 Upper Bride Street, Wexford. (779 Marks).

2. ² French Sean, Shannon Hill, Enniscorthy (752).

3. ³ Murphy Michael Joseph, Carley's Bridge, Enniscorthy (709).

4. ⁴ Underwood Thomas Joseph, 67 South Main Street, Wexford (707).

5. ⁵ Nolan Laurence, 6 Redmond St., Enniscorthy (698).

6. ⁶ O'Gorman Frances M. T., The Hills, Wexford (641).

NEW CLAUSE IN SCHEME: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. McCarthy:-

"That the following clause be inserted at Section 12 of the Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools "Each candidate must indicate on the Application Form his selection of optional subjects. Any alteration he desires to make in his selection subsequent to forwarding

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the application form must be notified to the Secretary of the County Council before 1st March 1940. On the day of examination no candidate will be allowed to take a paper in an optional subject unless he has given notice not later than the 1st March 1940 of his intention to take such paper."

APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF SCHOOL: The following under date 25th July 1939 was read from Mr. John O'Brien, Taggart:-

"My son, John A. O'Brien (who won a County Council Primary Scholarship) has been a boarder in St. Peter's College, Wexford, for the last three years. I now wish to change him to a Christian Brothers' College in Cork.

Will you please let me know if there will be any difficulty about the transfer of the money. He would attend the College as a day pupil and board with relatives."

It was decided to ask Mr. John O'Brien for the reason why he wished to have scholarship for his son transferred from St. Peter's College to Christian Brothers' Schools, Cork, and that consideration of application be deferred pending receipt of this information.

APPLICATION EXTENSION OF SCHOLARSHIP: The following under date 2nd August 1939 was read from Mr. John Kevin O'Leary, Ballyboro, Glonroche:-

"I wish to apply for an extension of a year to my Primary Scholarship. I entered for a University Scholarship and did the Leaving Certificate last June. I did the Leaving Certificate after four years in St. Peter's College where the usual course is five years. I am only seventeen and half years of age, which is also young to^{do}/the Leaving Certificate. I am also too young to do Civil Service Examinations or Army Cadetship or most Examinations which would qualify me for a suitable position in life and consequently the Leaving Certificate was the only examination

which I did this year. Therefore, I think that if I could obtain an extra year in St. Peters I would be able as regards age to do any examination. If I obtain the University Scholarship this year, I should not need the extension."

The following under date 3rd August 1939 was read from Rev. M. Murphy, P.P., Cloughbawn, Clonroche:-

"John Kevin O'Leary, Ballyboro, Clonroche, Co. Wexford, has been enjoying one of your Primary School Scholarships for the past four years in St. Peter's College, Wexford. He has entered this year for your University Scholarship. He is only 17½ years old and has gone through the full course of studies in St. Peters in those four years where other boys would take five years. Being so young, he may not be quite equal to securing the University Scholarship this year. If you would extend his Scholarship for another year he would be better qualified - of course, if he succeed this year he will not need it. I ask you to help him in that way, otherwise his four years' work will not qualify him for any lucrative position.

His Superiors in the College can speak for him while under their care. I can speak for him while home on vacation and as far as I have been able to observe his moral character is excellent."

Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution:-

"That the application of John Kevin O'Leary, Ballyboro, Clonroche, for a year's extension of his scholarship under Primary and Secondary Scholarship Scheme be agreed to."

After discussion the following was agreed to by the majority of the Committee:-

"The Finance Committee cannot see their way to establish a precedent by agreeing to the application of Mr. John K. O'Leary, Ballyboro, Clonroche, for a year's extension of his Scholarship under Secondary and Primary Scheme."

BALLINCASH LANE, OULART

The following under date 1st August 1939 was read from Fr. J. M. Doran, C.C., Oulart:-

"Some time ago the question/^{of} continuing Ballincash Lane to the main road at Monavulling was before your Council. I have been approached by some of my parishioners about this matter and it has been suggested that a deputation from this district wait on your Council. Accordingly, I hope it will be convenient for your Council to receive this deputation at next Fridays (4th instant) Finance meeting about 3 p.m."

Fr. Doran and Dr. Dunphy, Oulart, attended as a deputation.

Fr. Doran said he had been approached by a number of people who would be greatly inconvenienced if about 400 yards of this lane could be reconstructed. There were 12 families directly concerned. The lane ran parallel to the Main Road between Enniscorhty and Oulart. It would be necessary to run the new section of lane through fields \approx the property of Messrs. Isaac W. Rath, Ballincash and Owen Kinsella, Tinnock, Oulart.

Fr. Doran handed in letters from both agreeing to give free the necessary amount of land for reconstruction of lane provided the legal costs of transfer of land be paid by the Council. The length of proposed road through these fields would be approximately 375 yards. The new lane would save a number of people at least three miles of a detour.

Dr. Dunphy supported the proposal and pointed out that at present the lane was practically impassible.

The following extract from Minutes of Finance Committee of 17th February 1939 was read:-

"The County Surveyor said it had been already pointed out that to comply with the wishes of the deputation that waited on the Finance Committee some time ago as to reconstruction of Ballincash Lane would take £650. He did

not see what could be done as regards this application unless the County Council were satisfied to take over the lane as a public road."

At above meeting, Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That application for repair of Ballincash Lane be recommended to the Office of Public Works for inclusion in list for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote."

The County Surveyor said it was not found possible to secure a grant under Minor Relief Schemes Vote as the necessary number of unemployed men to qualify for the grant were not in the district. He also pointed out that the proposal now made by Fr. Doran would bring one section to a dead end and to have reconstruction legal the lane should be repaired from road to road.

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed to that the County Council be recommended to appoint a Committee to visit Ballincash Lane and report thereon.

PROPOSED ERECTION OF HOUSE FOR MENTAL HOSPITAL ENGINEER

The following under date 24th July 1939 was read from Dr. Thomas J. Conlon, Acting Resident Medical Superintendent, Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy:-

"Adverting to previous correspondence regarding Loan to build House for Engineer I beg to transmit the following relevant minute which was made at meeting of the Committee of Management on the 18th instant:-

"Loan to Build House for Engineer.

In accordance with notice of motion, Mr. O'Byrne moved and Mr. Smyth seconded:- "That as alternative to building a house for the Engineer sufficient additional accommodation and garden be added to his present house".

Mr. O'Byrne said the house in which the Engineer lived was, if small for his family, quite a good one, and if a

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kitchen and two rooms overhead were added ample accommodation would be provided, while a garden at the back which could easily be added would remove the objection as regards proximity of house to the patients' exercise grounds.

Mr. Keegan held that the locality of the house was unsuitable and could not be made right in the manner suggested by Mr. O'Byrne, neither would the house accommodate the Engineer's family by the additions mentioned. He also held Mr. O'Byrne's motion was not in order and consequently not ~~an~~ an amendment but as a reply from the Mental Hospital Committee to the County Council's resolution -----"referring back for further consideration the proposal of the Committee to build a house for the Engineer", proposed:-

"That the Committee adhere to the terms of the resolution which was passed at meeting on the 18/4/39 requesting the County Council to obtain a loan of £900 for the purpose of building a house for the Engineer in accordance with plans submitted ^{by} Messrs. McDonnell and Dixon and approved of by the Department of Local Government."

Mr. Kelly seconded.

Motion passed by seven votes to three.

On a question raised as to members of the Committee voting for proposal to build house as members of the Committee and voting against it as County Councillors, Mr. O'Byrne said there was no vote taken at meeting of the County Council, there was only an agreed recommendation to refer back for further consideration. But, having investigated the matter in accordance with recommendation of the County Council he would vote against proposal to borrow the money next time."

Mr. Keegan said that he still held the position of the existing house was unsuitable for a young family and was still of opinion that a suitable house could be erected for £600. A number of Councillors were probably not aware that the Mental Hospital Committee employed two permanent brick-

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layers or masons and if he (Mr. Keegan) was not mistaken a third tradesman. He suggested their services should be utilised to build the house for the Engineer even if they had to be provided with some help. Probably, since the estimate for £600 was prepared, building materials had gone up in price and he accordingly proposed the following:-

"That the County Council be recommended to agree to the advancement of loan of £700 for erection of house for Engineer of Mental Hospital."

Mr. Kelly seconded.

Mr. O'Byrne said that he and Mr. Smyth had been appointed to inspect the house at present occupied by the Engineer and they did not think (before they saw it) that it was so good. No doubt, it was small for the family of the present Engineer but with the expenditure of £150 or £200 ample accommodation could be provided. The house was put in its present position so that the Engineer would be always within call. The report of Mr. Smyth and himself recommended that a garden would be attached to the house which would keep the children clear of the recreation ground of the patients.

Mr. Keegan said that if a new house was provided for the engineer his present dwelling could be occupied by an attendant.

Mr. McCarthy pointed out that a previous engineer who occupied the house for a long number of years brought up a family in it.

Mr. Colfer disagreed with Mr. O'Byrne's views. The Engineer should have a house in keeping with the Mental Hospital buildings and this would not be the case with a patchwork house.

Mr. O'Byrne denied there was anything in the shape of patchwork as regards the extension of the existing house.

The Chairman said if a new house was to be built there would be a certain amount of trouble in securing the loan and satisfying the Department of Local Government and Public Health in the matter whereas if it was a matter of reconstruction the work could be paid for out of ordinary revenue and as no sanction would be necessary they could start right away.

After further discussion Miss O'Ryan proposed and the Chairman seconded - as an amendment to Mr. Keegan's motion:-

"That the letter from Mental Hospital Committee relative to erection of house for their engineer under date 24th July 1939 be referred to the County Council for consideration."

On a show of hands four voted for this proposal and three against.

The Chairman declared it carried.

On being put as the substantive motion it was adopted without dissent.

ROAD AT BANNOW NEW SCHOOL

The following under date 12th July 1939 was read from Secretary, County Board of Health:-

"I attach herewith extract from Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance on the 19th June last in connection with the school recently erected at Bannow.

I am directed by the Board to ask you to repair or improve the gullies as it is within the province of the County Council."

The following is the extract from Minutes of County Board of Health meeting of 19th June:-

"The Office of National Education wrote in connection with the school recently erected at Bannow, stating that the Department feared that some road gullies adjacent to the premises, which were not in proper order, might affect the

school drainage system, and asked that the Board would find it possible to have these gullies attended to.

The Board directed that the Wexford County Council be asked to repair or improve the gullies as it was within their province."

The following under date 4th August 1939 was read from Mr. J. F. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor:-

"I visited Bannow School yesterday, and was accompanied by Rev. Fr. Keating, P.P.

Fr. Keating wishes to have the roadway immediately opposite the school premises surfaced with tarred macadam. The roadway at this point, and for short distance, is very wide, and to complete the work it would be very advisable to lay a similar length of concrete kerb and footpath in tarred macadam. One new gullet will be required.

I estimate the total cost at £120 (One hundred and twenty pounds)."

The following extract from Minutes of Finance Committee of 9th June 1939 was submitted:-

"Ordered:- That the County Surveyor be instructed to carry out the request of the Rev. M. Keating, P.P., Bannow, to the Department of Education as regards having road surface in the vicinity of the new school at Bannow tarsprayed."

The following extract from meeting of County Council on 12th June 1939 was submitted:-

"That the necessary amount to provide for the tar spraying of Road adjoining Bannow new school be included in next year's Road Works Scheme."

The County Surveyor said that one gullet at the place was carrying surface water and he would see to its repair. The others were dealing with sewage and were matters for the Board of Health. He had no money at present to do the tar macadam work.

Miss O'Ryan considered some steps should be taken to

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carry out some small improvement at Bannow School and also on roads fronting Churches. The Council had agreed long since that this work should be done.

BACK CHANNELS AT MILEHOUSE, ENNISCORTHY

The following under date 26th July 1939 was read from Mr. R. J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor:-

"There are back channels at places marked A.A. The people in the new houses are covering in these. It is very important that this should not be done.

I think you should get in touch with the Secretary of the Health Board.

The channels are of course covered over at the various entrance gates. This is quite in order. It is the continuous covering which is wrong. The whole place would eventually silt up."

It was decided that the County Surveyor communicate with the Board of Health in the matter.

ANALYST'S REPORT

Report of County Analyst for quarter ended 30th June 1939 was submitted. It appeared the total analyses for the period were 324 - Foods 267; Drugs 51; Waters 6. The number adulterated were 5 Milks, 1 Butter and 1 Buttermilk. 2 Waters from Board of Health, one from well at Monachee and the second at Ramsgrange (both forwarded by the Board of Health) were condemned.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

District Superintendent, Garda Sióchana, Gorey, reported that a sample of whole milk taken up by Garda Riordan from John Kinsella, William Street, Gorey, was found on analysis to be deficient of 12.66 of the minimum amount of fats which it should contain. Kinsella was not a free milk supplier.

Referred to County Solicitor for appropriate action.

TINNACREE QUARRY

Under date 19th July 1939 the following was read from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the District:-

"In connection with Tinnacree Quarry, I beg to state, that, except where Grant work is possible, demand for material from this quarry is very low. I can, however, give some employment at hand breaking, and will, when men approach me on the matter, make an offer of this class of work to them."

BLASTING OPERATIONS IN COUNTY COUNCIL QUARRIES

It was decided that consideration of the position of Assistant Surveyors in connection with blasting operations in County Council quarries be deferred to next Finance Committee meeting.

DANGEROUS CORNERS - OYLEGATE DISTRICT

Mr. Owen McCoy, Hon. Secretary, Oylegate Branch of Irish Labour Party, forwarded the following resolution for consideration:-

"That we respectfully call the attention of the County Council to dangerous turnings at Ballinaslaney, Garrynisk and Coolnaboy Crossroads entering out on the Wexford-Enniscorthy Concrete Road. There was a very serious accident at Coolnaboy Cross recently."

The County Surveyor was instructed to include these corners for consideration in next year's Provisional Road Works Scheme.

KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE AREA

The following under date 2nd August 1939 was read from Mr. N. J. Murphy, Kilmokea, Campile, Hon. Secretary to Local Drainage Committee, relative to Rate for above Area:-

"At a meeting of the Marshland owners of above area held last evening, it was decided to ask the County Council to get the Main Drain cleaned up by contract, and strike a Rate

to cover the cost of the work for this year. This course was adopted, owing to the failure of Mr. Corcoran, Nash, to pay his portion of the cost of last year's work, and as we have no power to legally enforce payment, we decided to let the Council deal with the gentlemen referred to.

The contract on the last occasion was for £10, but the contractor was short by the amount of Corcoran's portion. There is not very much to be done on the drain this year, except about 300 yards on the upper reaches, so there should be no difficulty in securing tenders.

This year, another owner refused to co-operate with the general body, preferring to do the maintenance on his own portion of the drain individually, so we thought it better to refer the work to your Council for this year at least.

Regretting having to trouble you with this work, as the old arrangement was working satisfactorily but there was no other way of dealing with obstreperous persons or individuals.

The levy we adopted in the past was 2/- in the £ on the amount charged against each owner in the original Charging Order from Board of Works, which was very moderate."

It was decided to inform Mr. Murphy that the amount required for Kilmannock and Sow Drainage had been agreed to and it was not possible now to provide for any amendment as the period for the issue of public notice of Rate had expired.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 22nd July 1939 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.21226/39 Loch Garman) that the Minister had sanctioned the following loans:-

Richard Hennessy £100 for house at Greenane, Killanne.

Daniel Sheehan, £150 for house at Clohamon, Ferns.

Under date 3rd August 1939 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.4188/6/1939 Loch

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Garmain) that the Minister was not prepared to sanction increase in loan of £175 to Arthur Doyle for house at Tomnalosset, Enniscorthy.

COMPLAINT AS TO EMPLOYMENT

Under date 31st July 1939 the following was read from Mr. O. J. Murray, Wexford Street, Gorey:-

"On behalf of fourteen workers employed in Gorey Hill quarry by Mr. Treanor, A.C.S., I am requested to put before you the conditions under which we are at present obliged to work. They are as follows:- On July the 12th we got notice to report for work at 1 p.m. Some of us only got notice at 12 that day and none before 10 a.m. Consequently a number of men worked that afternoon for five hours for 2s. 6d or 2d more than a day's pay from the Exchange. Furthermore, on each day since, which (number in all 14 to date) we have worked eight hours and 40 minutes per day from 8.20 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. contrary to "The Conditions of Employment Act" which allows only for an eight hour day or a 48 hour week, but as we are only given five days work per week we are working 40 minutes per day overtime for which we receive no pay, as 40 hours should fulfil our week. We^{do}/not work on Saturdays and are not paid for them, whereas the staff men who get a full week give this 40 minutes in lieu of Saturday afternoon which they get free with a full day's pay, while we are obliged to work it free gratis and for nothing. For this overtime which amounts to nine hours in all up to July the 28th, we claim 5s. 7½d per man, also 2s. 6d per man for July the 12th when we were deprived of earning the full day's pay. Total 8s. 1½d. These are the hours, 40 minutes per day for 12 days. Total 8 hours with one hour on July the 12th. Total 9 hours in all.

We approached Mr. Swords, our ganger, on this subject

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and were told that those were his orders.

In conclusion, hoping our grievance will be redressed as soon as possible, otherwise, we will be obliged to take further action to achieve same.

I have also a complaint to make regarding myself. I was transferred to the Gorey-Camolin road to Ganger J. Byrne for to carry out spraying operations on 24th July 1939 but I was told to not report for work on Saturday by order of Ganger Swords although I was the only person on that job deprived of working the full week as I presume it did not come under the 5 day heading. Consequently, I hold that I should have been allowed to work on Saturday with the other road workers. We must all be under similar conditions in one job."

The following reply under date 3rd August 1939 was read from Mr. T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the District:-

"Your copy of letter from workers Roads Rural Relief Schemes Gorey received to-day and in connection with which I beg to state that the hours of work per day as set out therein are as stated as I am not aware of any regulation dealing with special time for work under this scheme - the hours worked being same as in case of the other County Council Workers.

Murray's statement as to work on Clough Road (Spraying) is also correct. He was sent to this job as there were not enough men available to carry on, and his services should have been continued until the work finished on the following day (Saturday). As I was on holidays I only learned of this happening on my return the same day as work had been finished on this road."

It was decided that Mr. Murray be paid for the time claimed by him while engaged on spraying work - Gorey-Camolin Road and that the portion of his letter claiming 8s. 1½d for extra time by the fourteen workers be referred to County Council.

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ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR

The following under date 29th July 1939 (W.5/5/35) was read from Department of Agriculture (Fisheries Branch):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to refer to previous correspondence relative to the suggested carrying out of certain improvements at St. Helen's Harbour, Co. Wexford estimated by the County Surveyor to cost £900 and to state as follows:-

The approval of the Exchequer has now been obtained to the making of a grant from State funds of not more than one-half of the total cost of the works proposed, subject to a maximum of £450, on the following conditions:-

- (1) That the Council have prepared and submitted to the Office of Public Works a detailed plan, based on present conditions at the harbour, with a specification and estimate for the works which it is proposed to carry out for a sum of £900.
- (2) That a joint inspection be then made by an officer of the Office of Public Works and the County Surveyor so as to reach agreement on the details of the works.
- (3) That the works be carried out by the County Council in accordance with the plan as approved by the Office of Public Works.
- (4) That the County Council accept responsibility for the maintenance of the works.
- (5) That payment of the State contribution will not be made until the Office of Public Works are satisfied that the works have been properly completed.

The Minister would be glad to learn that the Wexford County Council is prepared to agree to these conditions, and, if so, the Council will no doubt have the necessary plan, specification and estimate prepared and forwarded to the Office of Public Works, 51, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin."

The Secretary stated that copy of this communication had been furnished the County Surveyor. He also called attention to the following extract from Minutes of County Council meeting of 9th May 1938:-

"The Chairman pointed out that the real difficulty in this matter was that St. Helen's Harbour was not scheduled, and owing to that fact, the Council were not empowered to spend money on its repair. It was - to his mind - a border line case and it was possible that no objection would be made to any expenditure which the Council might make in order to re-inforce the amount from the Department."

Continuing the Secretary said it was his duty to point out that there was the risk of surcharge for any expenditure on a non-scheduled Harbour.

After discussion, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That the County Council be recommended to accept the offer of Government Grant of £450 for improvement of St. Helen's Harbour on the terms and conditions set out in communication from the Department of Agriculture (Fisheries Branch) under date 29th July 1939 (W.5/5/35)."

ROADS AT MARSHALLSTOWN PARISH CHURCH AND SCHOOL

The following under date 27th July 1939 was read from Rev. A. O'Brien, Marshallstown, Enniscorthy:-

"It is over a year ago since the County Council promised to repair the roads in the immediate vicinity of Marshallstown Parish Church and School.

. Would you kindly bring the matter up at their next meeting. Now would be favourable opportunity for doing the work as the plant is in the parish - at the Milehouse - and that would save the expense of transport."

Miss O'Ryan said the Council had agreed that the portions of roadway facing Churches should be laid in tar macadam and

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the statement in the letter of Father O'Brien that the County Council had directed such work in the vicinity of Marshallstown Church was perfectly correct.

The County Surveyor said he was most anxious to carry out all work of this description but could not do so until the Council provided the money.

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to do what is possible to lay down the road facing Marshallstown Church in tar macadam and that he report to the County Council meeting what is the approximate cost."

LICENCING OF COUNTY COUNCIL EXPLOSIVE STORE

It was decided to recommend the County Council at meeting on 14th August 1939 to issue licence for Explosive Store of the Council.

ROAD GRANTS

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES - WINTER WORKS, NEW ROSS URBAN: Under date 18th July 1939 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote that for road and footpath works to be carried out in the ensuing autumn and winter a grant of £1955 (subject to a local contribution of £270) was available on the usual conditions.

Referred to County Surveyor.

MAIN ROAD UPKEEP GRANT: Under date 12th July 1939 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (RGM/201/39) that a provisional allocation of 40% of upkeep for main road expenditure had been agreed to - amount £12703; total expenditure £31759.

PROTRUDING WALLS IN GOREY

The following is extract from Minutes of County Council meeting of 12th June 1939:-

"The County Surveyor said that as regards the wall at coalyard of Mr. Bolger's, Gorey, the wall was exactly in a line with the toe of the old fence. He had not seen the second place complained.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said that as regards the complaint of the wall at Gorey Avenue he saw Mr. John Fortune who was having the work carried out and who contended he was building on an existing fence. He (Mr. Treanor) was not satisfied as the new wall encroached on the footpath and warned Mr. Fortune in the matter."

The following under date 2nd August 1939 was read from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"I have yours of 31st ultimo re wall encroachment - Gorey - John Fortune - and note what Fortune states re same. As Fortune built the wall in all good faith I consider his offer to allow it to be taken down and have it re-erected on a site which will add to width of path and for which he will give necessary ground free, to be reasonable and should be agreed to."

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

"That the application of Mr. John Fortune as to taking down of wall encroaching on footpath at The Avenue, Gorey, and re-erection of same on approved site be recommended to the County Council for acceptance."

DEFAULTING ROAD CONTRACTORS

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

"That the County Council be recommended to proceed against the following who are defaulting Road Contractors or

to make such other Orders in respect of same as County Surveyor considers to be most suitable for the maintenance of roads in question:-

John Byrne, Main St., Gorey (Road 143) and
Patrick Kinsella, Ramsfort, Park, Gorey (Road 1025)."

WEXFORD BRIDGE

In connection with the borings for foundation of New Bridge at Wexford the following was read from County Surveyor under date 1st August 1939:-

"I beg to inform you, for the information of the Council, that I put advertisements in the Dublin and local Press inviting Tenders for borings at Wexford Bridge. I received enquiries from three firms, and finally, quotations from two, namely, Messrs. R. J. Campbell and Company, 17, Merrion Row, Dublin and the Irish Boring Company, 23-25 Blackhall Place, Dublin. Both of these Firms are of standing, and I went thoroughly into the details of their prices with Captain Harvey and found that the Tender of the Irish Boring Company worked out more satisfactory. Accordingly, I have placed the work with the Irish Boring Company and it is now in progress."

+ The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by the Chairman:-

X. "That the Finance Committee approves of the arrangement made by County Surveyor with the Irish Boring Company, 23-25 Blackhall Place, Dublin, in connection with borings for proposed new bridge at Wexford at the rates quoted by the said Boring Company under date 6th June 1939." X.

In reply to the Chairman the County Surveyor said that up to the present the contractor had not reached the "hard".

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

"That the Seal of the County Council be affixed to the Notices issued under Section 158 of Road Traffic Act to regulate traffic over Wexford Bridge and that said notices be signed by County Surveyor."

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Sergeant Motherway, Garda Síochána, Castlebridge, wrote notifying his intention to apply for the committal to an Industrial School of William Cheevers, Barnahask, Curracloe, who was charged with larceny.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

The Inspector, National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (Wexford Branch) notified his intention of applying to Court for committal to Industrial School of Vincent Fintan Black (Illegitimate), Ballinagee, Wexford, four years old; Margaret Connors, 8 years old and Mary Connor, 6 years old, both of Coolhull, Carrig-on-Bannow (sisters). The mother is dead and relatives had provided for the four other children in the family. Applications to be made under Section 58(1)(B) Childrens Act 1908.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDERS 1936 AND 1939

The following under date 13th July 1939 (L.350/39) was read from Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to your letter of 4th instant relative to the proposed payment of a sum of £20 to Mr. T. A. Frizelle Accountant, in respect of clerical work performed by him in connection with the administration of the above-mentioned Orders during the past season, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that he is communicating with the Department of Local Government and Public Health in the matter."

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The following under date 21st July 1939 (G.21099-39) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to the communication received in this Department from the Department of Agriculture regarding the payment to Mr. T. A. Frizelle, Accountant, in connection with the administration of the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order 1936, and I am to state that he will raise no objection to the payment to Mr. Frizelle of a sum of Twenty pounds."

REPORT OF MR. T. A. MERNAGH, M.R.C.V.S.: The following report under date 1st August 1939 was submitted:-

"The working of the Warble Fly Orders 1936 and 1939 in my area for the year 1939 has shown good improvement on previous years. The Inspectors carried out their duties well, and any special instructions given by me were always promptly attended to. The slackers are now well known to the Inspectors, who pay special attention to them and they always go back to see that the cattle are dressed.

Re Cattle dealers, they gave a lot of trouble in the beginning of the year and we found in the first fairs that they had not their cattle dressed, excuse given being that they were only bought a couple of days, usually in the adjoining country. On this matter being reported to me I interviewed the persons in question and there was 100% improvement in the following fairs. I was in touch with the Inspectors in my area on an average twice weekly."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 4th August 1939 be received and considered."

APPOINTMENT CLERICAL ASSISTANT: Col. Quin - Why reserve the position to the County? We are all Irish.

Chairman - The ratepayers are going to foot the bill.

Col. Quin - Get the best man.

Chairman - There are 95,000 people in the County Wexford and 50,000 families - 40,000 ratepayers, and we should get a good clerk amongst them.

Col. Quin - But we're all Irish. Why should we talk about the people in the next County as foreigners.

Chairman - They are not foreigners. We are within our legal rights to confine it.

Mr. Corish - We are only doing what every other County is doing.

Mr. Kelly said £90 a year was very small if they were to get a good man. It was the lowest rate in Ireland.

Secretary - The Finance Committee have decided that a junior clerk be appointed.

Miss O'Ryan said she saw recently where an urban area in the County excluded candidates from rural areas for an appointment.

Secretary - The Chairman was against restricting this appointment to rural areas.

The Secretary said there was something at Wexford Corporation in connection with restricting a clerkship to the urban area.

Mr. Corish said it was mentioned but the majority of the Corporation appointed a rural person - a girl from Rathaspeck.

Regarding the recommendation that the examination be held by the Appointments Commissioners, Mr. Corish asked if there was any reason why that should be done. The County Council had little enough left in their own hands at present.

Miss O'Ryan - We will have to fill the job by competitive examination. They will only hold the examination.

Mr. Corish - But the Appointments Commissioners have a way of interfering in such matters.

Chairman - The appointment will be temporary for 12 months and if you are not satisfied you have twelve months in which to make a change.

Mr. Corish said many a poor candidate could not go to Dublin for the examination.

Mr. O'Byrne - We could have it held locally.

Chairman - It would cost some money to bring examiners down.

Mr. Corish - They could send down the examination papers and appoint a local person to superintend the examination the same as the Technical examinations.

Col. Quin - We had some splendid examiners and we insulted them and they won't examine any more.

Mr. Doyle - What was the procedure in the past?

Secretary - The last appointment was made by examination by two local examiners.

Mr. Kinsella - You saw the cost in Offaly where the Appointments Commissioners charged £25. 10s. to appoint a junior clerk. Don't get us into the hole.

The Chairman said that from time to time exception was taken by local people to local examiners and it was not fair then to ask any local man to carry out the examination.

On the proposition of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Kinsella it was decided to obtain examination papers from the Appointments Commission and arrange for a local

examination superintendent.

The Secretary was instructed to ascertain from Local Appointments Commissioners what would be the approximate cost of the examination and if they were prepared to send down examination papers to a local superintendent ^{who} would take charge of them.

The following resolution was also adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Kinsella:-

"That the Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the conditions which the County Council have decided should govern the appointment of Clerical Assistant in County Council Offices."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS: The Secretary stated that the proposals of the Scholarship Committee at last monthly meeting to reduce the University Scholarships from four to two and apply the money, viz., £140 to Agricultural Scholarships to be awarded by the Department of Agriculture (through the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture) had ~~been~~ been held over to ascertain if any objection would be made to it. Up to the present, there was no dissentient. Continuing, the Secretary said there was a great outcry that the County Council were not doing as much for agriculture in the matter of scholarships as they ought to do. Members of the Council, who were on the County Committee of Agriculture, would remember when the last list of competitors for scholarships was submitted at the County Committee, there was plenty of material by which they could supply the proposed new scholarships. They could easily get candidates up to 24 and 25 to sit for the examination. It was rather a drastic proposal, and to a certain extent a sort of departure. The idea would be given a trial for ~~any~~ one year to see how many scholarships they would get for agricultural colleges.

Mr. O'Byrne - We are going to secure a benefit for the people by this, and I propose the adoption of the following resolution:- "That provisions of University Scholarship Scheme as obtained in 1938 be and the same are hereby agreed to with the necessary changes as to dates and with the exception of the following as recommended by Scholarship Committee:- That the number of University Scholarships be reduced from Four to Two and that the figures for Income and Valuation be increased by 10% in each case and that the money taken from University Scholarship fund be applied for Agricultural Scholarships."

Chairman - When do we adopt the Scholarship Scheme for 1940-41?

Secretary - Now, because you must have your curriculum and all your conditions prepared and submitted to the schools in the meantime. Really this is the latest period we ever adopted University Scholarship Schemes up to the present.

Chairman - We are committing ourselves a year ahead.

Mr. Corish - Heretofore, there were scholarships without any stipulation.

Secretary - Now the idea is to have the two University Scholarships next year and to hand ~~and to hand~~ the amount for the two cut out of the Scheme over to the Agricultural Committee for Agricultural Scholarships on the condition that the Department of Agriculture will give similar amount. A number of people made representations that something more should be done for the rural community as regards scholarships for boys.

Miss O'Ryan - I think there should be something done, and Mr. Frizelle is on the right lines in suggesting that we should do more for the rural population. From the point of view of people living on the land it looks as if we are doing nothing at all for them compared with people living

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within reasonable distance of urban schools. The total amount spent in University Scholarships for the past five years was £4,454. 13s. and of this figure the amount contributed by the rural area was £3,965. 5s. and the urban areas contributed only £489. 8s. so that four-fifths of the amount was levied on the land. Boys and girls in country areas where the bigger proportion of the money is put up, don't get the same facilities as the boys and girls in urban areas. The system should not be continued without going into the matter and see if something more could be done for the people in the rural area. Proceeding, Miss O'Ryan said she thought the children of the hard-working farmer or farm labourer should have the opportunity of going to the top of the professions. She did not care how big a farmer was, the farmer who farmed intensively and put his money back into the land and gave employment had not the ready money at the end of the year for his boy or girl as had the man who was in receipt of a regular salary. If they were cut out from University Scholarships they were going to have a country of professions run by others than by the people of the rural area. They had Professors who did not come from the country, and did not know about the economic life of the country and she believed the adoption of some such scheme as suggested would eventually reflect itself on the rural area.

The Secretary said if they did not want to cut down the University Scholarships they could give an extra £140 to the County Committee of Agriculture which would carry 14 agricultural scholarships without interfering with the others. It would leave four university scholarships as always.

Miss O'Ryan said they could give power to a Committee to deal with it.

Secretary - You could refer it to the Finance Committee.

Miss O'Ryan said they could consider a scheme whereby

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the money would be equally divided between the boys and girls from the rural area, who derived a living from the land, and the urban areas.

Mr. Doyle asked if they would propose allocating to the rural areas an amount in proportion to their contributions.

Miss O'Ryan said of 32 students of the past five years who were either in receipt of or granted University Scholarships only ten were children of parents deriving a living from the land.

Mr. Keegan said they should have a Special Committee to deal with the matter because of its importance.

Chairman - Whatever change you make now will probably operate for some time to come.

Miss O'Ryan - We should go into the secondary scholarships on the same basis.

Mr. Keegan - Wouldn't these things be for a Committee to decide?

Miss O'Ryan - You have six scholarships and six bursaries in secondary schools and these bursaries are in urban areas. It is very doubtful if more than two of the students have anything to do with land.

Chairman - The argument is that people who pay rates on land get scarcely any return for this money paid in secondary and university education.

Mr. O'Byrne, having agreed that further consideration of his resolution be adjourned, it was decided on the proposition of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. R. Doyle that the following committee be appointed to consider the Scholarship Schemes:- Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Miss O'Ryan, T. McCarthy, R. Doyle and Sean O'Byrne.

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BALLINCASH LANE: It was decided on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Kelly that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Messrs. Keegan and O'Byrne, with the County Surveyor, inspect and report as to what steps they consider should be taken relative to Ballincash Lane to meet in Oulart village at 5 p.m. on 18th August 1939.

ENGINEER'S HOUSE, MENTAL HOSPITAL: Col. Quin moved:-
"That the proposal made by Mr. O'Byrne at Finance Committee to provide additional accommodation to the Engineer's house at Mental Hospital, cost not to exceed £200, be adopted."

Mr. Redmond seconded and asked why should the County Council spend £900 when it was the opinion of several members that an addition which would be in every way suitable could be made to the present house for about £150 or £200.

Mr. Corish asked would they be throwing good money after bad by spending the £150 or £200 and not putting up new house

Mr. O'Byrne said they could not dictate to the Mental Hospital Committee. He thought it was not necessary to borrow £900. Reasonable provision could be made for a house extension at £200.

Mr. Smyth said it was stated the County Council members had at first agreed to the loan, and then went back of it. That was not so. They agreed to £500 and the estimate was raised to £900. The Land Commission was building houses for farmers at half that amount. When he agreed to the £500, he had not seen the house, but he now thought that it could be adequately improved by spending £200 on it.

Mr. Keegan said that he was sure Mr. Smyth and Mr. O'Byrne were quite fair and above board in what they had done. The Mental Hospital Committee agreed to provide a house at £600, but the Department raised the estimate to £900. The Management Committee was not to blame. The present engineer had a family of nine children and it was

not right to have them so near the compound of inmates. There was no hurry about the new house, and the Committee had tradesmen who could build the new house in a year or so. The existing house could be let to an attendant. The Department had held up the house for the past two years. A house with four apartments was not big enough for parents and nine children. Mr. O'Byrne's suggestion to add to the present house might cost more than a new house in the end, as they had no estimate for the work. He proposed the resolution he had submitted at the Finance Committee that the Council agree to a loan of £700.

Mr. Kelly seconded.

The Chairman said they should leave it to the Committee's discretion, and ask them to reconsider the matter. The County Council could always veto the loan if the amount was too big.

Mr. Ronan said it was not the business of the County Council to direct the Mental Hospital Committee. Labourers' cottages cost £240, and a house twice that size or at about £600 should be big enough.

The Chairman said the Committee in a body should see the existing house and re-consider the matter. A loan of £900 would cost £54 a year to repay.

It was decided to refer the matter back to the Mental Hospital Committee to reconsider the position generally.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS: Mr. Kelly asked if the money available under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act was used up?

Secretary - That is correct.

Mr. Kelly - Is it the intention of the Council to raise any other loan?

Secretary - No.

Mr. Kelly - Why? We raised one £10,000 loan under

the Act and the previous Council raised two loans of £10,000. I think the Act worked out very satisfactorily and there are a number of people wanting loans who cannot get them.

Chairman - We have actually raised £30,000 and we allocated most of it. Twelve months or six months ago there was very little demand for loans from the people they were originally meant for, such as small farmers. I think we have done our duty very well in the matter of housing. There are many County Councils that did not raise anything under this Act.

Mr. Kelly - That is their own fault.

Chairman - In twelve months we hope to have a County Manager and it will be a matter for him then.

Mr. O'Byrne - There is no grant available now.

Mr. Corish - There are people becoming interested in the Act now that should have been interested before.

The Chairman said it was quite possible by the 31st March next the Act would be changed, and when the new Bill became law it would be time enough to consider it.

Mr. Kelly - I suggest that the public be informed that there is no money available under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

The matter dropped.

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

"That Explosive Store at Ballyboggan for the holding of mixed explosives utilised for the preparation of Road Material be licenced by County Council."

On the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 4th August 1939 as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been

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altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

PENSIONABLE BASIS FOR RATE COLLECTORS

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

"That the following Rate Collectors of County Council now employed on a non-pensionable basis be - (subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health) - placed on a pensionable basis, viz.:- Rate Collectors William Doyle, Philip Doyle, Michael McCarthy, Patrick Nolan, Sean Gannon, John Deegan, John Flood, Denis Kenny, Art Dunne, Maurice Kehoe and Patrick Carty."

In moving his motion, Mr. O'Byrne said it created a certain amount of dissatisfaction to have some Rate Collectors entitled to a pension and others not. If they agreed to the proposal it would not mean any financial loss to the Council and the proposal was recommended by the Finance Committee.

Mr. Michael Redmond seconded.

The Chairman said that they would save the contributions for National Health and Unemployment Stamps by the resolution, if adopted.

The proposal was adopted, Col. Quin dissenting.

SUPERANNUATION - MR. S. HAYES, EX-CLERICAL ASSISTANT

The following motion, which was circulated to the members of the County Council on 7th July 1939 stood in the name of Mr. Colfer:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at meeting of Wexford County Council to be held on Monday, 14th August 1939, that superannuation allowance be granted to Mr. Stephen Hayes, former Clerical Assistant in County Council Offices, who has resigned his position on the grounds of ill-health and that the amount of superannuation allowance payable be fixed at said meeting."

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In moving his motion, Mr. Colfer said that Mr. Hayes had 18½ years service and as he resigned owing to ill-health he (Mr. Colfer) asked the Council to add 1½ years to his service so that he would obtain the amount of superannuation based on 20 years' service.

Mr. Corish seconded.

The Chairman said the Council would be only wasting their time in asking the Department of Local Government to agree to added service.

Mr. Corish said the request for added years' service might do more harm than good, more particularly in view of the fact that the Department had set their face against agreeing to this procedure for a long time past.

Mr. Kelly said the Department had agreed to added years in the case of an Attendant of the Mental Hospital.

Col. Quin was against the proposal for added service.

The Chairman said the Council were aware that a very large number of applications for added years' service had been turned down.

After further discussion Mr. Colfer's proposal was adopted.

Mr. Colfer then moved and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That superannuation allowance to Mr. Stephen Hayes, ex-clerical assistant County Council Offices be fixed at £66. 12. 0 represented by eighteen years' service and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction this proposal."

TOWN PLANNING

Circular Letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health (Circ.S.82/39) under date 13th July 1939 relative to the Town and Regional Planning (Amendment) Act 1939 with summary of the provisions of the measure, were

submitted.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Colfer, that consideration of the adoption of the Act etc., be deferred for the present.

ROAD MATTERS

MAINTENANCE OF BY-ROADS: Mr. Bolger asked if anything was to be done with by roads? He saw places where stones were no use unless they were prepared to spend £5 per perch on the middle of the road. From Camolin to Ballyduff there were tons of stones rolling around and stones going on the road at the present time. The one place where they were wanted was on the middle of the road. He was prepared to go around with the Assistant Surveyors and point out these things to them. There was no use putting stones on the sides of the roads to be washed away the next day by a heavy shower. The by roads would be a problem in the future and he thought something should be done with them. He was sure the Chairman had the same experience. He went on to refer to a road where, he said, there was only the one water-table and that was in the middle of it.

Chairman - We had this up at the last meeting and it was referred to County surveyor to see if Mr. Bolger's suggestion could be carried out.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor - What Mr. Bolger has told you is exaggerated very much. The roads are not nearly as bad as he says. They are in fairly good order.

Mr. Kinsella said Mr. Bolger had suggested a certain experiment over a certain distance.

Mr. Treanor - We are doing it every Winter.

Mr. Bolger - Put no stones on the roads and what money is spent on them spend it on scavenging.

Mr. Keegan - It boils itself down to this that Mr. Bolger is not satisfied with the system of road-making in his district. It is a question for Mr. Bolger and the

engineer.

Col. Quin - It is a question for everyone.

Mr. Corish - Have you money to do all these things?

Chairman - What Mr. Bolger is talking about is a matter of policy rather than detail and not a specific plan.

Mr. Treanor - He suggests that the road is $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet higher at the sides than in the middle, which is absurd. I will submit a detailed scheme for all those roads to be done and let you see the cost.

Chairman - It would cost six times the present amount.

Mr. Bolger said he would not suggest any more than spending the present money on a different system. He referred Mr. Treanor to a road in Boley district.

Mr. Treanor - I saw that road last Thursday and I refuse to believe what you say about it.

It was decided that Messrs. Bolger and Treanor meet to inspect the roads referred to by Mr. Bolger at this meeting.

FETHARD-DUNCANNON ROAD: Mr. Corish - Is there any possibility of doing anything with the road from Fethard to the new line to Duncannon? There is not a worse road in Ireland. It is terribly unfair to Fethard as a seaside resort. The other places are decently catered for, and it is not fair to Fethard. There are potholes all over that road.

Miss O'Ryan - All the roads in that area are potholed.

Mr. Colfer said this road was before the Council for the last eight or nine years and was very bad when first brought forward. It had become gradually worse and reconstruction was its only hope.

The County Surveyor admitted the road was in bad condition. They applied for a grant on a 50-50 basis but the Department would not agree.

The Chairman said the Department considered there was a parallel main road and this was the reason given for

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rejection of the proposal.

Mr. Corish - We had a proposal that time that the road be done from Ballycullane to Poulfur. Could the County Surveyor do anything on the road from Poulfur to the new line - what would it cost?

The County Surveyor said about £4000.

After further discussion Mr. Corish gave notice of motion that the County Council borrow £4000 for the reconstruction of this road, motion to be considered at October meeting.

Col. Quin said he understood they had decided to spend no more extra money on roads but to stick to the amount set out in the Road Works Scheme.

In reply to Mr. Corish, Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, said they had the breaker near this road last week and they were preparing material to fill the holes.

County Surveyor - That road used to be repaired with sea gravel and gravel won't stand modern road traffic.

Mr. Kinsella contended that the road from Enniscorthy to Curracloe was the worst in the County.

Mr. Keegan held that this unenviable distinction should go to the road from Path Lane to Ballymoney in Ga. ey district but Col. Quin said this road was not so bad as was stated.

ROAD AT KILLURIN: It was decided, on the proposal of Miss O'Ryan that the road passing the police barracks in Killurin off Glynn road to Main road be referred to County Surveyor for report.

COUNTY SCHEME

Under date 30th June 1939 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P/81/1939 - Ilgh) forwarding copy of Order made by the Minister on 2nd May 1939 amending and modifying the County Scheme.

Referred to County Board of Health and Public Assistance.

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AUDITOR'S REPORT - COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH ETC.

Under date 29th June 1939 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (No. A.15447/39 - Loch Garman) forwarding report of their Auditor for the Accounts of the County Board of Health and Public Assistance for the two half years ended 30th September 1936. The Attested Abstracts of Accounts were also furnished.

Referred to County Board of Health and Public Assistance.

NOXIOUS WEEDS ACT 1936

Under date 28th June 1939 the following (E.5353/37) was read from Department of Agriculture:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to enclose for the information of your Council, copies of a notice issued to the Press in regard to the requirements of the above-named Act.

The Minister hopes that the destruction of noxious weeds on agricultural lands will be effectively and generally carried out, and he trusts that your Council will be so good as to co-operate in this matter by having special instructions issued with a view to the destruction in good time of any noxious weeds on lands, including roadsides, for which the Council is responsible."

It was decided to refer this communication to the County Surveyor for appropriate action.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S APPLICATIONS RE ROADS

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

"That we hereby agree to the execution of the following works in respect of which the County Surveyor has given the requisite notice under Section 52 of Public Bodies Order 1927 that work on them cannot be delayed without grave inconvenience to the public:-

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- (1) Repair of Roads (Nos. 615, 618 and 633) between Kyle Cross and Castlebridge at a maximum cost of £250.
 - (2) Repair of Road (No. 895) at Bannow New School at a maximum cost of £120.
 - (3) Repair of Road (No. 359) at Killanne Church, at a maximum cost of £170.
 - (4) Repair of Road (No. 275) at Marshalstown R.C. Church and School, at a maximum cost of £200."

The County Surveyor explained the necessity for urgency in each of the above-mentioned instances.

NATIONAL MONUMENTS ACT 1930

FERRYCARRIG CASTLE: Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, reported that he had not yet been able to get in touch with Lord Donaghmore who was believed to be the owner of this Castle which had been declared to be an Ancient Monument.

COOLHULL CASTLE, BALLYCOGLEY: The following under date, 20th June 1939 (C.94/49/1/36) was read from Office of Public Works:-

"With reference to your letter dated 9th instant, we beg to state that Coolhull Castle is in our view a National Monument within the meaning of the National Monuments Act 1930 and as such it is eligible for guardianship by the County Council."

Miss Kathleen Browne, Rathronan Castle, Bridgetown, a member of Local Advisory Committee under National Monuments Act, wrote under date 13th July 1939 that one corner of the tower at Coolhull fell last winter and to save the remainder it would have to be repaired. Fr. Luke Wadding's father was born in this Castle and also his namesake the Bishop of Ferns.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Miss O'Ryan, that the County Surveyor inspect and report as to the probable cost of carrying out work of preservation at Coolhull Castle.

MOUNTGARRETT CASTLE: Under date 6th July 1939 the following letter (No. C.94; 49/1/36) was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"National Monuments: Mountgarrett Castle.

In reply to your letter dated the 19th ultimo, we beg to state that the National Monuments Act, 1930, contains no provision for leasing a monument. Section 5 of the Act, however, provides for guardianship by Deed, in which case the monument remains vested in the owner for the time being, and the Deed is binding on every person thereafter claiming through and under such owner. The acceptance of guardianship by the County Council would appear to meet the owner's wishes in this case."

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

"That the County Council (in order to meet the wishes of Lord Mountgarrett in the matter) hereby accepts the guardianship of Mountgarrett Castle and that the County Secretary arrange with the County Solicitor as to the necessary deeds etc. for vesting the guardianship of the structure in the Council."

RYLAND QUARRY

Under date 5th August 1939 Rev. Canon W. R. B. Fry, St. Mary's Rectory, Bunclody, wrote that the blasting at Ryland Quarry had evidently interfered with the stream providing water for his yard and field which caused very great inconvenience. He understood that it was contemplated to bring the water from Bunclody town to the houses at Ryland and if the County Council would have a gripe laid up to the Rectory yard he (Rev. Mr. Fry) would make no trouble about the water which had been taken from him by the blasting work at the quarry. He was sure the Council Council would not wish him to be without the water which he had enjoyed for over 30

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years.

The County Surveyor said he was to see Canon Fry on the 17th August 1939 and he would make a report to the Council as a result.

AGREEMENT, IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION

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

"That the Seal of the County Council be affixed to the Agreement with the Irish Tourist Association (Incorporated) fixing the amount of the Contribution to be made by the County Council to the Irish Tourist Association for the year commencing the 1st day of April 1939."

LICENCES POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT 1908

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

"That New Licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 be issued to Thomas Carr, Hollyfort, Gorey (licence to issue when payment of fees has been made) and Renewals of Licences to Henry Hill, Ballycanew; N. Tackaberry, Buncloody and Garrett Byrne, Bree, Ballyhogue."

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENT

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

"That the several proposals for payment - including proposals for payment to Contractors for maintenance of roads and works as certified by County Surveyor on Form 22 - be, and the same are hereby agreed to and that Pay Orders for same issue from this meeting."

Dennis Keegan
11/9/39

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MEETING, MONDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER, 1939

The Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor and the five Assistant Surveyors of the Council were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £1690. 0. 4d (Ordinary Payments) and for £1050. 18. 0d Loan Ennisecorby Technical School contract were examined and signed.

THE LATE MICHAEL O'GORMAN, BALLYBAWN, RATHMURE

Mr. Bolger proposed and Col. Quin seconded vote of condolence to Mr. MINUTES in the death of his father-in-law, Mr. Michael O'Gorman, Ballybawn, Rathmure.

The vote, which was spoken to by Mr. Redmond and supported by the County Secretary, was adopted in the usual manner.

The Chairman returned thanks.

THE LATE MRS. DOYLE, SCULLABOGUE

A vote of condolence to Mr. William Doyle, County Council Rate Collector, in the death of his mother, was adopted on the motion of Mr. Michael Redmond, seconded by Mr. Colfer.

County Hall, WEXFORD. N. J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary Wexford County Council.

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The Secretary offered his personal sympathy to Mr. Doyle.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 18th AUGUST 1939: The Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 18th August, 1939:

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs. P. Colfer, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thos. McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4426. 15. 7. was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

STATE OF: The following is the state of the rate collection to 18th August, 1939:-

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Percentage of Warrant Collected.</u>
1.	J.J. O'Reilly	8. 7.
2.	D. Kenny	8. 7.
3.	S. Gannon	7. 4.
4.	W. Cummins	7. 3.
5.	J. Deegan	6. 7.
6.	J. J. Sinnott	6. 1.
7.	J. Quicke	5. 8.
8.	A. Dunne	5. 8.
9.	J. Flood	5. 8.
10.	P. Nolan	5. 4.
11.	J. Cummins	5. 4.
12.	E? J. Murphy	4. 7.
13.	W. Doyle	4. 3.
14.	J. Curtis	4. 1.
15.	P. Doyle	3. 2.
16.	M. McCarthy	3. 8.
17.	P. Carty	2. 7.
18.	M. Kehoe	1. 7.
Average		<u>5. 6. %</u>

The average at the corresponding period last year was 4.8. per cent.

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It was decided to inform Collectors W. Doyle, J.M. Curtis, M. McCarthy, P. Doyle, P. Carty and M. Kehoe that the Finance Committee expect to see a very substantial improvement by next meeting of Finance Committee in the amount of their lodgements.

PROPOSED PURCHASE OF TRACTION ENGINE

The following under date 18th August, 1939, was read from the County Surveyor:-

"I shall be glad if you will bring before Finance Committee at their Meeting on to-day the following matter.

At the present time our Grant Work is being delayed for lack of engine to run our stonebreaker. Normally we expected to hire an engine as we would require it, but owing to the Thrashing Season now coming in this is not now possible. I have had offers of two good quality steam engines^{es} through Messrs. Marshall, and the Machinery Overseer, Mr. Murphy, has seen both of these machines over in England. I also have the reports of the Insurance inspections which are satisfactory. I now ask for authority to purchase one of these engines, and the cost will be covered by Machinery Revenue Account. The price of the engine, including carriage, amounts to £450. I will have full particulars at the meeting.

Mr. Murphy's expenses (for inspecting these machines) amounts to £7. 15. 6., and I have put same on Pay Sheet for to-day, and ask for sanction for amount."

In reply to the Chairman the County Surveyor said that the Council had six traction engines and these were engaged practically all the year.

The Chairman said the more money they put into machines the less they had in the Road Fund for materials and labour.

The County Surveyor said they had been told by the

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Department of Local Government and Public Health they should have a sufficient amount of machinery to meet their requirements, and it looked as if Grant and Relief works had come to stay.

The Chairman said this was doubtful.

The County Surveyor mentioned that they had eight stone breakers and they had ten rollers. The latter were all working. Mr. Emis had three, Mr. Birthistle, three, and Mr. Treanor and Mr. O'Neill had two each. All the stock they had in the quarries was now used up, and they were working (so to speak) from hand to mouth.

The Chairman pointed out that as the cost of the machine would come out of the Road Fund it would have the effect he had pointed out - cutting down materials and labour by the amount spent on the machine.

The County Surveyor said that if they did not provide machinery it would have to be secured on a hireage basis which was not satisfactory. Most of their own equipment was employed for nine or ten months of the year. They had put up the rate for the hireage of Road Plant when they procured the Deisel Rollers and the money had accumulated.

Mr. O'Byrne said they should not lose sight of the Chairman's point that the money for machines was utilised at the expense of the upkeep of roads.

The County Surveyor said the quotation for the traction engine which he submitted was reasonable and arose because people in England were giving up traction engines in favour of tractors.

The Chairman mentioned that the Minister would not allow threshing engines on the roads unless the wheels were rubber shod.

In reply to the Chairman the County Surveyor said the

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engine proposed to be purchased would be used for taking breakers round the county and for use in quarries.

The Chairman said they should guard against having too much machinery. They purchased a lorry sometime ago and they had to employ a driver for it and there was also the cost of upkeep and depreciation all at the expense of the Road Fund. They need not be too certain that the Government would continue the present system of Road Grants.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following recommendation which was adopted:-

"That, the County Council be recommended to approve of the application of the County Surveyor to purchase traction engine at £450 and also to pay £7. 15. 6. expenses of Mr. Murphy, overseer, incurred in inspecting the traction engines referred to in County Surveyor's letter of the 18th August, 1939."

EMPLOYMENT OF LORRY DRIVER.

Mr. Kelly said that the County Surveyor had lately employed a lorry driver named Roche. A number of people had been with him (Mr. Kelly) to complain that the post was not advertised.

The Chairman said that several people had also complained to him, and pointed out that Roche was in a job when he was appointed by the County Surveyor.

The County Surveyor said the man was employed from week to week the same as any road worker.

The Chairman said he never interfered with the discretion of the County Surveyor in a matter of this kind; in fact in his opinion the less interference they had with the County Surveyor the better it would be for administration.

The County Surveyor said that Roche was a very good mechanic, and understood the working of Deisel engines and rollers. No man was appointed to County Council work unless he was well recommended and that the answers to the enquiries

made as to his capacity etc., were satisfactory.

Mr. Keegan said it would be well for people to know that in these matters the County Surveyor had full control.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

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

"That, in view of the value of house erected by John Byrne, Pearsé Street, Gorey, at Gorey Corporation Lands, as set out on certificate of Assistant Surveyor, which has been forwarded to the Department, we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to accede to request of County Council that the amount of loan for this borrower be increased to £315 in lieu of £185, sanctioned by the Department on 19th May, 1938, (H.14715/38, Loch Garman). That it be pointed out to the Minister that a Government Grant under Housing Acts is not payable to Mr. Byrne in respect of the newly erected house, as house was not completed within period for which grant was payable."

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH
&
PAYMENT OF FEES FOR GRANT WORK IN URBAN AREAS.

In reference to application of the County Council approving of the resolution of New Ross Urban Council that Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, should be paid fees in connection with road work carried on in New Ross Urban Area through the medium of Government Grants, the following letter under date 8th July, 1939, (R/ES/32) was read from the Road section of the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 4th instant I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has nothing to add to his letter of 21st ultimo on the question of fees for Surveyors in respect of work on roads in Urban areas."

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OLD AGE PENSION SUB-COMMITTEE NO. 5

The following under date 8th August, 1939, was read from Mr. Thomas McCarthy, 11, Rafter Street, Enniscorthy, a member of No. 5 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee:-

"I have been requested by the Enniscorthy and Killealy Old Age Pensions Committee to inform you that at a meeting held on the 5th inst. the matter of the absence of the Clerk (Mr. Jasper Whitty) was discussed and it was decided that I should officially acquaint you of the fact and ask for further instructions as to the course to be adopted."

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

"That, the Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to furnish replies to the following queries forwarded by County Secretary on the 11th August, 1939:-

1. Can the Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee take any steps as regards the position of Mr. Whitty as their Clerk?
2. Can the Sub-Committee appoint a temporary Clerk without advertisement to carry out the duties of Clerk temporarily?"

Mr. McCarthy said that he was attending to the Clerk's work in the meantime.

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

At last Finance Committee meeting application was read from John O'Brien, Taggart, for transfer of the Scholarship under above Scheme held by his son, John O'Brien, from St. Peter's College, Wexford, to Christian Brothers College, Cork, where the boy could attend as a day pupil.

The Finance Committee decided to ask Mr. O'Brien why he wished for the transfer.

Mrs. O'Brien attended at County Council's Offices on 17th August, 1939, and explained that by making the proposed

transfer they believed the boy would have a much better chance of obtaining some position as the Christian Brothers, Cork, prepared their boys for Clerical Posts. The boy could live in Cork with his brother.

The following resolution was adopted at the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That, John O'Brien be allowed to transfer his scholarship from St. Peter's College, to Christian Brothers, Cork, subject to the consent of the Department of Education, and to the payment of amount of Bursary, £15. instead of Scholarship, as the boy intends to become a day pupil in Cork."

ARDAMINE LANE.

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

"That, Ardamine Lane be reported to the Office of Public Works for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote."

GARRYMILE LANE.

Applications under date 14th August, 1939, was received from Mr. Francis Cullen, Garrymile, The Ballagh, Enniscorthy, for repair of above lane.

The application was referred to the County Surveyor for report.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS.

Under date 14th August, 1939, the Inspector, County Wexford and District Branch of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, wrote that he intended applying to Childrens' court at Wexford on 23rd August, 1939, for the committal of Margaret Tyndall, Centenary Place, Gorey, aged 3½ years to St. Michael's Industrial School. The mother was dead and the father unemployed.

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Referred to Solicitor.

The following under date 15th August, 1939, was read from Mr. Denis Corish, District Court Clerk, New Ross:-

"I have been informed that applications will be made at New Ross District Court, of 22nd inst., for the committal to St. Aidan's Industrial School, New Ross, of the following children:-

Elizabeth Nugent, born on the 23rd June, 1933, daughter of Patrick Nugent of Newbawn.

The child's mother is dead and the father is unemployed.

Margaret O'Neill, born on 17th September, 1929, daughter of the late Owen O'Neill, of Ballylane, New Ross. The widow is unable to support her.

Application will also be made for the Committal to Artane, Industrial School, of James O'Neill, born on the 10th March, 1926, brother of Margaret O'Neill, above.

Please let me know if your Council will object to the committals."

It was decided that in the above and in all other future cases the County Solicitor would communicate with Local Councillors and Home Assistance Officers to obtain information as to the circumstances of the children and their parents or guardians.

BLASTING IN QUARRIES.

It was decided that further consideration of the position of Assistant Surveyors relative to blasting in quarries be considered at the meeting of the Council in November next.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 18th August 1939 be received and considered."

PROPOSED PURCHASE OF TRACTION ENGINE: The following, under date 9th September 1939, was read from County Surveyor:-

"I beg to notify you that owing to the refusal of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce to allow entry of the Traction Engine duty free, the cost of same will be somewhat beyond the figure formerly notified by me to the Finance Committee. My original estimate was £450 and now with the duty it will amount to £475. I shall be glad if you will have this figure amended at County Council meeting on Monday next."

The County Surveyor said it was essential they should have the traction engine as soon as possible. Mr. Cullen (Assistant Surveyor) had a hired engine working at Ballybuckley and it was being taken away this week. Without replacement the grant work in the area would be held up. All their machinery with the exception of one Roller was working. This roller would be repaired immediately.

Mr. R. Doyle said that it would be possible for ten months of the year to hire engines.

The County Surveyor said hiring of engines was not satisfactory and was more costly than if the Council employed their own engines. Their entire machinery was fully employed for ten months of the year and their Compressor plant had until lately been employed continuously for two years.

The proposal to purchase the traction engine was approved on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Corish at £475 - to cover cost and import duty.

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

"That the County Surveyor make further representations to the Departments of Local Government and Public Health, and of Industry and Commerce as to non-enforcement of import duty on traction engine purchased by the County Council exclusively for the work of Road Maintenance and point out that the work in question could be regarded as of national importance."

It was also decided that the County Surveyor furnish the Chairman (Mr. Allen, T.D.) and the Vice-Chairman (Mr. Corish, T.D.) with full particulars as to the proposed employment of the traction engine on County Council work.

EMPLOYMENT OF LORRY DRIVER: Mr. Corish asked if the County Surveyor had taken any steps to ascertain if any other man as well as Roche was available. It was, to say the least of it, peculiar that a man should be taken out of a job by the County Council while idle men were available.

The County Surveyor said that some other man could take over Roche's former job.

Mr. Kelly said that people in Enniscorthy had complained to him and said it was not fair that Roche should be taken out of a job. Also that a position carrying £3 per week should be advertised and be open to competition. There was a number of competent lorry drivers idle.

The County Surveyor said he regarded Roche as the most suitable man for the position and he was well recommended.

Mr. Corish said that in the case of an ordinary road worker the County Council had established a rule that no man could be taken from a farmer to work on the roads. He (Mr. Corish) was of opinion this rule should apply all round.

The Chairman said that if an unemployed man was available

and suitable he should get preference.

The County Surveyor said he saw Roche dismantle one of their Deisel engines and from the manner in which he carried out that work he (County Surveyor) was convinced that he was really the man the County Council wanted.

Col. Quin held that in matters of this kind they should not interfere with the County Surveyor.

The County Surveyor said that outside of excellent references which he had Roche was appointed on his merits as a suitable and capable man. Recommendations of men from County Councillors asking that they should be given employment were considered but not until it was ascertained that the men recommended were equal to the job.

The Chairman said it would appear from the discussion that the County Surveyor had taken on a first class man and this was to the advantage of the Council.

Mr. O'Byrne said there was a rule that the Council would not take a man out of employment.

Miss O'Ryan said that rule really applied to unskilled labour. If the job had been advertised Roche would probably have secured the post.

Mr. Keegan proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That all future appointments of employees in connection with the work of Road Maintenance be left in the hands of the County Surveyor."

PAYMENT GRANT FEES URBAN DISTRICT: The Chairman said that the County Council had made three attempts to get the Department to agree to the payment of fees for grant work in New Ross Urban area and failed. Unfortunately in this matter a very large number of officials, viz., Town Surveyors, Town Clerks,

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etc. were concerned and the Department were not prepared to concede the principle that fees should be paid for work carried out on roads and streets in Urban Areas by means of State Grants.

The County Surveyor said that the work in question was in addition to the ordinary work which had been carried out by Mr. O'Neill before the County Council took over the streets of New Ross. As regards the point that a small mileage was concerned he (County Surveyor) believed that Mr. O'Neill had more work and more supervision in the Urban area than for 40 miles of Rural Roads.

Mr. T. Redmond said that Mr. O'Neill had satisfied everybody in the manner in which the streets of New Ross Urban Area had been maintained and it was unfair that he should be deprived of the small amount of remuneration involved.

The Chairman suggested that the New Ross Urban Council should again approach the Minister in the matter and this was agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 18th August 1939 as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

MEETING 1st SEPTEMBER 1939: The Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 1st September 1939.

Present:- Mr. Denis Allen (Chairman) presiding; also, Messrs. Patrick Colfer, R. Corish, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4560. 10. 11d was examined and signed.

THE LATE MR. MICHAEL O'GORMAN

Resolution of condolence to the Chairman (Mr. Allen) in the death of his father-in-law, Mr. Michael O'Gorman, Ballybawn, Rathmure, Enniscorthy, was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Miss O'Ryan.

The motion was supported by Mr. Kelly.

The Secretary offered his personal sympathy.

The Chairman returned his thanks for the vote.

THE LATE DR. WALSH, NEW ROSS

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

"That copy of the following letter from Mr. J. E. Walsh, County Councillor, in reply to vote of condolence to him in the death of his father, Dr. Walsh, Airmount, New Ross, be inserted on the Minutes of the day:-

'Will you please convey to your Finance Committee my deep appreciation of their kind vote of sympathy on my father's death.'"

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following shows the state of the Rate
Collection to date:-

	<u>Name of</u> <u>Collector</u>	<u>Percentage of</u> <u>Warrant Collected</u>
1.	S. Gannon	11.5
2.	W. Cummins	10.9
3.	D. Kenny	10.9
4.	J. J. O'Reilly	10.0
5.	A. Dunne	9.5
6.	J. Flood	9.1
7.	J. Deegan	8.9
8.	J. Quirke	8.7
9.	J. Curtis	8.6
10.	J. J. Sinnott	8.4
11.	P. Nolan	7.9
12.	J. Cummins	7.0
13.	W. Doyle	6.3
14.	E. J. Murphy	6.2
15.	P. Doyle	6.2
16.	M. McCarthy	4.9
17.	P. Carty	4.1
18.	M. Kehoe	3.3

Average 8.1

The Secretary stated that as compared with the corresponding period last year there was an improvement of .3 per cent only.

The Chairman said that it was the experience of the Finance Committee after five years that if the first moiety of Rate was not collected by the end of December it was never got. The Committee could see from the Return that the same Collectors were consistently month after month at the bottom of the list.

He proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Miss O'Ryan and adopted:-

"The Finance Committee are disappointed that the collection does not show a bigger percentage collected than obtained last year. They expect large lodgments all round by next Finance Committee; otherwise they will be compelled to recommend the County Council to take drastic action in the case of some Collectors."

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RATES ON BALLYNASTRAW - MOYACOMB E.D.: Under date 30th August 1939 the following was read from Mr. James Robinson (Solicitor for Wards of Court in Eire), 119 Stephen's Green, W. Dublin, as to Rates due on the holding of William Noblett (a ward) at Ballynastraw, Moyacomb E.D.:—

"I have received a demand from your Rate Collector for £39. 19s. 7d arrears of rates due on the above ward's holding at Ballynastraw, and regret that I have no money in hands out of which to pay these rates.

I am informed, however, that there are a number of cattle and horses on the lands, and I have written to the Rate Collector suggesting that these should be seized. The lands have not been let for some time, and any stock on same belongs to trespassers."

It was decided that copy of letter be forwarded Rate Collector John Deegan for his observations.

The Committee are of opinion that practically all the land described as derelict is being systematically grazed and the Rate Collectors should make a careful investigation into all such holdings and take appropriate action to secure payment of the arrears of Rates.

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF ENGINEER-ADVISOR

The following resolution adopted by County Board of Health on 21st August 1939 was read:—

"That, in view of the very large property now controlled by the Board in houses, hospitals and dispensary residences, and in view of the probably further housing and hospitalisation activities of the Board, we feel that it is essential to have a competent person to act as Engineer-Advisor to the Board of Health and to control and co-ordinate the Board's housing activities. We recommend the Board to request the County

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Council to appoint an Assistant County Engineer who would be Assistant to the County Surveyor. The person to be appointed should have a wide knowledge and experience of all phases of house erection and repair."

Miss O'Ryan said there was great necessity for the proposed appointment. There was a huge amount of the people's money invested throughout the County and a much closer supervision of all building schemes by the various subsidiary bodies of the Council was required. The Board of Health had a very large number of cottages on hands - erected or to be built and increasing every year; then, they had two district hospitals in hands, a sanatorium, County Home, and plans were in preparation for a County Hospital. Then the Mental Hospital - a very large building - had never so far as she knew, been examined by an expert. If they had a man such as proposed, the people of the County would save a good deal of money and their property would be fully secured and looked after. The necessity for such an officer as referred to in the resolution was really urgent.

Mr. Corish supported the motion. There was lack of co-ordination in policy relative to building in different areas and for which the officials could not be blamed. He (Mr. Corish) considered they would save money by the appointment.

The County Surveyor expressed himself in favour of the proposal.

The Finance Committee adopted the following resolution:-

"That in accordance with the request of the County Board of Health, the County Council be recommended (subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health) to appoint an assistant to the County Surveyor. Salary £450 rising by increments of £20 to £550, with

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with locomotion expenses up to £150 per annum. Person appointed must possess a degree in engineering and have practical experience in housing and building construction. He will be under the control of the County Surveyor and his duties will include acting as Engineer-Advisor to the Board of Health and Public Assistance, the Committee of the Mental Hospital and any committees appointed by the County Council. Age limits 25 to 35 with five years' extension in the case of applicants who have been in the service of local authority in a similar capacity."

APPOINTMENT OF CLERICAL ASSISTANT

Under date 18th August 1939 the following letter (No. G.4508/9/39) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to proposed appointment of Clerical Assistant:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 5th instant regarding the appointment of a Clerical Assistant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that it is not clear whether the duties to be performed will include such as can be done only by a person having a knowledge of Shorthand and Typewriting. It has been noted that the County Council have already on their staff a Shorthand Typist and a Typist, and unless there are special circumstances it would hardly appear to be necessary to recruit another Officer who although designated a Clerical Officer would be required to obtain qualifications in Shorthand and Typewriting.

It is desirable therefore that the duties to be carried out by the new appointee should be considered in a general way for the purpose of deciding what will be the nature of the position. The conditions now adopted generally for posts as Clerical Officers do not include a provision that the

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appointee may be required to acquire a knowledge of Shorthand and Typewriting and it is accordingly recommended that this condition should not be applied if a Clerical Officer is required. If, however, what is required is a Shorthand Typist who will also be required to do a certain amount of Clerical work, the position could be designated as that for a Female Clerk Typist.

Draft conditions for both these Grades are enclosed and set out the salaries etc. which are now generally adopted for the posts. In connection with the residential qualifications, the post should be open to persons ordinarily resident or the children of parents ordinarily resident in the County on 1st April, 1939. It would be difficult to justify the exclusion of persons or the children of persons who are ratepayers for the year in which the appointments are to be made.

The further views of the local authority on the conditions will be awaited."

The following are the draft of conditions of appointment of Junior Clerical Officer as furnished by the Department:-

"Wexford County Council

VACANCY FOR JUNIOR CLERICAL OFFICER

Conditions of Appointment

1. The appointment is whole-time and permanent.
2. Salary: £100 a year for two years or until the officer reaches 20 years of age, whichever is the longer period. The officer will then be placed on £120 a year, increasing, subject to satisfactory service, by annual increments of £7. 10. 0 to £150, thence by annual increments of £10 to £190 a year.
3. Age Limits: Candidates must be not less than 16 or more than 20 years of age on the 1st September, 1939. The maximum age limit will not apply to existing temporary officers of the

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Council who have had not less than two years temporary service on 1st September 1938.

4. Duties: The duties will be such as may be assigned to the Officer by the Secretary of the County Council.

5. The appointment will be made as the result of a competitive examination, the subjects for which shall be:-

Obligatory Subjects:

Irish (Oral and Written)	300 marks
English	300 "
Arithmetic (including tots)	300 "
History and Geography	300 "

Optional Subjects: (One group only can be taken)

Algebra and Geometry	200 marks
Book-keeping, Shorthand and Typewriting	200 "

The standard of examination where applicable will be that of the Intermediate Certificate. In Book-keeping, Shorthand and Typewriting a good commercial standard will be required. The pass mark will be 50% for Irish and $33\frac{1}{3}\%$ of the maximum for the remaining subjects. Failure to attain this standard in any of the optional subjects will not debar a candidate from appointment, but the marks obtained in these subjects, if below pass standard will not be reckoned in the total. The candidate who passes in every subject, and who obtains the highest aggregate marks will, subject to satisfactory evidence as to age, health and character, be appointed to the post. In the event of two or more candidates obtaining the same aggregate marks, the order of merit will be decided by the marks obtained in Irish.

6. The appointment will be subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

7. At the end of the second year of service the Secretary of the County Council will be required to satisfy himself as

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to the officer's fitness and give a certificate as to the officer's conduct and capacity.

8. Candidates must have been ordinarily resident or the children of persons ordinarily resident in County Wexford on 1st April, 1939.

9. A female officer appointed to the post will be required to resign on marriage and to inform the County Secretary one month previous to her marriage.

Candidates will be notified in due course of the date and place of examination.

Canvassing is strictly prohibited.

Applications in the form below should reach the undersigned not later than the morning of the 1939.

An examination fee of seven shillings and sixpence should accompany the application.

N. J. Frizelle.

Secretary.

APPLICATION

To: The Secretary,
Wexford County Council,
County Hall,
Wexford.

I desire to enter as a candidate in the examination for a Junior Clerical Officer in the Offices of the Wexford County Council.

I enclose the examination fee (7s. 6d).

Signature.....

Address.....

Date.....

The following are the conditions of appointment of Female Clerk-Typist as furnished by the Department:-

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

Appointment of Female Clerk-Typist

CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT

1. The post is whole-time and permanent.
2. Salary: £90 a year until two years have been served or until the officer reaches 20 years of age, whichever period is the longer and then £100 a year increasing by annual increments of £5 to £120, increasing by annual increments of £10 to a maximum of £140 a year.
3. Age Limits: Candidates must be not less than 17 and not more than 24 years of age on 1st September, 1939.
4. Duties: The duties will be typing and shorthand typing work and such clerical work of a simple character as may be assigned to the officer.
5. The appointment will be made as the result of a competitive examination, the subjects for which shall be

Irish (Oral and Written)	300	marks
English	300	"
Arithmetic	150	"
Shorthand	500	"
Typewriting	500	"

The standard of the examination except in Shorthand and Typewriting will be that of the Sixth Standard National School Programme. In Shorthand and Typewriting a good commercial standard will be required. In order to qualify candidates must obtain at least 50% of the maximum marks allotted to Irish Shorthand and Typewriting and at least $33\frac{1}{3}\%$ of the maximum marks allotted to each of the other subjects. The candidate who passes in every subject and who obtains the highest aggregate marks will, subject to satisfactory evidence as to age, health and character, be appointed to the post. In the event of two or more candidates obtaining the same aggregate marks, the order of merit will be decided by the marks

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obtained in Irish.

6. The appointment will be subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

7. At the end of the second year of service the Secretary of the Wexford County Council will be required to satisfy himself as to the Officer's fitness and give a certificate as to conduct and capacity.

8. The person appointed will be required to resign on marriage and to notify her marriage to the County Secretary immediately on its taking place.

9. Candidates must have been ordinarily resident or the children of persons ordinarily resident in County Wexford on 1st April, 1939.

Candidates will be notified in due course of the date and place of examination.

Canvassing is strictly prohibited.

Applications in the form below should reach the undersigned not later than the morning of the 1939.

An examination fee of five shillings should accompany the application.

N. J. FRIZELLE.

Secretary Wexford County Council.

APPLICATION

To: The Secretary,
Wexford County Council,
County Hall,
Wexford.

I desire to enter as a candidate in the examination for the post of Clerk-Typist in the offices of the Wexford County Council.

I enclose the examination fee (five shillings).

Signature.....

Address.....

Date.....

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It was decided that the vacancy should be filled by the appointment of a Junior Clerical Officer.

The Finance Committee directed that the following observations regarding proposed appointment be sent to the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

The Committee cannot see their way to accept any change in the age limits 17 - 25 on the 1st April last or in the proposed salary of £90 rising by increments of £5 to a maximum of £150.

As regards the proposal that the appointee during the year of probation should obtain qualification in shorthand and typing the Finance Committee are strongly of opinion that all Junior Officers should be obliged to qualify in these subjects. At present with only one shorthand-typist in the County Council Offices, delay is occasioned when a good deal of typing has to be carried out. This is not, however, quite sufficient to warrant the appointment of another shorthand-typist.

The other conditions set out in the draft for the appointment of Junior Clerical Officer including the provision that the candidates must be ordinarily resident or the children of persons and ratepayers ordinarily resident in the County on the 1st April last, are accepted.

AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS ACT 1939

The following under date 26th August 1939 (No. 2/52675) was read from the Department of Defence:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Defence to point out that Section 12 of the above Act which was enacted on the 26th July 1939, provides that it shall be the duty of each scheme-making local authority to prepare and submit to the Minister for Defence a scheme of air raid precautions which shall contain provisions in respect of such matters as may be prescribed by regulations made by the Minister. Section 11 of the Act provides that every Council of a County, the Council of a County Borough, and the Council of any Urban Area

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included in the schedule to the Act, shall be a scheme-making local authority.

I have to enclose a copy of regulations made on the 24th August 1939, by the Minister for Defence with the concurrence of the Minister for Finance, as to the matters to be contained in air raid precautions schemes. Printed copies of this regulation will be on sale in due course. Meantime, I am to direct your attention to paragraph 3(1) - paragraph 4(c) in the case of a County Council - of the regulations, and to request that your Council will immediately make such arrangements as may be required in connection with the lighting in highways, streets and public places in your functional area, as will enable such lighting to be discontinued forthwith on receipt of an instruction to that effect from this Department.

Arrangements for the extinction of public lighting should not involve the discontinuance of the supply to consumers for domestic or power purposes.

I am to direct that you will notify the Minister without delay of your proposals in the matter, and furnish him, if possible, with a rough estimate of any expenditure which may be involved."

The regulations in detail were read for the meeting.

The following order was adopted:-

"The Wexford County Council through the Finance Committee will co-operate in every possible way with the Department of Defence, in the matter of precautions against Air Raids. The Committee request the Department if at all possible to submit an appropriate draft or skeleton scheme and desire to know what amount of money will be available from State Funds towards the cost of such scheme.

Further they understand that the Wexford Corporation have asked Defence Department to arrange for one of their

officials to attend a conference with a Sub-Committee of the Corporation. The Finance Committee point out they would be glad to avail of the opportunity of being present at such a conference.

As copies of the Act are not yet available the Committee do not feel in a position to make definite suggestions at the moment but, will, of course, carry out any directions they may receive from the Department.

They recommend to the County Council that the arrangements in connection with necessary precautions should be put into commission with the Finance Committee in conjunction with the County Secretary, County Surveyor, County Medical Officer of Health and Secretary County Board of Health."

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

GENERAL: The following report of Sub-Committee was submitted and approved on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan:-

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

The Sub-Committee appointed by the Council to consider generally the provisions of the Scholarship Schemes, met in Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 18th August, 1939..

Present:-

Mr. D. Allen (Chairman County Council) presiding;
also Messrs. R. Doyle, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.
Messrs. Corish and McCarthy did not attend.

The Secretary to the County Council was present.

The following represents a normal year's expenditure on all Scholarship Schemes:-

University	...	...	£840
Secondary & Vocational Scholarships		...	1,200
do.	Bursaries		360
			<hr/> 2,400

In addition to these the following scholarships are awarded by the County Committee of Agriculture:-

Glasnevin College (2)	£50	
Provincial Schools (boys)(6)	£120	
Girls Ramsgrange School (4)	80	250
Gross Total -		<hr/> £2,650

UNIVERSITY:

The following table shows cost of these Scholarships for the past five academic years with amount contributed by Urban Districts on a valuation proportion of the total cost of the Scholarships. In addition, there is shown for each year the amount paid to students from Urban Districts in respect of these Scholarships. It will be noted that for the five years the contribution from the Urban Districts

amounted to £489. 8. 0. and the actual value of Scholarships paid to Urban Students in the same period amounted to £1265.13. 9.-

Academic Year	Total			Amount contributed by Rural Areas.			Amount contributed by Urban Districts			Actual amount paid to Scholarship Holders from Urban Districts.		
	£.	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
34/35	985.	13.	0.	877.	5.	0.	108.	8.	0.	425.	13.	0.
35/36	1019.	0.	0.	907.	0.	0.	112.	0.	0.	280.	0.	0.
36/37	770.	0.	0.	685.	0.	0.	85.	0.	0.	210.	0.	0.
37/38	840.	0.	0.	748.	0.	0.	92.	0.	0.	210.	0.	0.
38/39	840.	0.	0.	748.	0.	0.	92.	0.	0.	140.	0.	0.
	4454.	13.	0.	3965.	5.	0.	489.	8.	0.	1265.	13.	0.

From this table it will be seen that the Urban Contribution was only 39% of the amount awarded to students in Urban Areas.

The Sub-Committee point out that to the Scholarship fund (proper) the Urban Areas contributed for the five years a shade over 10% and the Rural Areas 90%, while the incidence of scholars showed that the residents of Urban districts with the children of those residing in Rural areas who did not derive their means of livelihood from the land accounted for 60% of the Scholarships and the children of those who could claim to be making a living from the land, gave a percentage of 40%

The Sub-Committee believe the County Council should make such re-adjustment in the University Scholarship Scheme as will enable the children of actual farmers and Agricultural workers to derive a greater benefit from this Scheme if not a benefit entirely commensurate with their contribution.

They spent a considerable time in considering this particular point, and as a result recommended the following:- That three University Scholarships only be provided, two of which are to be confined to the children of parents who derive their means of living mainly from agriculture, i.e. farmers and agricultural workers, and who reside in the rural area of the County. These Scholarships are to be awarded strictly in order of merit.

To be eligible to compete for a University Scholarship the income of the family -

- (a) Must not exceed £396 per annum from all sources six children or more;
- (b) Must not exceed £340 per annum from all sources four or five children;
- (c) Must not exceed £297 per annum two or three children;
- (d) Must not exceed £248 per annum one child.

The children of parents or guardians with a liquid capital holding of £600 per child will be regarded as ineligible to compete for University Scholarship.

The Sub-Committee recommend that valuation limits be dropped as they provide no reliable test as to means of parents or guardians to provide their children - without subsidy from the County Council - with a University Education.

Mr. O'Byrne was in favour of the original proposal of the Scholarship Committee, viz - that two University Scholarships only should be provided.

As regards extensions of Scholarships, the Sub-Committee are of opinion that such extensions should apply only to scholars who desire to secure the Higher Diploma in Education.

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They leave the matter of retaining the provision of a Research Scholarship to the decision of the Council.

Except the relevant changes as to dates etc. the Sub-Committee recommend no further amendment in the University Scholarship Scheme.

PRIMARY:

As regards Primary Scholarships this Scheme was recast a few years ago when an allocation of six Bursaries was earmarked for students who reside within two miles of a Secondary School. These Bursaries are tenable for four years and are valued at £15 each so that the annual cost of Bursaries is £360 (24 at £15). Students from Gorey Town are eligible to compete for them, although Gorey Town Area is part of the rural area. (Six Scholarships which are valued at £50 each for four years are provided annually. These Scholarships can only be competed for by students from the rural area and who reside over two miles from a Secondary School. The total cost of these Scholarships per annum is £1200 (24 at £50)). The annual cost of the scheme is therefore - for Bursaries confined to students from the Towns and those students from the rural districts who live within two miles of a secondary school, £360 and for Scholarships £1200, the latter being confined to students from rural districts who reside beyond two miles from a Secondary School.

The annual contribution of the Urban District Councils to the Scheme is about £170 roughly 50% of the cost of the Bursaries.

The Sub-Committee recommend the provision of six

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Scholarships of £40 each for two years, the two successful candidates securing the highest marks to be granted extension Scholarships of £40 each for two further years. Three of these Scholarships are to be confined to the children of parents who derive their means of living "mainly" from Agriculture and who reside in a rural area.

In cases in which successful candidates have facilities by rail, bus, or cycle to attend Secondary School the Committee recommend that in no case should the reduced scholarship exceed £25 per annum.

With regard to Bursaries the Committee recommend that four Bursaries of £10 each be awarded to be tenable for two years, the student who secures the highest marks at Intermediate Examination after these two years to have Bursary extended for a further two years.

Also that successful^{ful} candidates residing within a three mile radius of a Secondary School should be eligible for Bursaries only.

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

"That £180 the amount of savings for 1940 made under the two direct Scholarship Schemes of the County Council be handed over to the County Committee of Agriculture to be utilised for the award of Scholarships tenable at Agricultural Schools".

The Chairman said he would hand in notice of motion to move the adoption of the various recommendations to be considered at the September meeting of the Council.

N.J. Frizello,

Secretary, Wexford County Council.

County Hall,
Wexford.

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RESULTS OF EXAMINATION FOR NEW UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS: The results of examination for award of four University Scholarships were submitted from University College, Dublin, under date 30th August 1939.

The following is the report of Dr. D. J. Coffey, President of the College:-

"The competition with 27 candidates is very good. The best candidates are shown in the first sectional list as follows:-

1. Doyle John (Quay Road, Duncannon) (Engineering)(1536 Marks)
2. Sheil Hubert, 5 Pearse Street, Gorey. (Engineering)
(1377 Marks).
3. Kelly Edward, 10 Grattan Terrace, Gorey. (Engineering)
(1335 Marks).
4. & 5. Doyle Bridget Teresa, Drinma, Rosslare. (Science)
(1324 Marks).

Duggan Annie Mary, The Leap, Enniscorthy.
(Arts or Commerce) (1324 Marks).

6. Murphy Winifred M., Richmond Terrace, Wexford. (Science)
(1319 Marks).
7. Ereen Sarah M., 24 McCurtain St., Gorey (Arts)(1316 Marks)
8. Barry Francis Patrick, Hillview, Coolcots (Agriculture)
(1301 Marks)

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

"That, in accordance with report of the President of University College, Dublin, the County Council be recommended to award University Scholarships to the following:-

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1. Doyle John, Quay Road, Duncannon.
 2. Sheil Hubert, 5 Pearse Street, Gorey.
 3. Kelly Edward, 10 Grattan Terrace, Gorey.
 4. Barry Francis Patrick, Hillview, Coolcots.

The latter secures his Scholarship by virtue of the following provision in University Scholarship Scheme:-

"Agricultural Scholarships will be awarded to successful

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candidate in examination irrespective of place obtained by him in results, provided he be recommended by University Academic Council for award of Scholarship on marks obtained. If there be more than one Applicant for Agricultural Scholarship it will be awarded to the candidate obtaining the highest marks."

Under date 23rd August 1939, the Very Rev. President, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, recommended the renewal of Scholarship to Patrick J. Corish, Ballycullane. This student, the President wrote, had done extremely well in the first University Examination obtaining First Class Honours in Greek and Latin and Second Class Honours in English.

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

"That, in view of report of Very Rev. President of Maynooth College, University Scholarship to Patrick J. Corish be renewed for year 1939/40.

Under date 30th August 1939, the following was read from Mr. Gerald Coffey, Baldwinstown, Wexford:-

"Having fulfilled two years of my University Scholarship in Agriculture Professor Drew recommends that it is highly desirable for me to take the Practical Agriculture Course (s) as a resident student in Albert Agricultural College, commencing October 1939 (terminating August 1940).

I shall be obliged if you will grant the suspension for one year of the existing Scholarship to enable me to take this course.

The fee for this course is £25 (Twenty Five Pounds), and I would esteem it as a favour if your Council would agree to cover the expense of same."

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

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"The Finance Committee recommend that the University Scholarship in Agriculture awarded to Gerald Coffey, Baldwinstown, be held over for year 1940 to enable him to avail of course in Practical Agriculture at Albert College, Glasnevin, Dublin, as a resident student.

As regards application that the County Council pay £25, the fee for this course, the Finance Committee have no power to offer any recommendation seeing that payment of this fee does not come within the provisions of the University Scholarship Scheme!

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHEME: Under date 22nd August 1939, the following was read from Mr. John O'Brien, Tagoat, Wexford, in connection with his application to have his son's scholarship transferred from St. Peter's College, Wexford, to Christian Brothers, Cork:-

"I got your letter and I see that the Finance Committee has consented to allow my son, John, to transfer his Scholarship to Cork from Wexford, and that the amount offered is £15, therefore dis-allowing me £35.

I wish to make it clear that he has no advantages to gain by the change on the purely educational basis and in no way have we any fault whatsoever to find with the local college.

It is just this way. The great difficulty of getting positions by young men with college training is becoming very apparent, and is much talked of; the amount of unemployment which exists among these, and the fact that many have to do with jobs in which their education is wasted and is indeed a handicap to them have caused many to leave the country.

I am naturally anxious to keep my boy in the country and to get a reasonably suitable start for him in accordance with the education which your Council has so kindly provided for him; and I am assured your Committee would be anxious that the boy's education might not be a loss to the country and that he

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would be able to remain at home. I am practically certain that if my boy can complete his course in Cork, where he has relations and connections, he will be placed in a suitable position and so get a good start.

In thanking the Committee for their consideration in the past I am unwillingly forced to ask the Committee to reconsider their decision, on the amount £15 which they propose to give me.

I respectfully ask them to allow me the full value of the scholarship £50, in view of my limited means. I am a postman. The school fee is £16 and I would also have to pay £1 per week for his board and lodging besides buying all his school books."

It was decided to point out to Mr. O'Brien that under the provisions of the Scheme, the County Council are not empowered to pay a higher sum than £15 per annum in the case of a non-resident student under their Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

In connection with proposed increase of loan to John Byrne, Pearse Street, Gorey, the following under date 28th August 1939 (H.18269/4/1939 - Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 21st instant, and to state that he would be prepared to sanction an increased advance of £300 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Mr. John Byrne in respect of a house at Gorey Corporation Lands in lieu of an advance of £185 already sanctioned in the Department's letter (H.14715/38) of the 19th May, 1938, subject to collateral security being provided for the amount of the advance in excess of 70% of the ownership. The security in this case should be for the sum of £55 and should be retained

by the County Council until 40% of the advance has been repaid."

Mr. Elgee stated that the proposal of the Department could be met by an additional mortgage for £55 and he would communicate with Mr. Warren, Solicitor for John Byrne, in the matter.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

In connection with report from County Solicitor under date 23rd August 1939, as to committal to Industrial School of Margaret Tyndall, Centenary Place, Gorey, it was decided that the County Secretary interview the District Justice in the matter.

OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEE NO. 5

In connection with position of Clerk to above Committee, the following under date 21st August 1939 was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 11th instant; and to state that, having regard to the circumstances in which Mr. Whitty has relinquished the discharge of the duties of Clerk of Enniscorthy and Kiltale Old Age Pension Sub-Committee, as referred to in your letter, the Minister considers that the Sub-Committee should formally remove him from the position, in accordance with the provisions of Section 7 of the Old Age Pensions Committees (Clerks) Order, 1932. As soon as this has been done, and the Minister's consent obtained thereto, as required, you should proceed to advertise the vacancy, in accordance with Section 5 of the above-mentioned Order and the Order of 1936.

In the meantime, the Sub-Committee may make a temporary appointment without advertisement. A form of queries is attached for completion in respect of the person whom it may be proposed to employ as temporary Clerk."

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Mr. McCarthy - member of the Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee - stated that the Sub-Committee did not intend to make a temporary appointment of Clerk. They were having a meeting on the 2nd September and would then deal with the communication from the Minister as to the removal of Jasper Whitty from office.

EXTENSION OF OVERDRAFT

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to agree to extend period of overdraft to the maximum amount of £30,000 to the end of December 1939."

INCREMENT TO MR. O'KENNEDY, COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE

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

"That, as from 13th August 1939 increment of £7. 10. 0 salary to Mr. S. O'Kennedy, County Surveyor's Office, be agreed to, making his present salary £193. 10. 0d."

BALLINCASH LANE

The following report under date 31st August 1939 was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

"On 18th August, the Committee appointed to inspect above Lane - the Chairman, Messrs. O'Byrne and Keegan, met at the Tinnock end on the Main Road. Father Doran of Oulart with the County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyor (Mr. Cullen) were also present.

The first section, about 220 yards is an existing Laneway which can be made good with very little expense. Beyond this, leading down to the stream, for a length of about 160 yards, there is an existing narrow Lane which it would be inadvisable to attempt to improve. At this place, and

across the bog and river up to the old Laneway through Ballincash would require to be ¹aid out as a new road in its entirety. Local people have marked out this line by cutting a sod along the side. This length is about 350 lineal yards of which about 50 yards or so is through a bog and would require special treatment. The old Laneway through Ballincash coming out on the County Road No. 411 is in or about 800 yards long, and would require to be included in any proposal for a new road so as to comply with the Act. It will not be necessary to do much repair on this Lane at the present time, but the Council should understand that if they embody it in any proposal the responsibility for its maintenance will lie on them.

The Chairman pointed out to Father Doran, who represented the local people, that there were numerous somewhat similar cases of demand for new roads throughout the County, and unless this work could be carried out at a reasonable cost and exceptional ~~cause~~ for its adoption be shown it could not be undertaken. The County Surveyor was directed to go fully into details as regards cost of proposed work and figures are attached herewith.

First section in Tinnock
and small repair on
Ballincash Lane itself £ 30. 0. 0d

NEW ROAD:-

440 cubic yards bottoming	@ 10/-	... £220. 0. 0d
220 cubic yards Broken Stone	@ 13/6d	... £148. 10. 0d
Special Treatment over Bog	...	... £ 10. 0. 0d
Culvert over River	...	... £ 20. 0. 0d

This Estimate pre-supposes that the local people remove the sod from the site of the road and build up necessary mound fences therewith.

The saving in length from the Northern end of New Road coming out on Ballincash Lane in travelling to Oulart is $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles. Oulart is 2 miles from Tinnock Cross on Main Road."

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Mr. Kelly intimated his intention of serving notice of motion that Ballincash Lane be taken over by the County Council as a Public Road.

ROAD INSPECTION

The following under date 30th August 1939 (to the County Surveyor) was read from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for Gorey District:-

"I beg to report that I met Mr. Bolger, M.G.C., by appointment on 29th August and we travelled over roads referred to by him at County Council meeting.

On inspecting the work done at picking and levelling sides, where high, during past few years it was agreed that this class of work was very advantageous. As more of this type of repair is necessary and also Summer attention to drainage and weeds, it was agreed to recommend that if possible two extra men be employed in each section from 1st April to 1st September to do all drainage work which it is not possible to have done at present during ordinary Winter work.

It was also recommended that if possible a Roads Rural Relief Grant should be applied for Road through Craanford Village as this Road is very heavily trafficked and liable to damage during heavy storms of rain."

It was decided to refer this report to the County Surveyor to take such steps as he may consider advisable, but without exceeding the amount allocated for the roads in question.

MAIN ROAD IN ENNISCORTHY URBAN AREA

The following, under date 26th August 1939, was read from Enniscorthy Urban District Council:-

"With reference to the recent report of Mr. W. F. Barry, County Surveyor, and previous correspondence relative to the surface of the road from Enniscorthy Bridge to Templeshannon corner (O'Reilly's), I am directed to send you the following

resolution passed by the Council at its last meeting:-

"That, as the carters have discontinued the practice of throwing sand on the main road between Enniscorthy Bridge and Templeshannon, the County Council be now requested to carry out the improvements necessary to render the road surface more suitable for the passage of horse-drawn vehicles."

Referred to County Surveyor.

EMPLOYMENT OF TEMPORARY TYPIST

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

"That Miss Teresa Roche, John Street, Wexford, be appointed Temporary Shorthand-Typist for two weeks beginning 21st August 1939 and terminating on 2nd September 1939, remuneration to be at 25/- per week."

The following under date 28th August 1939 (G.24285/39) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of 21st instant and to state that he has sanctioned the appointment of Miss Teresa Roche as Temporary Shorthand-Typist for a period of two weeks during the absence of Miss K. Tobin on annual leave. The remuneration will be at the rate of 25/- per week."

TEMPORARY CLERICAL ASSISTANT

The following under date 28th August 1939 (G.4508/10/39) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"Adverting to your letter of 21st instant on the subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he will raise no objection to the continued employment of Mr. Laurence Cleary as temporary Clerical Assistant for a further period of one month from the 22nd instant pending the making of the permanent appointment."

APPLICATION - ERECTION OF SMALL SHOP

The County Surveyor submitted the following application from John Fortune, The Avenue, Gorey, under date 19th August 1939:-

"I desire to obtain your permission to erect a timber structure 10' x 8' (to be used as a small shop) in a line with the front wall between my premises and the public road.

Would you please give the matter your early attention."

It was decided to inform Mr. Fortune that the Finance Committee recommend the County Council to refuse his application. It was also decided that Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, inform Mr. Fortune, that on no account could the Finance Committee agree to his request.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 1st September 1939 be received and considered."

APPOINTMENT ENGINEER-ADVISOR: Col. Quin said he understood the the appointment was to be a separate one - something like the M.O.H. - and not under the County Surveyor.

Secretary - He must be under the County Surveyor.

The Chairman said that the Officer appointed would ~~XXX~~ be an assistant to the County Surveyor but would be the responsible officer to the Board of Health for housing, drainage and sewerage and all such matters.

Miss O'Ryan said she had stated the matter very fully, she thought, at the Finance Committee meeting - that there certainly was great necessity for such an officer, because she supposed the worst economy of all was when they had property, not to mind it. The salary of the officer should be saved in the year if they got the proper return, as it were, from his supervision. They had property, she supposed over a million. Each engineer had his own ordinary work to do, but then they wanted co-ordination and if they had a fully qualified man to go around from time to time and lay out a programme of the amount of work that was to be done, she thought it would work out better. As the officer would be appointed by the Council, he naturally would have his work just the same as the Medical Officer of Health, but at the same time their chief engineer was the County Surveyor and he should be left in control. There was a question as to whether they should make the appointment now or wait for a very short time just to see how matters went. The same amount of money might not be released by Government and raw materials might not be got. Certainly, the necessity for the appointment was there, but it would be for the Council to consider whether

they should make the appointment that day or leave it over for a short time.

Mr. O'Byrne agreed that the appointment was necessary and desirable, but since the committee met things had changed a good deal and the possibility was that they would not have many grants to spend or a lot of building to do, and he suggested that they adjourn the motion for, say, six months.

The Chairman suggested that they adjourn the making of an appointment for twelve months or until normal times.

Miss O'Ryan proposed the confirmation of the minutes of the Finance Committee and Mr. O'Byrne seconded.

Secretary - And Miss O'Ryan further proposes that no appointment be made for six months.

Miss O'Ryan did not agree with a suggestion that the making of the appointment be postponed until the conclusion of the War.

Mr. Ronan suggested that no definite time be stated.

The Chairman held that at this stage it would not be advisable to agree to adjourn the appointment to any particular date. The County Council could when the time was opportune fix a suitable date. No doubt there was justification for the appointment of such an officer. They had almost 4,000 cottages, valued at £200 each at least. That would be £800,000. In addition they probably would have another £800,000 worth of hospitals, mental hospitals and vocational schools - a big lot of public buildings all over the County. The Health Board felt there was justification for the appointment. The man was certainly needed to guide the Health Board and look after their property in a proper manner, but in view of the uncertain condition of affairs all over the world he thought they should postpone making any appointment for the present.

This was agreed to.

AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS: The Secretary stated that the resolutions of the Finance Committee in this matter were sent to the Department of Defence which forwarded a telegram on 8th September 1939 modifying the lighting regulations to allow of one fourth the normal lighting and promising that a letter would follow but that letter had not arrived, and in view of that he (Secretary) did not think it necessary to call the Finance Committee together again especially for the purpose of the A.R.P. Scheme.

Chairman - We cannot do anything more.

Mr. Corish said that the Department of Defence had notified Wexford Corporation that they were unable to send anyone to confer with the Corporation on A.R.P. The Town Clerk and himself visited the Department of Defence on Thursday and got an idea of what was required to be done. There would not be the same urgency in the rural areas as in Wexford, but Rosslare Harbour was a very vulnerable point, and something should be done about it. The Town Clerk of Wexford would be glad to give the County Council any information they needed and to co-operate in any way. The Corporation was getting the fire brigade service supplemented, and getting another engine free from the Government. It would be possible for the County Council to get a fire fighting appliance free from the Government for Rosslare Harbour.

Chairman - We should try to have fire-fighting appliances always available apart from whether there was war or anything else.

Mr. Corish suggested that when the fire fighting appliances were provided the Finance Committee should be called together to arrange for recruiting men for fire fighting. The appliances provided by the Government were trailer pumps that were carried by lorry, and they were of

the Merryweather type, which was the best made.

The Chairman mentioned that the County Council was responsible for the towns of Enniscorthy, Gorey and New Ross for A.R.P., and they should ask for three fire appliances and to place one at each of these centres, and one at Wexford to cover the south of the County.

On the proposition of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Miss O'Ryan it was decided to ask the Government to supply three trailer fire pumps free for A.R.P., the centres at which appliances were to be definitely placed to be considered at a later date.

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES: Mr. Corish proposed that the matter be deferred to the next meeting and that in the meantime the scholarships committee be called together to discuss the proposed changes in the schemes which he regarded as revolutionary. It would be only right to give the educational authorities' representatives on the Scholarship Committee an opportunity of considering the changes. There might be a possibility of reaching some agreement.

The Chairman said the County Council was the most important body and they should decide on what they wished to be done. The Scholarships Committee were set up to advise the County Council.

Miss O'Ryan - They can only make representations in moving the adoption of the report.

Chairman - And we need not adopt their recommendations at any time.

Miss O'Ryan, in moving the adoption of the proposals of the Special Scholarships Committee, said that the reason for the proposed change was that now more than ever there is need for educating the farmers' sons to get all possible value out of the land to feed the people. Farmers, big or little, have not so much

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money to spend on education of their children, and besides that, boys and girls become very useful on the farm after they leave school. This county has to compete in the open market with other countries and there was need for the most up-to-date methods being adopted on the land. This was not a time when the ratepayers could be asked to put up more money for agricultural scholarships. Under the proposed scheme, for every £1 provided for agricultural scholarships by the County Council the Department of Agriculture would also put up £1 and the Council would have twice as much money to spend on agricultural scholarships as if they had spent it on ordinary scholarships. Out of twenty students who had availed of the County Council University Scholarships in the past five years, she did not think there was one at the present time contributing to the upkeep of the County Wexford by rates, rent or anything else. If this money had all been spent on agricultural scholarships, the boys and girls would have gone back to the land to add to the wealth of the country as a whole. The County Council would be saving £180 a year on the direct scholarship scheme and they would get £180 from the Department to supplement that, making £360, and the students who would get benefit from the agricultural scholarships provided by that money would come back after a year at an agricultural school and be masters of their own trade. there would be 18 of these agricultural scholarships each year. If, at the end of one year it was found that there was any real hardship occasioned by the change, the County Council could revert to the old scholarship system.

Mr. Doyle seconded.

Mr. O'Byrne said the county would benefit more from two students who got agricultural scholarships than from one who got a University scholarship.

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Mr. Corish - I think it is a pity to embark on such a scheme without consulting the educational authorities. I agree that agriculture should get more scientific attention than at present and that there would be a benefit from the agricultural scholarships. In years gone by there was not quite the same necessity as now, owing to the fact that so many European countries are now competing with us on the British market. But, at the same time, I think we should not interfere with the University Scholarships, because they are an incentive to every secondary school pupil to look forward to. Secondary schools in urban areas in the County are going to suffer considerably and when the schools suffer the pupils will suffer under the proposed scheme. There are large numbers of pupils from rural areas in town schools. In Wexford Christian Brothers' schools three of the six pupils who entered for University scholarships this year were rural pupils and the pupil who got an agricultural scholarship was a rural pupil. The Christian Brothers - I have their authority for saying this - have always been very keen on getting their rural pupils to enter for agricultural scholarships. Regarding the agricultural scholarships, was it suggested that a pupil could gain a scientific knowledge of the subject in twelve months? I think such pupils would be unable to find their feet in the college in such a time. It would take them twelve months to settle down in the College. If a son of a labourer or small farmer won such a scholarship, what incentive was there for him to continue in agriculture - was there any provision to enable such a boy to put into practice the education he acquired at an agricultural college^{and} what was the reaction of the Department?

The Secretary said the agricultural scholarships were not

intended to secure scientific farmers but to put boys and girls in touch with scientific knowledge. The Department's period for such scholarships was twelve months.

Mr. Corish said the change would cause a decline in the secondary schools in the County and the secondary schools were against the change. Would it be possible to continue the four University Scholarships and divide them equally?

The Chairman said that the Scholarships Committee had previously recommended that the University Scholarships could be reduced from four to two.

Mr. Corish - There again the dice is loaded against the urban areas, because they only get one scholarship out of three.

Chairman - I think that is in accordance with what they are contributing.

Mr. Corish - You might as well take Oylegate, Castlebridge or Murrintown and say that they should only get scholarships in accordance with what they contribute. The urban areas are contributing all they are asked to contribute. I don't think it is fair to drive a wedge between the rural and urban areas in the matter of education. I am opposed to this scheme and I proposed that it be deferred until the Scholarships Committee consider it.

Mr. Colfer seconded.

The Chairman said it was quite plain that the rural areas were contributing to the education of the children in the urban areas without getting anything out of it themselves. Every country in the world is spending more and more on educating its farmers and this country must do likewise. That was the fundamental basis of the whole recommendation, which would provide additional scholarships for agriculture. The urban authorities got away fairly well in the last five years. The rural areas had contributed £4,000 out of the

£4,400 spent and had received very small return. Urban people had the advantage of secondary schools all the time over the rural children. It was only fair that the boys and girls in rural areas should get some advantage from the money their parents provide. He recommended the Council to adopt the scheme because it was sound from the rural point of view and did not cause any injustice to the urban areas. The urban areas would be getting more than they were contributing under the new scheme. Rural areas would still be contributing to a small extent to the education of urban children. There was no question of driving a wedge between the rural and urban areas. It was simply a matter of providing more funds to make better farmers.

Miss O'Ryan remarked that out of 32 students that got scholarships over a number of years only five were children of parents who derived their living solely from agriculture.

Mr. Doyle said the Finance Committee found that a lot of the money laid out for scholarships brought no benefit afterwards to the people of this country, as the students had to go to other countries to get occupations. He thought the new scheme was an admirable one.

Mr. Smyth also agreed with the new scheme, and said the children living five miles from a secondary school had no chance of getting a scholarship under the old scheme.

On the suggestion of Mr. Corish, a resolution was passed that children of parents, such as postmen and railwaymen, who were eligible for tenancy of a labourer's cottage, be qualified to sit for the agricultural scholarships to be provided for children of farmers and farm labourers.

The amendment to adjourn the new scheme for a month was defeated on a show of hands, all the members voting against it except Mr. Corish and Mr. Colfer. The new scheme was then

adopted Mr. Corish and Mr. Colfer not voting.

The Chairman said the decision to put the Scholarship Schemes in force was contingent on money being available.

ROAD INSPECTION: Mr. Bolger said they found no road, with the exception of a quarter of a mile at Mr. Warren's place at Ballyduff on which the water was not running out on the road. Mr. Treanor informed him that there was no money for summer drainage, and that was what was wanted. Anyone with commonsense knew that when leaves and sand collected in an inlet and the water could not get in, the result was that water ran along the road.

The Chairman drew attention to the Finance Committee's decision and Mr. Bolger said he was satisfied.

ENNISCORTHY MAIN ROAD: The County Surveyor said in his opinion the condition of the road was sufficient for the traffic. He saw a fairly good horse with reasonable load having no trouble in passing over the road.

It was decided that the Enniscorthy Urban District Council be informed that the County Surveyor did not consider it feasible to comply with the request of this Council. If, later, it is found to be a serious matter, the County Council can further consider it. At present, it must remain in abeyance.

ERECTION OF SMALL SHOP: The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 7th September 1939 which he had received from Mr. Fortune:-

"In reply to my application to you for permission to erect a small shop here I have now received a letter from the County Council to the effect that they will not agree to my request in any circumstances. May I point out that this

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decision will inflict considerable hardship on me, if adhered to, as it will deprive me of the means of making a livelihood. I did not intend to erect a structure that would have been unsightly or an obstruction to the view of the roadway, and the distance from the centre of the road to the position in which I intended erecting it is exactly 40 feet. In addition I would inform you that there is a very definite want for the business I intended conducting in it, and if you would be kind enough to come here and see the place for yourself I feel sure you would have no objection.

May I therefore suggest that you pay a visit here or get your Deputy Surveyor to view the place, as the erection or non-erection of this structure is a very serious matter to me!

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman that the matter be referred to County Surveyor and to Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the District.

Mr. Treanor said the structure was an ornamental kiosk and was not in any way unsightly.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Lawler, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 1st September 1939 as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

NOTICES OF MOTION

LOAN £19,000: The following motion circulated to members of the County Council on 26th July 1939 stood in the name of Miss O'Ryan:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at meeting of Wexford County Council to be held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on Monday, 11th September 1939

at 10.30 a.m., Official Time:- That the Wexford County Council consent to the borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of £19,000 (Nineteen Thousand Pounds) for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the provision and equipment of the District Hospitals at New Ross and Gorey and the Fever Hospital at New Ross."

In moving her motion, Miss O'Ryan said that the County Council had already agreed to this loan which was included in the amount for the hospitals referred to in the motion as well as the cost of providing a Fever Hospital in Wexford which was the subject of a subsequent motion which she would move later on.

Mr. Corish seconded.

In reply to Mr. Doyle the Chairman said the Government provided 70% of the cost of hospitals up to a certain figure. The entire cost of the Sanatorium at Brownswood had been provided from Government funds.

Miss O'Ryan said that so far no County money had been spend for any hospital.

The motion passed nem. con.

LOAN OF £1164: The following motion stood in the name of Miss O'Ryan. (It was circulated to members of the Council on 26th July 1939):-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at meeting of Wexford County Council to be held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on Monday, 11th September 1939 at 10.30 a.m. Official Time:- That the Wexford County Council consent to the borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of £1,164 (One Thousand, One Hundred and Sixty-Four Pounds) towards the cost of providing a Fever Hospital at Wexford."

In moving her motion, Miss O'Ryan pointed out that the

County Council had already agreed to agree to the loan for Wexford Fever Hospital.

Mr. Corish seconded the motion which passed nem. con.

TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING (AMENDMENT) ACT ETC.

Letters under date 13th July 1939 (Cir.S.82/39) and 31st August 1939 (Cir.No.85/39A) were submitted to the meeting.

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

"That our Secretary request the Department of Local Government and Public Health to furnish for distribution to members of Wexford County Council 30 copies of Letter (Cir. S.82/39) and that our Secretary be further directed to purchase 30 copies of Summary of the Provisions of the Town and Regional Planning (Amendment) Act 1939 for distribution to the Councillors with the Circular Letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health."

WEXFORD BRIDGE

Mr. Corish asked what stage had been arrived at in connection with the soundings for the new bridge over the River Slaney at Wexford.

The County Surveyor said that the borings at the boathouse end at the existing bridge had gone down 152 feet and did not reach any sound foundation, not to mention rock. It had not reached even a hard bed of gravel.

Mr. Corish - What is holding up the existing bridge?

County Surveyor - At the old site opposite the courthouse we came on rock 46 feet below the road surface of the old abutment and went through the rock, but at 51 feet we met rock again and we are drilling through it. There must have been a crevice in it. We will go on with the boring there for another bit.

Mr. Corish - How long is this to go on?

The County Surveyor replied that he intended to make a report to the Finance Committee to see what steps should be taken. Unless they had some definite result from these two borings to go on all that they had done would be thrown away.

Mr. Corish said every member of the County Council knew the terrible inconvenience caused by the obstructions on the existing bridge, especially for funerals going across. He thought a resolution had been passed regarding the preparation of plans or something like that.

County Surveyor - We require something definite in the way of boring results first.

Mr. Corish - Is there no way of speeding it up?
Something will have to be done very soon.

Chairman - If the war goes on the bridge will remain as it is.

Col. Quin - How has the old bridge lasted so long? It has been in first-class condition for sixty years and if there is only sand and mud down there why is it that it was not carried away the week after it was built? How did it last without any foundations?

The County Surveyor said that when piles are driven into stiff clay they would bear a certain amount of weight held up by skin friction. In the course of years that skin friction would increase. The bridge was originally designed for very light weight. If superstructure was good it was all right for a two-ton load. The new bridge would have to comply with the Ministry for Transport regulations and bear 10 tons weight of a vehicle.

Mr. Corish - If there is no new bridge to be built for the next five or ten years are we still to have the zig-zag course for traffic on the present bridge? It is terrible.

Could we not have a straight course for light vehicles. I am not an engineer but I am of the opinion that you get a heavier impact from a vehicle twisting and turning across the bridge than if it ran straight across.

The County Surveyor said lorries were off the bridge altogether and the obstructions were on to control the speed of ordinary motor cars. Vibration had decreased enormously since the obstructions were placed on the bridge.

Chairman - The County Council has already decided to go on with the building of the bridge, and when boring is done County Surveyor will give us a report. The Government have said nothing yet.

The County Surveyor said he proposed to bore three holes at each of the two sites, one on either bank and one in the centre at each site. None of them were finished yet.

Mr. Ronan - The war will be over before you get it done. The matter dropped.

WALL AT KILANERIN, GOREY

Col. Quin asked what authority Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, had to give permission for the erection of a wall in front of a house in Kilanerin. The wall was within thirty feet of the centre of the road and was in front of one of Mr. Esmonde's houses. Mr. Esmonde said he knew nothing about it. The wall was on part of the village square, and it interfered with the amenities of the place.

The Chairman said the matter that was objected to was a railing put up outside a door. There was a very wide street at this point of the village - 80 feet wide probably.

The County Surveyor said the new wall was behind the line of the adjoining fence.

Mr. Corish said the Act was designed to prevent light and visibility being interfered with. There was no inter-

ference in these respects.

Col. Quin said this obstruction was within 15 feet of the centre of the road. The wall was two feet high and there was a railing 18 inches high on top.

The County Surveyor read the following report under date 9th September 1939 from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the District:-

"When carrying out Improvement Work in Kilanerin making kerbs and paths a resident of Village asked me to allow a small wall and ornamental railing to be erected in front of house. As this house is about fifteen feet from the side of the road and as the place where this wall and railing to be put up was well inside of road fencing adjoining, I gave permission to have it done as it could not (when erected) be considered in any way as an obstruction, but rather an improvement, and it leaves a path of six feet width between wall and roadway. Colonel Quin spoke to me about this when he saw wall and I am now reporting the matter."

The Chairman said he saw the place a week previously and he would not regard the wall as an obstruction. It was an improvement. The County Surveyor would inspect and report.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES 1908

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

"That licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 be issued the following:-

NEW: William Armstrong, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy. Paid 10s

(Garda make no objection in this case).

RENEWAL: Edward Redmond, The Harrow, Ferns.

Henry Colfer

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING, MONDAY, 9th OCTOBER, 1939

MINUTES

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

N. J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary Wexford County Council.

The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 9th October 1939.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, T.D. (Chairman), presiding, also, Messrs. Moses Bolger, J. J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, James Lawler, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan, Myles Smyth and Malachi Sweetman.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor, and the five Assistant Surveyors of the Council were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for the following were examined and signed:- £38936. 10. 0 transfers to Public Bodies; £24,796. 14. 7d transfers to Public Bodies and General Payments, and £317 (Ordinary Salaries).

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

The following under date 25th September 1939 (L.A.2.1. 39) was read from Local Appointments Commission:-

"In compliance with the Statutory Request received on the 27th February 1939 from the Wexford County Council I am directed by the Local Appointments Commissioners to state that they recommend Dr. Michael Francis Daly, The Villa, Killasolan, Mountbellew, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway for appointment as County Medical Officer of Health, Co. Wexford.

A brief statement of the recommended candidate's qualifications and experience is given hereunder, and a copy of the Regulations and Terms of Appointment is attached for

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your information. The enclosed form (L.A.40) should be filled in, in your presence, by the candidate immediately on taking up duty and the form then returned to this Office.

Date and

Place of Birth: 26th April, 1908: Co. Galway.

Qualifications and Experience: M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., 1930; D.P.H. (2nd Hons)

and B.Sc. (P.H.) 1932; L.M., 1933.

Registered in the Medical Register.

D.P.H. registered, 1935;

Post-graduate course (one month 1930),

Rotunda Hospital, Dublin:

House Surgeon and House Physician, St. Vincent's Hospital,

Dublin (6 months) 1930 - 1931;

Assistant Medical Officer, Crooksling Sanatorium, April-June 1932;

Acting Resident Medical Superintendent, Cork County Sanatorium, Buttevant, July-August 1932;

Post-graduate Course, National Maternity Hospital and Childrens Hospital, Temple St., Dublin, March - May, 1933;

Temporary Resident Medical Superintendent, Seaham Hall Sanatorium, Durham, July 1933;

Locum Assistant Medical Officer, Portrane Mental Hospital, Dublin, October - November 1933;

Resident Medical Officer, Cork Street Fever Hospital, Dublin, November 1933 - October 1934;

Post-graduate course, Brompton Sanatorium, Frimley, November - December 1934;

Assistant County Medical Officer of Health &c., Co. Galway, 1935 - 1938;

County Medical Officer of Health, &c., Co. Mayo since June 1938.

Knowledge of Irish: Good.

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

"That, as recommended by Local Appointments Commission, Dr. Michael Francis Daly, Imperial Hotel, Castlebar, be appointed County Medical Officer of Health for County Wexford in accordance with Terms of Appointment issued

by the Appointments Commission as follows:-

1. The office is whole-time, permanent and pensionable.
The person appointed will be regarded as being on probation for a period of 12 months from the date of taking up duty and in the event of unsatisfactory service the appointment may be terminated with the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health at any time during that period.
2. Salary: £800 a year with vouched travelling expenses not exceeding £200 a year.
3. Duties: The duties are as set out in the County Medical Officers of Health Order, 1926 and in the Public Health (Medical Treatment of Children)(Ireland) Order, 1920.
The person appointed shall when required by the Board of Health and Public Assistance with the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health carry out the duties of Tuberculosis Officer and also such other duties as may be assigned under the Registration of Maternity Homes Act, 1934.
4. That in addition to specific duties as set out at No. 3 the County Medical Officer of Health is expected to attend all meetings of County Board of Health and other meetings of Local Authorities as directed by the County Council. Also meetings of the Council when required.

Mr. T. Redmond asked if the recommendation could be regarded as an ultimatum or had the County Council any power in the matter.

The Secretary said that the Council were bound to accept the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commissioners. The Minister, himself, was bound by it.

Mr. T. Redmond - They don't tell us anything about the other candidates or their qualifications.

The Chairman said that according to report, 25 candidates had applied for the position. The recommendation of the Commission was mandatory on the Council to accept.

Mr. Ronan - We asked the Local Appointment Commissioners to recommend to us a County Medical Officer of Health and they have done so.

The Chairman said the powers of the Local Appointment Commissioners were questioned in the Supreme Court and it was decided that the Local Authorities were bound to accept the recommendations of the Commission. It would be admitted the Council were getting a good man with high qualifications and fine experience behind him.

The matter dropped.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING, 15th SEPTEMBER 1939: The Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 15th September 1939.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, T.D., (Chairman) presiding; also, Messrs. P. Colfer, R. Corish, W. P. Keegan, J. P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £7367. 19. 9d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: Rate Collection to date was submitted as follows:-

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Percentage of Warrant Collected.</u>
1.	S. Gannon	19.8
2.	J. Quirke	17.2
3.	P. Carty	16.4
4.	A. Dunne	16.1
5.	J. J. O'Reilly	15.9
6.	J. Cummins	15.3
7.	D. Kenny	14.7
8.	E. J. Murphy	14.5
9.	J. Deegan	14.3
10.	J. Curtis	13.9
11.	P. Nolan	13.6
12.	M. McCarthy	13.3
13.	J. J. Sinnott	13.3
14.	P. Doyle	13.1
15.	W. Cummins	12.9
16.	W. Doyle	11.8
17.	J. Flood	11.1
18.	M. Kehoe	<u>9.6</u>

Average 14.3.

The Secretary stated that the collection showed 1% of an improvement over corresponding period last year.

The Chairman said that the Finance Committee could not

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be satisfied with this improvement as last year was one of the worst they had on record and it was confidently anticipated that a very substantial improvement would have been made by September.

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

"That Rate Collectors be informed that first moiety of rates must in every case be collected, at latest by December. In cases in which this moiety is not collected by the 1st December Rate Collectors must take legal proceedings and any other special steps necessary to secure payment before the end of December."

TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF RATE COLLECTORS: The following letter under date 5th September 1939 was read from Mr. J. M. Curtis, Hon. Secretary to County Rate Collectors:-

"I am instructed by the following Collectors, J. Flood, J. Quirke, S. Gannon, W. Cummins, M. McCarthy, William Doyle, Art Dunne and J. J. Sinnott, to make application to your Council for travelling expenses incurred by them for attendance at County Council offices on the 12th July to meet Mr. Murphy, Local Government Department Inspector, as it cost most of them 15/- for car hire, otherwise they could not attend."

Mr. Corish proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted:-

"That, subject to sanction of Minister for Local Government and Public Health Rate Collectors be paid at the same rate as last year, viz., their actual rail or bus fares, in connection with their attendance for interview by Mr. Seamus Murphy, Inspector Department of Local Government and Public Health, on 18th July 1939 at County Council Offices. That,

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in the case of Collector Walter Cummins similar mileage allowance to that granted last year be paid, viz., 16 miles at 4d - 5s. 4d."

BANTRY AND BLACKSTAIRS COMMONS: In connection with rates on Bantry Commons letter was read from Mr. James T. Forrestal, Newtown, Grange, Killanne, relative to rates on above commons.

The Secretary stated it had been explained to Mr. Forrestal that Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, was in communication with Valuation Office in the matter.

Mr. Elgee submitted the following letter No. S.R.7598 received by him from Valuation Department under date 12th September:-

"In reply to your letter of the 23rd ultimo relative to the difficulty in collecting Rates on the Lands of Bantry Commons, I am directed by the Commissioner of Valuation to state that the questions which you put appear to concern rating law rather than valuation law and accordingly, do not fall directly within his Province.

In so far, however, as you may consider his views on the matter of any value, the Commissioner has no objection to expressing them. He thinks a distinction must be drawn between the question as to whether any person rated for rights of Common is legally entitled to rights of common and the question as to whether he actually exercises the rights to which he is legally entitled.

It seems to the Commissioner that if any person sued for Rates in respect of rights of common in the Townland asserts that he is not legally entitled to any rights of common in the Townland, and the District Justice finds that that is so in fact, then your Council could scarcely succeed in its suit against him. But if the person admits that he is legally

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entitled to rights of Common, and merely disputes the quantum of Valuation, the Commissioner thinks your Council could urge that disputes as to quantum should be settled by way of the appeal machinery of the Valuation Acts, and that the District Justice should not usurp upon question of quantum, a Jurisdiction which by the Valuation Statutes is reserved to the Commissioner of Valuation and to the Circuit Court Judge.

If the person asserts that while he is legally entitled to rights of common he does not in fact exercise those rights, and claims immunity from Rates upon the mere score of such non-user, the Commissioner thinks a distinction could be drawn between that state of facts and the facts in the Sligo case to which you refer. In the Sligo case the non-user was not voluntary whereas in these cases it would seem to be. There seems to be no more reason why a person legally entitled to exercise rights of common, but who does not choose to exercise them, should be immune from Rates upon them than there is why a Farmer who chooses to allow one of his fields to lie fallow should be immune from Rates upon it."

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

"That the County Solicitor be instructed to take suitable action on letter from Valuation Department, S.R.7598."

RATES ON ESTATE - LATE PATRICK MERNAGH, BALLYHOGUE: The following under date 7th September 1939 was read from Mr. Sean Gannon, Rate Collector:-

"I received the enclosed letter and cheque amounting to £85. 16. 8d from Messrs. P. J. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, which they received from Attorney General in respect of Rates on the estate of the late Patrick Mernagh, Ballyhogue, and which represents a composition of approximately 5s. 8d in the £ on £300. 10. 7d.

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Also enclosed is their bill of costs amounting to £21, which they say is reasonable and would amount to a much greater figure if made out item by item.

I don't know if the Council will be fully satisfied with the final payment but Messrs. O'Flaherty did everything possible, employing counsel etc. in order to recover the full amount and having succeeded in getting £85. 16. 8d I trust your Council will pay them their fees in due course."

Mr. Gannon also submitted the following letter under date 6th September 1939 from Messrs. P. J. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, Enniscorthy:-

"We enclose the Attorney General's Warrant for £85.16.8 representing first a final composition of approximately 5s.8d in the £ on £300. 10. 7d the rates due in this matter. We also enclose a note of our costs. We are satisfied to accept the bulk sum of 20 guineas for our costs. You will understand if they were drawn item by item they would amount to a considerably greater figure but in the circumstances we are prepared to accept the sum mentioned."

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

"That, as regards costs incurred by Mr. Sean Gannon, Rate Collector, relative to arrears of Rates due on estate of late Patrick Mernagh, Ballyhogue, the Finance Committee request Mr. Gannon to state if he authorised Messrs. O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, to employ Counsel on his behalf."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

THOMAS MURRAY, BOG WEST, MAYGLASS: The following under date 6th September 1939 (H.9207/3/39 Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and

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Public Health to refer to your letter of the 16th ultimo and previous correspondence relative to the proposal of the Wexford County Council to make an increased advance under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Thomas Murray in respect of a house at Bog West, Mayglass, and to state that he is not prepared to approve of any further increase in the advance of £120."

APPLICATION FOR LOAN: Thomas Mullaly, Effernogue, Ferns, Labourer, applied for loan of £155 on house, the estimated value of which is £250.

It was decided to inform Mr. Mullaly that all the money obtained by the County Council through loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts had been distributed and the Finance Committee recommend him to apply to the County Board of Health for labourer's cottage.

STONE DEPOT AT BALLYCONNIGAR, BLACKWATER

Under date 6th September 1939 John Keating, Ballyconnigar, Blackwater, wrote:-

"Just a few lines. I have made up my mind to accept £5 for surface damage to field."

The Secretary stated that the Finance Committee had already agreed to pay this sum to Mr. Keating, but up to the present he had refused to accept it.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to pay £5 to John Keating, Ballyconnigar, Blackwater, in full settlement of all claims he may have against Wexford County Council in respect of the use of portion of his land at Ballyconnigar, Blackwater, as stone depot."

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RATIONING OF PETROL

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

"That the County Secretary and County Surveyor be empowered to make application for supplies of petrol for all officers of the County Council."

Passed.

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

In connection with correspondence with John O'Brien, Tagoat, as to the transfer of his son's Scholarship to Christian Brothers College, Cork, from St. Peter's College, Wexford, the following under date 14th September 1939, was read from Mr. O'Brien:-

"With reference to my son's scholarship, I have decided to send him back to St. Peter's College in view of the decision of your Finance Committee. I think this is the best thing to do."

The following under date 12th September 1939 from John K. O'Leary, Ballyboro, Clonroche, was read:-

"I wish to renew my application for an extension to my Primary Scholarship. Since I did not obtain a University Scholarship or obtain any other position, I hope you will reconsider your decision of the 4th of August. I feel sure that next year after another year's study I should obtain either the University Scholarship or some other examination which would qualify me for a position in life."

It was decided to inform Mr. O'Leary that the Finance Committee are not prepared to recommend the County Council to agree to his application.

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER

Reports of lay Sheep Dipping Inspectors setting out the number of owners of premises called on and the numbers of sheep dipped since their previous reports were submitted.

The meeting considered the reports satisfactory.

INCREASE IN PRICE OF COAL

Under date 6th September 1939, the following letter was read from Messrs. J. J. Stafford & Sons, Contractors, for supply of coal to County Council:-

"We beg to advise you that owing to circumstances outside our control the prices of Coal have advanced due to the increase in freights caused by War Risk on shipping and War Risk on cargoes.

We are prepared to keep you supplied to the best of our ability, but the prices will be governed by the costing, and so far as we can see at the moment the increase is 4/- (four shillings) per ton, this increase comes into operation this morning. We shall be glad to know if we are to continue supplies, and we shall keep you advised as to prices."

It was decided that the County Surveyor point out to Messrs. Stafford that the Government had fixed the increased price for coal at 2/- per ton and the Finance Committee were recommending the County Council to pay this amount.

ROAD NO. 789

Under date 9th September 1939, the following was read from Mr. John McGrath, Dunbrody, Campile:-

"I am writing with reference to Public Road No. 789 Main Road with turn at Campile Bridge and branch to river. It is in a dangerous state at one point and for any damage to life or property in course of my business passing over this road I hold the County Council liable and as this is the only way that threshing set can be got to my place I will hold County

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Council liable for any damage or delay caused to threshing set passing over this road."

The following report under date 14th September 1939 was read from Mr. P. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district:

"The road mentioned by Mr. McGrath is a short section running from Campile Bridge to an old landing stage on the south bank of the river. A local man, Mr. Kenny, claims this lane as private property and has prevented a road worker from doing some repairs. There seems to be some doubt about whether it is a public road or not. It is little used except in the threshing season. I will call to Mr. Kenny when in Campile and I will report to you."

It was decided to refer Mr. McGrath's communication to the County Surveyor and County Solicitor.

CLAIM BY WORKMAN

Under date 6th September 1939, the following was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, as to claim of O. J. Murray, Wexford Street, Gorey, on behalf of himself and other workmen:

"I have now had an opportunity of discussing the Claim made by Mr. Murray, Wexford, St., Gorey, in respect of the payment made to him for work done under an Employment Scheme - Roads Rural - at Gorey.

I find that under the Scheme as sanctioned by the Department, the hours for the work were to be an 8 2/3rd hour day or 8 hours and 40 minutes per day, and these are the hours which Mr. Murray worked.

Workers under these Schemes are employed by the day at the above mentioned daily rate.

The hours for day work are provided for by Sec.38 of the Conditions of Employment Act, 1936, and Sub-Sec. (b)(111) permits an Employer to allow a day worker to work up to 9 hours in the day, not 8 hours as stated by Mr. Murray.

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This being so, and having regard to the fact that Mr. Murray had worked for the Council on similar Schemes and was fully aware of the Conditions attached to the Schemes, I am of opinion that he has no Claim against the Council in respect of the overtime payment which he makes."

The County Surveyor said that in the forms submitted to the Department of Local Government and Public Health in respect of relief work on rural roads the number of hours set out was 8 2/3 hours. As regards holiday pay the ordinary worker on County Council staff worked on the first Monday in August 1939 which would normally be the public Holiday. But the Church Holyday, viz., 15th August, had been substituted for this as the County Council were empowered to do. The men on whose behalf Mr. Murray wrote worked on the first Monday in August and were paid for it but they were not paid for the substituted public holiday which was also the Church holiday as they did not work on that day. He (County Surveyor) held that this was in accordance with the Conditions of Employment Act.

Mr. Corish said it appeared that the permanent staff of County Council workers worked 8 2/3 hours per day to enable them to have the benefit of the half holiday on Saturday. He believed that the men represented by Mr. Murray were entitled to an 8 hour day and if they were not paid for the Catholic Holyday they should be paid double for the Bank holiday.

It was decided to refer the question back to Mr. Elgee on the question of the allowance for the half-holiday as some of the men, according to Mr. Corish, claimed they were entitled to be paid for the Catholic holiday of the 15th August or paid double for the Bank holiday of the first Monday in August.

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WEXFORD BRIDGE

The County Surveyor submitted report from Simon Quirke, Watchman on Wexford B ridge, that on the 12th September 1939 at 6.10 p.m. a lorry, M.I.4061, the property of Mrs. Lizzie Meyler, Selskar Street, Wexford, passed over Wexford Bridge against regulations.

It was decided to refer report to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, for appropriate action to be taken.

In reply to Mr. Corish the County Surveyor said that as regards the boring for foundation at site opposite the old Courthouse he believed they were definitely on the rock at about 60 feet. The question was how far they should proceed with any future work.

The Finance Committee decided that six borings should be carried out, viz., three at the old Courthouse site and three at site adjoining the existing bridge.

PALLAS BRIDGE - REBUILDING

The following under date 14th September 1939 was read from Mr. William Lee (Lee Bros.), Arklow:-

"I beg to confirm conversation with Mr. Treanor, Assistant County Surveyor, when I offered to rebuild Bridge at Pallas, that collapsed during the Storm last December:-

On the following Terms:-

That I supply all material and Labour necessary for the work, without Profit, the County Council paying on Vouchers for Labour and Material.

I will supply all the Plant necessary free of cost to the Council. In the case of Machinery the Council pay for Fuel and Lubricating Oils.

The Bridge to be constructed to Plans and Specification of the County Surveyor.

This offer is without prejudice.

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In the event of the offer being accepted, an Agreement to be drawn up on these lines."

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

"That letter from Mr. William Lee (Lee Bros.) under date 14th September 1939 as to proposed rebuilding of Pallas Bridge (Gorey District) be referred to County Surveyor for report."

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Application from Mr. Corish, District Court Clerk, New Ross, under date 5th September, to Ballycullane District Court of 18th September 1939, for the committal of three children, viz., Mary Josephine Whitty, Ellen Josephine Whitty and Elizabeth Whitty, to St. Aidan's Industrial School, New Ross, was referred to County Solicitor. James Whitty, the father, of Monachee, Campile, is a Postman. The mother is dead and he stated he had no one to look after them.

ILLNESS OF LOCAL TAXATION OFFICER

The following certificate from Dr. J. O'Driscoll, M.B., B.A.O., County Hospital, Wexford, under date 7th September, 1939, was submitted:-

"Mr. Claude Richards is suffering from Haemorrhoids and acute Proctitis and will be unable to resume duty for at least eight days."

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

"That sick leave, in accordance with medical certificate of Dr. J. O'Driscoll, County Hospital, under date 7th September, be granted Mr. Richards, Local Taxation Officer."

TEMPORARY CLERICAL ASSISTANCE

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

"That the County Secretary be empowered to employ Miss Teresa Roche, John St., Wexford, for three days - remuneration 12s. 6d for the period - to assist at clerical work in County Council Office."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 15th September 1939 be received and considered."

BANTRY AND BLACKSTAIRS COMMONS: The Secretary stated he was still in correspondence with Mr. Bolger, Solicitor, Enniscorthy, acting for Mr. Flood, Rate Collector. The result of this would be brought before the Finance Committee in due course.

The Finance Committee were also endeavouring to secure the help of the General Valuation Department to clear up the matter.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS: In the case of John Byrne, Pearse Street, Gorey, who applied for an additional £115 loan, the Secretary stated that the original amount applied for, £185, had been paid to him. This additional amount was to bring the loan up to £300. Mr. Byrne was unable to secure Government Grant. The County Council were prepared to advance the additional £115 and so were the Department, but the latter stipulated (for the first time in these cases) that until 40% of the total advance had been repaid Mr. Byrne must give collateral security in the sum of £55.. Mr. Elgee has not yet been able to arrange with Mr. Warren, Solicitor for Mr. Byrne, as to this matter.

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

"That, as in the opinion of Wexford County Council, the building erected under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts by John Byrne, Pearse Street, Gorey, is ample security for

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Loan of £300 we request the Department of Local Government and Public Health to waive the condition of requiring collateral security to the amount of £55 in this instance, particularly as the mortgage will be for £300."

PETROL SUPPLIES: The Secretary stated that in accordance with the Finance Committee's recommendations he made application for extra supplies of petrol and had got it so far as the Assistant Surveyors were concerned, and also in connection with machinery plant. Supplies were also allowed for the agricultural instructors and the library van.

Miss O'Ryan suggested that representations be made for extra supplies of petrol to members of the County Council in rural areas. They had got out of the way, she said, of riding bicycles, and members of the County Council should be given something extra for attending meetings.

Chairman - I think we should be put on the same basis as professional people.

Col. Quin - You would be going too far in that. After all, we do not attend that many meetings.

Miss O'Ryan said that ten extra gallons would be enough.

The Chairman said the amount would be in accordance with the horse power of the car. He proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted:-

"That application be made to the Minister for Supplies for three times the minimum amount of petrol allowed to the professional classes under Petrol Order according to Horse Power."

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Colfer, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 15th September

1939 as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

MEETING, 29th SEPTEMBER 1939: The Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of above Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 29th September 1939.

Present: Mr. D. Allen, T.D., Chairman (presiding), also Messrs. P. Colfer, R. Corish, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for the following were examined and signed :- £6728. 10. 9d (Ordinary payments); £50. 12. 9d Members' Travelling Expenses; Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts Loan £1795; Clonard Road Loan £1062. 6. 4d; Rosslare Strand and Carne Pier Road Loan £616. 18. 9d.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following is the state of the Rate Collection to date:-

<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Percentage of Warrant Collected</u>
1. P. Nolan	26.9
2. S. Gannon	25.8
3. A. Dunne	22.8
4. J. J. O'Reilly	21.8
5. J. Cummins	21.1
6. J. Quirke	21.1
7. J. Deegan	20.9
8. D. Kenny	19.8
9. P. Carty	19.5
10. J. J. Sinnott	19.1
11. E. J. Murphy	18.8
12. W. Doyle	18.2
13. M. McCarthy	17.8
14. W. Cummins	17.4
15. J. Curtis	16.8
16. P. Doyle	16.5
17. J. Flood	14.6
18. M. Kehoe	<u>14.3</u>

Average 20.0%

Compared with the corresponding period last year the collection was behind.

ESTATE OF THE LATE PATRICK MERNAGH: The following under date 25th September 1939, was read from Mr. Sean Gannon, Rate Collector:-

"In reply to your Finance Committee's resolution of 15th instant requesting me to state if I authorised Messrs. O'Flaherty, Solicitors, to employ Counsel on my behalf in the case of arrears of poor rate on the estate of the late Patrick Mernagh, Ballyhogue, I authorised Mr. O'Flaherty to retain Counsel as he advised me it was necessary.

When the matter was before the Court in Chambers, the Examiner indicated that he was inclined to accept Mr. O'Flaherty's argument that the rates should be allowed in full. The Bank of Ireland Solicitor pressed the Examiner to disallow the rates and after the matter had been before him several times the Examiner finally decided to refer the question to the Judge. Mr. O'Flaherty then advised me it was necessary to retain Counsel."

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne that Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, obtain details of their Bill of Costs from Messrs. O'Flaherty, Solicitors, Enniscorthy, in connection with the payment of arrears of Poor Rates in the estate of the late Patrick Mernagh, Ballyhogue and that he report in this matter to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

RATES ON BANTRY COMMONS: Under date 21st September 1939, the following was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday with instructions as to proceeding for the recovery of Rates herein.

In order to succeed in a Summons for the recovery of Rates from any one of the Rated Occupiers, I will have to be in a position to prove

- (1) That the person proceeded against is a Rated Occupier.
- (2) That he is legally entitled to use the Common for Grazing.
- (3) That he did, in fact, use the Common for grazing, giving the dates on which his Stock were found there.
- (4) The amount of Rates due
- (5) That the Demand Notes and the usual Six Days' Notice had been served.

It seems to me that the great difficulty in these Cases will be to prove the Items mentioned at (1) and (2) above, and unless I am in a position to do this, I am of opinion, that it would be useless taking proceedings, as the Summons would, without doubt, be dismissed.

Perhaps the Rate Collector would have some information as to this - Entries in the former Landlords' Rentals or Account Books dealing with the Title of persons whom, it was alleged, were entitled to the grazing rights, would not, in my opinion, be evidence against the persons at present rated."

The Secretary stated he was in correspondence with Mr. J. Bolger, Solicitor, for Mr. Flood, Rate Collector, in this matter.

ILLNESS OF J. O'KENNEDY - COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE

Under date 29th September 1939, the following was read from the County Surveyor:-

"I beg to report that Mr. O'Kennedy, Assistant Clerk in my Office, has been absent from duty since 21st instant owing to serious illhealth. He is at present in the County Hospital, and, I understand, will not be able to return for duty for some weeks.

I beg to ask for authority to appoint a temporary clerk in Mr. O'Kennedy's absence."

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

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"That the County Surveyor be empowered to employ a substitute for Mr. John O'Kennedy, during the illness of the latter. Remuneration £2. 10. 0d per week.

That leave of absence be granted Mr. O'Kennedy on the terms of medical certificate to be submitted."

WEXFORD BRIDGE

Under date 21st September 1939, the following was read from Captain B. B. Harvey, Resident Engineer, Wexford Bridge:-

"A Ford Van bearing the registration number Z.C.5498 passed over Wexford Bridge in contravention of above notice at 5.20 p.m., on 20th instant, and was stopped at the Wexford Bridge head by Simon Quirke, Watchman.

The driver gave his name as Joseph White, and address, 68 Kincora Road, Clontarf, and stated he was the owner of the vehicle.

The Watchman - William J. Duggan - stationed at the N.E. Bridge head followed the vehicle across the bridge and stated that the driver ignored his signal to stop and having driven on to the bridge and been called upon to stop accelerated the Van!

The County Surveyor stated he had instructed Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, to proceed against Joseph White, Owner and Driver of the lorry, Z.C.5498.

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

"That we approve of the action of the County Surveyor and County Solicitor as regards prosecution of Joseph White, 68 Kincora Road, Clontarf, Dublin, who, contrary to regulations, crossed Wexford Bridge with lorry."

In reply to Mr. Corish, the County Surveyor stated that at the Boat Club site, borings for proposed new bridge had reached 156 feet, without coming on to the "hard". He proposed that if reliable foundation was not found at 180 feet borings should

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be discontinued.

X Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That proposal of the County Surveyor to discontinue borings at Boat Club side for new bridge at Wexford be approved provided solid foundation be not found at 180 feet." X

REBUILDING PALLAS BRIDGE - RIVER BANN

Mr. Elgee submitted preliminary opinion of Mr. Diarmaid Fawsitt, B.L., as regards rebuilding of Pallas Bridge.

Further consideration of this opinion was adjourned in view of the fact that Mr. Fawsitt required from the County Surveyor further particulars relative to the circumstances concerning the manner in which the bridge was carried away by flood.

ROAD MATTERS

ROAD 789: The County Surveyor submitted the following report from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"I had an interview with Mr. Martin Kenny, Campile, in connection with the obstruction on the section of the above road between Campile Bridge and the limestone landing stage.

I understand from Mr. Kenny that the road runs through a plot of land that he purchased from the Templemore Estate. He intends to use it for building purposes and if it is intersected by a public road it will be useless for building. He believes that it was never a public road, and he does not recollect that it was ever in contract.

He has no objection to people who live on or adjacent to the road using it and he has never prevented them. His object in placing the chain at the Campile Bridge end of the road was to prevent trespass on the plot. I think it would be well to look up the old records and see if ever the road were in contract."

The County Surveyor stated that in the old Grand Jury Abstracts - included in the description of the road at this place was the following:- "With branch from the Bridge to the old limestone landing".

The County Surveyor, continuing, said that some people in the district wanted to make out that this branch was the landing on the other side of the river, but he held the contrary. The description he had given was, he understood, also set out in County Council records of 1914.

It was decided that the County Surveyor furnish the information which he had given to the meeting regarding Road 789 to Mr. Martin Kenny, Campile.

WALL AT KILANERIN: The following under date 29th September 1939 was read from County Surveyor:-

"As directed by the County Council I visited Kilanerin on 26th instant, and made an inspection of the wall which has been built on the side of the road. The County Council has recently carried out road improvements at Kilanerin, having surface dressed road at this place, and also laid channel and concrete kerb at each side. This kerb (on each side of the road) is in line with the adjoining fences, and leaves a width of roadway of twenty-six feet six inches. On each side there are houses set back some distance from the road, and the space in front of same has been treated with tarred chips. Beyond the kerb and between the recently built wall (enclosing plot in front of one of the houses) there is a space of six feet forming a path, and alongside this there is a laneway, giving access to back of premises and lands. I consider that the enclosed plot, if treated as an ornamental garden, will be a decided improvement, and, will, in no way, interfere with the usage of the public road. The six foot path is entirely behind line of adjoining road fence."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Keegan:-

"That, as regards erection of wall in Kilanerin village, the County Council be recommended, in view of report of County Surveyor, to take no action."

HOLIDAY PAY FOR WORKERS: The following under date 19th September 1939 was read from Mr. J. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"Referring to my letter to you of the 6th instant, I have now looked further into Mr. J. Murray's (Wexford Street, Gorey) employment, and I find, that he only worked 19 days altogether for the Council, and this being so, he is not entitled under Section 24 of the Conditions of Employment Act 1936, to any payment for Holidays. To entitle him to such payment he would have to work at least one month."

In reply to Mr. Keegan the County Surveyor stated that the regulations under the Conditions of Employment Act for Relief Workers were settled by the Department of Local Government and Public Health and not by the County Council.

It was decided to instruct the County Surveyor to inform Mr. Murray, Gorey, that as regards hours worked by men on Relief Schemes the regulations drawn up by the Department of Local Government and Public Health as regards Relief Work did not admit of the County Council agreeing to his application for payment of overtime but the County Surveyor would submit a scheme to the Department for approval in order to meet the grievance complained of by men on relief Grant work.

The County Surveyor was also directed to inform Mr. Murray that the County Solicitor has advised the Council that he is not entitled to Holiday Pay.

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SOLSBOROUGH - CLONHASTEN ROAD: The following under date 18th September 1939 was read from Mr. J. L. N. Richards, Solsborough House, Enniscorthy:-

"I am sure it is unnecessary to refer to the extremely bad condition of the road from Solsborough to Clonhaston where the tar commences.

The road referred to has not received any treatment for a long time and the holes are liable to cause the breaking of car springs, also the filling of the holes with tar composition does not last as when heavy lorries pass over the road the filling gets scattered about.

Hoping something may be done to remedy this state of affairs and make a better surface on the road."

The County Surveyor said a section of this road had been repaired under a Relief Grant and now the Council were asked to extend this. The road was not bad; as a matter of fact compared with hundreds of ~~other~~ roads, it was good.

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

REDMOND ROAD, WEXFORD: Under date 22nd September 1939, Mr. Thomas J. O'Brien, Redmond Road, Wexford, wrote as follows:-

"I have lived at Redmond Road, Wexford, for some six years, and I have from time to time drawn the attention of the Borough Surveyor and the County Surveyor to the condition of the footpath and shore extending for some hundreds of yards, from my door towards Redmond Monument. In addition to this, I wrote to the Corporation on the 14th August, but they informed me that this Main Road is under the jurisdiction of the County Council, although the work is carried out by the Corporation in accordance with an allowance made by the County Council. I have spoken to the County Surveyor and he told me that it was the Corporation's duty to repair the Road. I also wrote to Mr. Barry on the 14th August asking him to do something about

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the flooding, but up to date I have not had the favour of his reply, or even his acknowledgment.

As a ratepayer I believe, that my family and I are entitled to be able to walk along the public road without having our feet drenched. I might also mention that as this road is extensively used by hundreds, I might say thousands of people, every day it is a source of great inconvenience to them when it rains. Would it be too much to ask that after six years something might be done to alleviate the condition of this foot-path and shore which is on the main trunk road entering Wexford?

The County Surveyor said he interviewed the Town Surveyor on two or three occasions about this matter and understood the improvements which Mr. O'Brien referred to in his letter would be dealt with through a Grant from the Department of Local Government and Public Health when it came to hand.

It was decided that the County Surveyor convey this information to Mr. O'Brien.

COMPENSATION EASEMENT CORNERS: Under date 28th September 1939 the following was read from Mr. P. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"I had a further interview with Mr. Murphy, the owner of the land at the three corners at St. Leonards, Ballycullane. He has now agreed to accept the sum of two pounds as compensation for land acquired, removal of hedge and trees and trespass at the three corners. I think that this is reasonable and I ask the sanction of the Finance Committee to the payment of the amount agreed."

Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That, in accordance with recommendation from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, under date 28th September 1939, the County

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Council be recommended to pay £2 to Mr. Murphy, St. Leonard's, Ballycullane, in connection with acquirement of land etc. relative to easement of three corners at St. Leonard's."

APPLICATION NEW FOOTPATH ENNISCORTHY URBAN COUNCIL: The following under date 18th September 1939 was received from the Clerk, Enniscorthy Urban Council:-

"I am directed to transmit the following resolution passed by Enniscorthy Urban District Council, at its last monthly meeting:

That the attention of the County Surveyor be invited to the need for a new footpath at the Fair Green (Duffry Gate), Enniscorthy, leading to Bellefield and the Council's 92 recently-erected houses at St. Aidan's Villas."

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

RECONSTRUCTION CLONARD-WEXFORD ROAD NO. 774: Under date 29th September 1939, the following was read from Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district:-

"The completion of the specified length of above work viz., 450 pers. will necessitate the expenditure of a further sum of at least £400.

The balance available out of £1200 already voted is £137 approx.

There remain 240 pers. approx. to be surfaced and sprayed.

The widening, strengthening and shaping of the road proved very expensive due to collapse of side trenches under roller, and this work had to be extended from fence to fence practically throughout, taking 1108 cubic yards rubble against an estimated amount of 600 cubic yards.

I would like to suggest to you to ask the Council to agree to finish this road right up to Clonard Little Cross roads - an additional 60 perches, and believe that the work

could be so completed by giving us £550 instead of the £400 which I am asking to complete the present specified length."

It was decided to report to the County Council that in the special circumstances mentioned in the report of Mr. Birthistle, the Finance Committee were prepared to recommend the necessary loan of £550 to complete this work.

Mr. Corish intimated his intention of serving notice of motion to obtain permission of the County Council to borrow the £550 referred to in report.

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following, under date 20th September 1939, was read from the Department of Education (Secondary Education Branch):-

"With reference to your letter of the 19th instant, I am to inform you that it is regretted that it was stated in error in the Department's communication of the 14th instant that Maire O'Brien, St. Louis Convent, Monaghan, did not obtain Honours in the Intermediate Certificate Examination, 1939. As this pupil did obtain Honours in that examination, the Department is willing to sanction the renewal of her scholarship in respect of the school year 1939-40.

In connection with the renewal of the bursary awarded to Patrick McGarrigle, I am to inform you that the Department approves of the transfer of his bursary from Christian Brothers' Schools, Enniscorthy, to Christian Brothers' Schools, Fermoy.

With regard to the pupil Edward Garty, Colaiste Sheosainh N., Baldoyle, who was awarded a bursary of £15 in 1935 and who obtained Honours in the Intermediate Certificate in 1936 and 1937, I am to request you to be good enough to state if that pupil intends to present himself for the Leaving Certificate Examination in 1940."

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That County Council be recommended to renew Scholarship under Secondary & Vocational Scholarship Scheme to Maire O'Brien Ballymoney, Gorey, in view of letter from Department of Education (Secondary Education Branch) under date 20th September 1939."

In connection with Scholarship of Edward A. Carty, the following under date 27th September 1939 was read from Mr. Carty from Christian Brothers Novitiate, St. Mary's, Marino, Dublin:-

"In reply to your letter of the 21st instant enquiring if I intended to present for the Leaving Certificate Examination in 1940 I wish to say that it is not my intention to present for this examination, but I am still pursuing my Secondary Education and am preparing for the King's Scholarship examination which is of equivalent standard to the Leaving Certificate Examination.

If I should secure this Scholarship it would entitle me to train as a primary teacher for Northern Ireland."

It was decided to inform Mr. Carty that the Finance Committee cannot see their way to recommend continuance of his Scholarship if his intention is to utilise it for the purpose of obtaining a King's Scholarship for the Six Northern Counties.

COUNTY COUNCIL DEMANDS ON URBAN COUNCILS

The Secretary reported that up to 30th September 1939, the following amounts were due from the three Urban Councils on foot of demands:-

<u>Enniscorthy:</u>	Part year 1937/38	£723. 18. 0	
	Year 1938/9	3802. 16. 6	
	Part current year		
	1939/40 - due to 30th September 1939	757. 9. 4	£5284. 3. 10
<u>New Ross:</u>	Quarter to 30th September 1939		882.15. 4
<u>Wexford:</u>	Half year to 30th September 1939	4059. 14. 9	
	For period to 31st		
			5020. 7. 10

Mr. Corish stated that Wexford Corporation would forward a further instalment on 2nd October.

The Secretary reported that Enniscorthy Urban Council had paid £1200 on foot of Demand since last County Council meeting.

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER

Reports from Lay Inspectors under above Order were submitted and considered satisfactory.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

Under date 22nd September 1939 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.5246/4/39) that the Minister had consented to overdraft accommodation to a maximum of £30,000 from 1st October 1939 to 31st December 1939.

TEMPORARY CLERICAL ASSISTANT

The following under date 28th September 1939 (G.18265/2/39) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 21st instant and I am to state that he has sanctioned the employment of Miss Teresa Roche, John Street, Wexford, as temporary assistant for a period of 3 days from the 13th instant at remuneration of 12/6d. during the absence on annual leave of the telephone attendant."

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES

Under date 22nd September 1939 letter was read from F. Glennon, Inspector of the Westmeath, Offaly and District Branch of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, relative to proposed committal of Bernard Leahy, born in New Ross, to Industrial School:-

"The above named boy was found wandering while under the

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care of his mother who was not exercising proper guardianship over him. An application was made at Moate District Justices Court on 21st instant but the case has been adjourned for hearing at Athlone District Justices court to be held on Thursday, 28th instant, as the Solicitor for the County Council objected to the County Council for Westmeath having to bear the cost of the boy's maintenance in an Industrial School. The case was adjourned so that you could be informed. The boy was found in Athlone on 20th instant."

Mr. Elgee said he had made arrangements for the Council to be represented at the hearing of the application at Athlone on the 28th September. He had received report that the case was adjourned by the District Justice for further consideration at next court day.

Under date 18th September 1939 the following report as to application to commit three Whitty children to Industrial School, was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"I attended at Ballycullane District Court today when the application to commit the three children of James Whitty to St. Aidan's Industrial School, New Ross. The facts deposed to were as follows:-

The father is a Postman having a salary of 32/6 a week. In the month of August last a Decree was obtained against him in respect of the House in which he and his seven Children were living, and he had removed to another House where there were already 12 people living, and the Garda Officials considered that this was not proper as there was no one there belonging to the children to look after them while Whitty himself was on his rounds. Accordingly, the District Justice made an Order committing Mary Josephine, Ellen Josephine and Elizabeth Whitty to St. Aidan's Industrial School until they are 16 years of

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age. He ordered Whitty to pay 12/- a week, that is, 4/- for each child, the payments to commence on the 30th September inst.

I understand that the eldest Girl, who is 18, is not a very steady character, and the Sergeant did not consider her a fit person to be left in charge of the children."

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACTS - EQUIPMENT

Under date 22nd September 1939, the following letter No. 61086, was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce (Gas and Weights and Measures Section), 6 Upper Castle Yard, Dublin:-

"I am directed to refer to the last paragraph of this Department's letter of the 11th July 1938 (48376), and to say that the examination, repairs and stamping of balances used by Inspectors of Weights and Measures for County Wexford have now been completed.

The charges payable by your Council in respect of same are as follows:-

	£.	s.	d.
(a) Stamping fees and expenses	12.	12.	6
(b) Charges for repairs to balances as per account of Messrs. H. Evans & Sons, attached.	112.	18.	0

A Paying Order in respect of (a) for the sum of £12. 12.6 drawn in favour of the Accountant, Department of Industry and Commerce, should be forwarded to this Office.

A Paying Order in respect of (b) for the sum of £112. 18s. drawn in favour of the Contractors - H. Evans & Sons, 152, Capel Street, Dublin - should be forwarded direct to that Firm"

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

"That, in accordance with letter from Department of Industry and Commerce, under date 22nd September 1939, No. 61086, Pay Order for £12. 12. 6d be issued to the Department of

Industry and Commerce for stamping fees and expenses relative to County weights and measures standards, and Pay Order for £112. 18. 0 to Messrs. H. Evans & Sons, 152 Capel Street, Dublin, for overhaul of these standards."

A.R.P.

The following skeleton scheme was submitted by the Secretary:-

(a) It is desirable that the necessary instructions relative to Air Raid Precautions should be imparted in the towns of Enniscorthy, New Ross and Gorey. Arrangements might be made by the Urban District Councils and Town Commissioners for lectures by a qualified official, who has obtained the necessary certificate from the appropriate Government Department. As regards Rosslare Harbour it would very likely be possible to arrange that one of the lecturers employed by Wexford Corporation or a member of the Gardai should give lectures at Rosslare Harbour on a date to be fixed.

(B) As regards arrangements for dealing with casualties landed at Ports in the County the Board of Health have the matter in hands and suitable arrangements in accordance with the instructions of the Department of Local Government and Public Health have been made.

(C) Arrangements have been made as to restriction in public lighting. At Rosslare Harbour there was a complete "black-out" for a short period but, it is doubtful if more than 25% of the black out is now effective. It has been pointed out that a light operates at the end of the pier.

(D) Transfer of civilian population. Scheme in this connection can be prepared when a specified area from which transfer of civilian population may be required is notified to the Council by the Minister for Defence.

(E) Organisation of Emergency Fire Fighting Service. The County Council have applied for fire engines to be located at the Towns of Enniscorthy, New Ross and Gorey. It is proposed to ask the Urban Councils and the Town Commissioners to arrange for the manning of fire equipment by volunteer officers and to appoint as Chief Officer of the brigade a paid official who has had experience as an officer of a fire brigade or in a somewhat similar capacity. The County Council consider that the fire engine located at Wexford Town should be available if required, for Rosslare Harbour.

(F) Arrangements for making use of natural water supplies for fire fighting. It is considered that this will present no difficulty at Rosslare Harbour. As regards other areas of the County reports might be obtained from the Engineers of the County Board of Health.

(G) Recruiting and training of firemen. This could be most suitably arranged by the Urban Councils. As Wexford Corporation have a trained staff, application might be made to Wexford Corporation for the assistance of their staff in training volunteers who will man the engines at Enniscorthy, New Ross and Gorey.

(H) Use of vehicles. Advertisement might be inserted asking owners of vehicles who are prepared to lend them for the purposes of the scheme, to notify their nearest Garda Station, giving particulars of car, lorry etc., which they are prepared to make available.

(I) Provision of appliances, supply of gas masks etc. might in the first instance, be stored at the Garda Barracks, Rosslare Harbour. Some of these masks would of course be brought by lecturer for demonstration purposes when lecture on A.R.P. is being given at Rosslare Harbour. The question of erection of air raid shelters at Rosslare Harbour should receive full

consideration. Inspection might be carried out by the County Surveyor who could meet officials of the Railway Companies on the spot and have scheme for erection of shelters prepared.

(K) Detection of poison gas and

(L) Decontamination of Highways. Special leaflets on this should be supplied to local authorities by the Department of Defence.

Letters under date 26th August 1939 (2/52675) and 2nd September 1939 (2/52675) from the Department of Defence were read.

Under date 18th September 1939, the following letter (P.H.26461/39-Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 14th instant in regard to the question of the provision of trailer pumps and lorries for dealing with any fires, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inform you that a copy of your communication has been forwarded to the Department of Defence for such action as may be deemed desirable."

Mr. Corish said that the Department of Defence had a formula under which they worked out the fire fighting equipment for each district and it was quite possible that Wexford County would be allocated more than the three they had requisitioned.

On the suggestion of Mr. Corish it was decided that the County Surveyor would get in touch with Mr. Collins, A.R.P. Officer at Kilmainham and obtain information from him as regards a full Scheme for Air Raid Precautions. On behalf of the Corporation he (Mr. Corish) and the Town Clerk had interviewed Mr. Collins and obtained a great deal of useful information from him for the scheme to be applied to the Borough of Wexford.

THE IRISH RED CROSS SOCIETY

Under date 21st September 1939, the Chairman submitted the following letter from Mr. David L. Robinson, Organising Secretary The Irish Red Cross Society, 20 Merrion Square North, Dublin:-

"As no doubt you are aware an Irish Red Cross Society has been formed, as per enclosed statement, and I am requested by the Executive Committee to approach you with a view to securing your help in the organisation of a branch in your county.

What we would ask you to do is to call a Public Meeting as soon as possible, on the platform of which should appear with you representatives of every shade of opinion. A representative from headquarters would attend the meeting and assist in the formation of a county administration following the Public Meeting. The immediate activities of the branch when it is established are set forth in the statement.

I enclose copy of the Rules of the Irish Red Cross Society and shall be glad to hear from you at your convenience when it would be possible for you to call a Meeting.

I hope we may rely on your kind co-operation in the organisation and carrying through of this very important work."

It was decided that the Chairman convene public meeting to be held at 3 p.m. (Official time) on Monday, 9th October 1939 in County Council Chamber. That advertisement be issued inviting all interested to attend and that special invitations be forwarded to Most Rev. Dr. Staunton, Lord Bishop of Ferns.

Right Rev. Monsignor Cleary, P.P., New Ross.

Very Rev. Canon Harpur, P.P., V.F., Gorey.

Rev. John Sinnott, Adm., Wexford.

Rev. John Codd, Adm., Enniscorthy.

Rev. J. E. Hazley, Rector, Wexford.

Venerable J. R. Willis, Archdeacon, Gorey.

Protestant Clergy of New Ross and Enniscorthy.

Methodist Minister, Gleng Terrace, Wexford.

Miss Hadden as representative of Society for Prevention
of Cruelty to Children.

Lady M. Fitzgerald, Johnstown Castle.

Dr. McDonald, Assistant County M. O.H.

Members of County Council.

Members of County Board of Health.

Representatives of County Branch of Medical Association.

Members of Nursing Associations in the County.

Other subsidiary bodies of the County Council.

Wexford Corporation, The Urban Councils of Enniscorthy,

New Ross and the Town Commissioners of Gorey.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 29th September 1939 be received and considered."

RATE COLLECTION: The Secretary stated that the amount of rate - current warrant in full and the previous three years arrears, - represented 25% of the total. This was 1.5% better than the corresponding period last year.

ILLNESS OF MR. O'KENNEDY: The following certificate was read from Dr. M. O'Brien, County Hospital, Wexford:-

"I certify that John Kennedy is a patient of County Hospital since 20th September 1939. He is suffering from acute Thrombosis of his R. leg.

In my opinion, he will not be fit for duty for at least six to eight weeks from this date."

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

"That sick leave in accordance with certificate of Dr. O'Brien, County Hospital, be granted. Mr. John O'Kennedy, County Surveyor's Office."

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution:-

"That substitute for Mr. O'Kennedy be paid at the rate of £3 per week."

The Chairman took a show of hands as between £2. 10. 0 and £3.

The last mentioned figure was supported by Messrs. Colfer, Corish and Kelly, and the £2. 10. 0d by the other members present.

Committee adopted.

WEXFORD BRIDGE: Mr. Corish asked what the position was since the Finance Committee met last.

The County Surveyor said that the lining tubes had to be altered where they were boring at the present bridge, and they had gone down again to the first depth mentioned. At the old courthouse, rock had been reached at 48 feet and on the opposite side stone had been reached at 26 feet, but they did not know whether it was rock or boulder. He came to the conclusion it was only a spur of rock.

Col. Quin - How did the present bridge ever stand without any foundations?

The County Surveyor said that the skin friction of the piles kept the old bridge there, but that would not happen with new piles, particularly if the full load had to be carried on it. Of course, the traffic for which the bridge was built to carry was very light compared to present day conditions.

PALLAS BRIDGE: The County Surveyor said he had instructed Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, to have a further interview with Mr. Lee and to have all possible information for the Finance Committee meeting on 13th inst.

WALL AT KILANERIN: Col. Quin asked if the County Council had repaired the place and treated it with tar and chips.

The County Surveyor said the chips were spread outside the wall; everyone seemed to consider the work of which Col. Quin now complained as a great improvement.

Mr. Corish asked if the ground enclosed belonged to the public.

The County Surveyor said he believed it belonged to the

man who had erected the wall.

Col. Quin said that the money of the County Council had been expended at the place.

The County Surveyor said that when carrying out an improvement job they never stuck to the strict line of the road; they eased it off and made local improvements where possible.

The Chairman said he was very familiar with the place and he held that the erection of the wall was a great improvement to the village and that was also the opinion of the residents.

Mr. Keegan, who stated the people of Kilanerin were his next door neighbours, never heard any complaint. On the contrary, everyone said great credit was due to the County Council and Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, for the great improvement carried out at small cost. He thought it would be a great benefit if people could be encouraged to put these small ornamental gardens in front of their houses.

The Chairman agreed with Mr. Keegan. If all the people in the village followed the example of the man in this case they would bring about a great improvement.

The County Surveyor had no hesitation in stating that this work made for a great improvement.

FOOTPATH IN ENNISCORTHY: Mr. Lawlor said the proposal had nothing to do with the new Housing Scheme of the Urban Council.

The County Surveyor said the footpath would be on the main road for which the County Council were responsible.

Mr. O'Byrne asked if the County Surveyor could do the work out of what he had allocated for the main road.

The County Surveyor said if this work was carried out

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as main road maintenance the Council would receive a recoupment of 40%.

The Chairman considered that the cost of the footpath should be met by the amount allocated for the main road.

The recommendation of the Finance Committee was approved

DEMANDS URBAN DISTRICTS: The Secretary stated that since the meeting of the Finance Committee Wexford Urban District had paid £960. 13. 1d, the amount due up to 31st March 1939.

A.R.P.: The skeleton scheme as outlined by Finance Committee was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Kelly.

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Miss O'Ryan, that the County Surveyor arrange for interview with Mr. Collins, A.R.P. Officer, Kilmainham, Dublin, with a view to obtaining all possible information in regard to details for a full scheme.

Mr. Corish mentioned that the Corporation had been advised to proceed with classes of instruction pending the issue of a General Scheme and had been supplied with a list of articles which the Government would supply free.

Mr. Kelly remarked that everything connected with it seemed to be voluntary so far.

The Secretary said the rates would bear a portion of the cost.

Mr. Corish - In Wexford, the Corporation expect that £14,000 will be spent. The Government are giving £9,000 and they may give 75 per cent of the remainder.

Chairman - The contribution from local rates will be small.

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the following resolution was adopted:-

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"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 29th September 1939 as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

NOTICES OF MOTION

LOAN £4000 FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT: The following motion stood in the name of Mr. Corish:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at the meeting of Wexford County Council to be held on Monday, 9th day of October 1939, that the Council agree to borrow £4000 (Four thousand pounds) for the reconstruction of Road from Ballycullane to Fethard between Duncannon Main Line at Curraghamore via Saltmills to end of improved road at Dungulph, length, approximately $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Roads 817, 843 and 845 (parts of)."

The Secretary stated that the motion was circulated to County Councillors on 16th August 1939.

Mr. Corish asked permission of the meeting to have the motion adjourned to meeting at which Road Works Scheme for next financial year would be considered, and this was agreed to.

PROPOSED NEW ROAD: The following motion stood in the name of Mr. Kelly:-

"That Wexford County Council take over as a new road the thoroughfare from Main Road No. L.30 No. 40 Enniscorthy to Oulart from Tinnock Cross through Ballincash Upper to County Road No. 411 - approximate length 1370 lineal yards - estimated cost of reconstruction £429."

(This motion was advertised in compliance with Section 25(2) of Local Government Act 1925).

Mr. Kelly agreed to postpone consideration of this

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motion to the meeting at which Road Works Scheme of financial year 1940-41 will be brought forward.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT 1939-40

The following under date 5th October 1939 (SGT/201/39) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health, re above:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state, for the information of the Wexford County Council, that a sum of £13500 has been provisionally allocated to the Council out of the above-mentioned Grant for Main Road Improvement as follows:-

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| 1. T.8 Enniscorthy-Wexford Road; Wexford U.D. Boundary to Redmond Place. Widen carriageway, surface in reinforced concrete and construct footpaths. | £.
1,500 |
| 2. T.8. Wexford-Rosslare Road; Ashfield to Lagoat. Widen, sidefill, strengthen and surface in tar bitumen macadam | 3,200 |
| 3. L.29. Gorey-Wexford Road; ^S Arkasilla to Whitty's Cross and Ballyfarnoge to Garrylough. Widen, sidefill, strengthen and surface in tar bitumen grouted macadam | 3,000 |
| 4. L.30. Enniscorthy-Kiltealy Road; Doran's Bridge to Kiltealy. Widen, drain, sidefill, strengthen and surface in tar bitumen grouted macadam | 2,800 |
| 5. L.159. New Ross-Duncannon Road; Horeswood Church to Grange Cross Roads. Ease bends, widen, sidefill, strengthen and surface in tar-bitumen macadam | 3,000 |

Total £13,500."

Mr. Keegan said that no allocation was made for Gorey District. He wished to know what was to be done about the unemployed in Gorey.

The Chairman said they would come under Relief Grants.

The County Surveyor said that two of the works were selected by the Department of Local Government and Public Health, the Redmond Road, Wexford and the New Ross - Duncannon Line - Horeswood Church to Grange Cross Roads.

Mr. Keegan said something should be done for the road leading from Gorey to Hollyfort.

The Secretary said that road could be brought under a relief grant, but the present allocation was for main roads.

Mr. M. Redmond referred to the road leading from Templeshelin to New Ross, which ran through the centre of an agricultural district as being in a bad condition.

The Secretary said it was not a ~~main~~ road and the only way they could do it was under a relief grant.

Mr. Keegan said he was not satisfied with the allocation.

The County Surveyor said the roads selected by the Department had been approved by the Council but others sent forward were not. He believed the grant was about £1000 less than last year.

In reply to Mr. Ronan the County Surveyor said the Road from Ferns to Bunclody had been sent forward by the Council but apparently not approved by the Department.

Mr. Smyth asked if the work was to be proceeded with on the road leading from Courtown to Ballygarrett.

Chairman - The money will be spent in the winter time on that.

County Surveyor - That is provisionally accepted, but we have not got authority to go ahead yet.

Mr. Colfer asked if the road between Ross and Fethard was not more important than the Duncannon-Horeswood road for which the grant is available.

County Surveyor - That is the road between Balliniry and Burkestown - I wrote to the Department about that and my recommendation was turned down.

Chairman - I think we should back up the County Surveyor in this.

The County Surveyor said he had explained to the

Department why the Road New Ross - Fethard (Balliniry to Burkestown) should be done in preference to the New Ross-Duncannon Road (Horeswood to Grange) but his suggestion was not accepted.

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

"That the Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to transfer the Road Improvement Grant of £3000 for reconstruction of Road L.159 - New Ross - Duncannon Road (Horeswood Church to Grange Cross) to the Road from Balliniry to Rathimney No. 704 - L.159."

COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND SPECIAL WORKS

The County Surveyor called attention to the circular which he had issued to Councillors asking them to forward a list of any special works which they considered should come before the Road Works meeting and so far, he had not received any reply.

Mr. Lawlor believed that the Enniscorthy footpath at Bellefield should be included in next Road Works Scheme.

The Chairman said they had already decided this matter but if the County Surveyor wished he could include it for consideration in the Road Works Scheme.

The Chairman said they would leave it to the County Surveyor to put up minor recommendations. If Councillors desired to bring forward any works they had notice from the County Surveyor to forward these to him.

TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING (AMENDMENT) ACT

Circular letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health (Cir.S.82/39) under date 13th July 1939 relative to the Town and Regional Planning (Amendment) Act 1939 with Summary of the provisions of the measure were

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submitted. These had been adjourned from last meeting to enable the Councillors to be supplied with the above mentioned Circular Letter and the Summary of the Provisions of the Measure.

The Secretary stated that the documents in question had been issued with the agenda for the present meeting.

The Chairman proposed the further adjournment of the matter as he considered Councillors should make themselves fully acquainted with the provisions of the Act, and it would be recognised this would take some little time. It could be brought forward at some future meeting.

Miss O'Ryan seconded the proposal which was adopted nem. con.

CAMOLIN SEWERAGE SCHEME

Under date 22nd September 1939 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P.H.17897/2/39):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to transmit for the information of the Wexford County Council the accompanying copy of an Order made by him on the 9th instant fixing, among others, the area of charge for the special expenses of providing and maintaining a sewerage system at Camolin."

The Secretary, in reply to query, said that the Area of Charge in question was the County Health District of Wexford.

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME 1939

The following under date 14th September 1939 (Trg. 2/51575) was read from the Department of Education:-

"I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your recent communication, with which you enclosed a list giving the names of the candidates to whom your Council desires to award scholarships under the above-mentioned scheme. In

reply, I am to convey the Department's approval of the awards, subject to the terms of the scheme being observed."

SEALING REQUESTS RE LAND BONDS

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

"That the Seal of the County Council be affixed to the Form of Request to the National City Bank Ltd. to forward to the Secretary of the Council Certificate for £75, 4% Land Bonds, representing arrears of Poor Rates due by Estate of J. J. Hillis and another, out of the Lands of Aughermon, and that when the Certificate for the Bonds is received, that same be sold, and that the seal of the Council be affixed to the Transfer of the Bonds to the Purchaser of same."

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

"That the Seal of the County Council be affixed to the Form of Request to the National City Bank Ltd., to forward to the Secretary of the Council, Certificate for £16 4% Land Bonds representing arrears of Poor Rates due by Reps. Elizabeth F. Murphy out of the Lands of Ballindaggin and Kilcullen, and that when the Certificates for the Bonds is received, that same be sold, and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Transfer of the Bonds to the Purchaser of same."

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

"That the Seal of the County Council be affixed to the Form of Request to the National City Bank Ltd., to forward the Certificate for £13, 4% Land Bonds representing arrears of Poor Rates due by Daniel Cagney out of the Lands of Ballycorboys &c., and that when the Certificate for the Bonds is received that same be sold, and that the Seal of

the Council be affixed to the Transfer of the Bonds to the Purchaser."

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

"That the Seal of the County Council be affixed to the Form of Request to the National City Bank Ltd. to forward to the Secretary of the Council, the Certificate for £41, 4% Land Bonds, the Redemption Price of a Drainage Charge payable out of the Lands of Ballinastraw, in the Sow Drainage Area, by the Estate of Mary T. Sweetman, and that when the Certificate for the Bonds is received, that same be sold, and that the Seal of the County Council be affixed to the Transfer of the Bonds to the Purchaser."

REPLY TO VOTE OF CONDOLENCE

The following reply to vote of condolence in the death of his mother was received from Rate Collector William Doyle:

"I wish to acknowledge the vote of condolence passed by your Council with me in the death of my mother, R.I.P.

I also wish to thank you for your personal sympathy."

John M. C.

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING 13th NOVEMBER, 1939

MINUTES

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

N. J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary Wexford County Council.

The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 13th November 1939.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, T.D. (Chairman) presiding; also present, Messrs. Moses Bolger, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, Raymond Doyle, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, William Kinsella, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Myles Smyth, Malachi Sweetman and James E. Walsh.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor, and the following Assistant Surveyors were in attendance, Messrs. J. F. Birthistle, T. Cullen, R. J. Ennis and P. O'Neill.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £21,126. 9. 2d were examined and signed.

THE LATE MRS. RONAN, FERNS

Miss O'Ryan proposed the following resolution:-

"That we offer our respected colleague, Mr. P. Ronan, our heartfelt sympathy in the death of his wife."

In moving her resolution Miss O'Ryan said she was very sorry the occasion should arise for this motion and she assured Mr. Ronan that he had the sympathy of the entire Council in his bereavement. Mr. Ronan was a good and efficient member of the Council.

Mr. Bolger seconded.

Mr. Kelly, Col. Quin, Mr. Corish and the Secretary associated themselves with the motion.

Mr. O'Byrne said that Mr. Ronan had been always prominent in the National movement and deserved all the

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sympathy they could extend to him.

The motion was adopted in the usual manner.

OLD AGE PENSION ACTS

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4. Liam Moran, Church Street, Enniscorthy.
5. Stephen Somers, Ballydaw, Marshallstown, Enniscorthy.
6. Mrs. Mary Whitty, Carley's Bridge, Enniscorthy.

The candidates in attendance were interviewed.

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following result:-

For Mrs. Whitty: Rev. J. D'Arcy, Messrs. Kelly, Larkin, Lawlor and Tobin. - 5.

For Mr. Moran: Mr. McCarthy, Rev. Canon Squires and the Chairman. - 3.

The Rev. Chairman then declared Mrs. Whitty elected Clerk to the Sub-Committee on the terms and conditions issued to candidates and subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

Following correspondence between the County Secretary and the Department of Local Government and Public Health as to the eligibility of all members voting at the clerk's election the Department wrote that as one member voted when he was disqualified by non-attendance the Minister considered the appointment of Mrs. Whitty invalid.

The following is the conclusion of the Department's communication:-

"A further meeting should therefore be called, consisting of members of the Sub-Committee properly qualified to vote to make the appointment and to ratify any business transacted at the meeting above referred to which might be held to be invalidated by the voting of the person who had ceased to be a member of the Sub-Committee."

The second meeting was accordingly arranged for 11th November 1939 at the Workmen's Club, Enniscorthy.

Rev. J. Wadding (Chairman) presided and there were six other members of the Sub-Committee in attendance.

The minutes of meeting of 14th October 1939 having been read and signed the letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health declaring the appointment of Mrs. Whitty to be invalid etc., was read.

It was then decided to take a vote on the candidates who

were interviewed at the meeting of 14th October 1939.

The poll resulted as follows:-

For Mr. Liam Moran: Rev. J. D'Arcy, Mr. McCarthy, M.C.C., Canon Squires and the Rev. Cahirman - 4.

For Mrs. Whitty - Messrs. Larkin, Lawlor, McC.C., and Tobin. - 3.

The Chairman declared Liam Moran, Church Street, Enniscorthy, elected Clerk to No. 5 Sub-Committee (Co. Wexford) Old Age Pension Acts on the terms and conditions governing the appointment and which were issued to candidates and subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health."

Mr. Kelly said he was the member referred to as disqualified. The meetings of the Old Age Pensions in Enniscorthy had been held on Saturdays, an inconvenient day for him. He got no notification that he had been disqualified by being absent from previous meetings, but he did get a notice to attend the meeting at which the election arose. He thought that members should be notified when they became disqualified, especially if they are summoned to attend a meeting.

Secretary - You did not attend from July 1936 until this meeting.

Mr. Kelly - I will attend the meetings in future if the Council agree.

Secretary - If the Old Age Pensions Committee recommend you the Council will accept it, because they never turned down any recommendation made in that way. The Secretary added that the Enniscorthy Old Age Pensions Committee had no clerk, and it was his duty as County Council Secretary to act as clerk to the Committee until they got a clerk. When the notification for the meeting had been issued he (Secretary) was informed that

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some of the members were not qualified and he asked Mr. Elgee, solicitor, to say what was the legal position. Mr. Elgee wrote that if disqualified members voted for the clerk they did so at their own risk. It was his business to call attention to that fact and to record it in the minutes. The Department then said the meeting was invalid and that another meeting should be called.

Mr. Kelly - Who informed you about my absence?

Secretary - I have no notion whatever of telling you that.

Mr. Kelly - It was never raised before at any public body.

Secretary - I assure you it was no pleasure to me to say you were disqualified, but I had a duty to perform.

Mr. Kelly - I should have been notified beforehand.

Secretary - I showed you Mr. Elgee's letter before you voted. If a man is absent from meeting for six months he must be ill or must have some valid reason that is accepted by the Committee or he will be disqualified. A member of the County Council must be twelve months absent before he is disqualified.

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

"That the attention of Clerks to Sub-Committees of County Wexford Old Age Pension Committee be called to Article 21(3)(c) of Old Age Pensions Consolidated Regulations 1922 as to disqualification of members.

That Sub-Committees arrange for the holding of meetings so as not to clash with meetings of Local Authorities of which members of Sub-Committees are also members."

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 13th OCTOBER 1939: The Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on Friday, 13th October 1939.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, T.D. (Chairman County Council) presiding, also, Messrs. P. Colfer, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5595. 10. 5d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following is the state of Rate Collection to date:-

<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Percentage of Current Warrant and 3 years' Arrears Collected.</u>
1. S. Gannon	33.8
2. E. J. Murphy	33.4
3. P. Nolan	32.9
4. A. Dunne	31.4
5. J. J. O'Reilly	31.2
6. M. Kehoe	30.8
7. J. Curtis	29.2
8. P. Carty	29.0
9. D. Kenny	28.9
10. W. Doyle	28.0
11. J. Quirke	27.5
12. J. Cummins	27.5
13. J. Deegan	27.4
14. W. Cummins	25.5
15. J. J. Sinnott	24.5
16. M. McCarthy	23.0
17. P. Doyle	22.7
18. J. Flood	22.2

Average 28.4 %

This shows an improvement over corresponding period of last year of .4 per cent.

It was decided to inform Collectors W. Cummins, J. J. Sinnott, M. McCarthy, P. Doyle and J. Flood that the

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Finance Committee are surprised that they have not been able to show more improvement in their lodgements since last Finance Committee meeting. The Committee will be driven to recommend drastic action unless these Collectors take more active steps in the collection of the rates.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 30th September 1939 the following was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"I am in receipt of yours of to-day's date, and in reply thereto I write to say, that on yesterday I wrote to Mr. Kehoe, Raheenduff, asking him if he proposed to accept the loan of £100 which was provisionally approved for him by the County Council, and if so, to let me know during the coming week, and if I did not hear from him in that time, the Loan would be cancelled. When I hear from him I will let you know."

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

"That, in the event of Edward Kehoe, Raheenduff, Oulart, failing to notify the County Solicitor by 14th October 1939 that he intends availing of loan of £100 provisionally approved for him under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, the amount allocated to him be provisionally approved for Thomas Casy, Newbawn."

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDERS 1936 AND 1939

The following letter under date 29th September 1939, No. L.350/39 was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to refer to your letter of the 17th ultimo and its enclosed copies of reports furnished by the Local Authority Veterinary Inspectors regarding the operation of the above-mentioned Orders in County Wexford during the past treatment period."

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As indicated in this Department's communication (L.350/39) of 21st March last the Minister approved of the proposal of your Local Authority in regard to the payment of bonuses to the Veterinary Inspectors provided, in the first instance, a detailed report as to the work done by each Inspector was submitted through your Local Authority to this Department and that each such report was considered satisfactory. Messrs. F. S. Ringwood and F. W. Taylor have complied with this requirement but the reports furnished by Messrs. F. Staples, T. A. Mernagh and J. Lynch are not sufficiently detailed and they should be requested to submit to your Local Authority, for transmission to this Department, further statements giving particulars of visits to stockowners and interviews with the temporary Warble Fly Inspectors. It is noted from the recoupment claim furnished by you on the 22nd instant that the bonuses were paid to the Inspectors on 21st July last i.e. before the necessary reports were furnished to this Department and the approval of the Minister obtained. I am, accordingly, to request the favour of your observations as to the circumstances in which the payments were so made."

The Secretary stated that he had communicated with Messrs. Lynch, Mernagh and Staples, Veterinary Inspectors, and asked them to supply fuller details as to their work under above Order, during the past season, for transmission to the Department.

COURTOWN HARBOUR BLACK-OUT

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter, received from William Donegan, David Callaghan and Edward Byrne, Boat Owners, under date 11th October 1939, as to lights at this Harbour:-

"We, the undersigned, do, on behalf of the Boat Owners and

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Fishermen of Courtown Harbour respectfully ask that you might grant us the use of the lights during the Winter Fishing Season. As it is almost impossible to enter the Harbour on a dark Winter's night without the Pier Head Lights to guide us, if their use was to be discontinued, the fishing would have to be abandoned. We only ask for the two pier lights and fairway light at the turn of the river. Hoping you will be so kind as to grant us this favour."

The County Surveyor stated that he carried out the Black-out at Courtown Harbour in accordance with the telegram received from the Minister of Defence.

The Chairman pointed out that the telegram in question was only a request to the Council and in present circumstances he believed the request of the boat owners might be complied with.

Mr. Keegan proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor inform the Harbour Master at Courtown Harbour that pending any compulsory order relative to Black-out regulations, the request of the boat owners of Courtown as to navigational lights, be acceded to and that the Harbour Master be directed to inform boat owners of the terms of this resolution."

ROAD MATTERS

POULPEASTY ROADS: Under date 6th October 1939, the following letter was received by the County Surveyor from the County Secretary:-

"Fr. Martin Murphy, C.C., Poulpeasty, has been in with me re the following:-

1. Road from Donard School to the boundary at Poulpeasty, practically at the gate of the New Church. He says it is in

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very bad condition with the surface considerably worn down about 100 yards.

2. Road from the old Church at Poulpeasty to Donard School about 200 yards. The water from the pump is running down the middle of this road which is on a slope besides the surface water from the high ground. The water tables, he states, are ineffective. The major portion of the people coming to Mass pass along the road.

According to him no outlet was laid down from the pump with the result that all the overflow goes along the road.

It might be well if you had a report on these two roads."

Miss O'Ryan stated that on account of the new Church there steps should be taken to see that the roads leading to it were brought into decent condition. As a matter of fact, these observations should be made to apply to approaches to all churches.

The County Surveyor said he had notified Messrs. Cullen and O'Neill, Assistant Surveyors, to furnish him with reports in the matter. As these came to hand he would submit them to the first available meeting of the Finance Committee.

BALLINAKILL LANE: Application was received from eight rate-payers asking for repair of this lane under Minor Relief Scheme. Five families used this thoroughfare constantly. It was about three quarters of a mile in length and connected two roads, and was at present in very bad condition.

The County Surveyor mentioned that application had been already made to the Office of Public Works, including Ballinakill Lane in their present Schedule, to be carried out through the Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

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

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"That the County Surveyor be instructed to again send forward to the Office of Public Works, application under Minor Relief Schemes Vote for repair of Ballinakill Lane, Marshals-town."

CUSH GAP: Under date 6th October 1939 the following letter was read from Mr. Laurence Murphy, Ballyconnigar Upper, Blackwater:-

"Reference to the above matter which was before your Council meeting in the early Summer. The following Landowners, i.e., Thomas O'Brien, Laurence Murphy, and Mrs. M. E. Sinnott, whose lands adjoin the Roadway at Cush Gap where the Chute existed, give notice to the Council that unless the Water Chute is erected there before the coming Winter and Rain Storms they will take proceedings for compensation in respect of any damage as a result of same. We disagree with every word of the County Surveyor in respect of his Report in this matter and would point out that it is not the Coast Erosion that is responsible for removal of Chute. The Blocks erected on the Beach at this point are still there, they are covered in the strand. The damage to the Water Chute is caused by the overhead water and if a properly erected structure was placed there it would remain so for years without any loss or damage. We would refer to the Chute erected at Knocknasilloogue Gap and would suggest a similar erection at this Gap. It must be realised by the County Council that besides the loss of Lands, ^{and} Houses ~~and~~ the only Water Supply in the townland is endangered as a result of the removal of the Chute. Only a few years ago I was personally speaking to Mr. Barry on this spot or site and he gave them to understand they were compelled to keep that Chute there.

We ask the Council to take this matter seriously and have

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this very important matter reviewed."

The County Surveyor said he was prepared to dispute a good deal of the statements in this letter but he would submit a report to the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

FENCE AT BALLYWITCH, KILRANE: The following letter under date 11th October 1939 was read from Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, 2 George Street, Wexford, on behalf of Mr. William O'Leary, Ballywitch, Kilrane:-

"We understand that Mr. John Carr of Ballywitch is about or has sold to you the material constituting a boundary fence between his land and the public road at Ballywitch. Our client, Mr. William O'Leary of Ballywitch, has the grazing of the adjoining land until next March and if the fence is demolished and taken away the land which he is taking will become an absolute commons and will be open for trespass by straying animals. We enclose copy of a letter which we have written to Mr. Carr to-day and we would suggest that the County Council should cease the demolition work at once unless they are prepared to replace the wall by another type of fence. In a matter of this kind, the County Council as a Public Body has obligations as well as rights."

The Secretary stated he had forwarded copy of this letter to the County Surveyor.

The County Surveyor said he was dealing with the matter.

KILLINCOOLEY LANE: The following letter under date 12th October 1939, was read from Mr. R. J. Hughes, Ballinlow, Kilmuckridge, re Killincooley Lane, and was referred to County Surveyor for report:-

"As Secretary to Kilmuckridge Fianna Fail Club, I kindly ask you to put before the next meeting of your County Council a request that the road known as the Killincooley Lane should

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be seen to, at least a mile of it. A little of trimming would help it and save a lot of expense at the moment, such as filling holes and trimming up. We are informed it's a bad case with holes, and small outlay would save a lot."

MEELGARROW LANE: Under date 6th October 1939, the following was read from six ratepayers:-

"We, the undersigned, again beg to draw the above Council's attention to our application to have the Mielgarrow Lane repaired.

Some time before last March we made application to your Council to have this lane repaired. We received an acknowledgment dated 21st March 1939, where the Finance Committee passed a resolution to schedule this lane for repair under Minor Relief Scheme and passed by the Council.

The application was to be forwarded to the Office of Board of Works. We would be anxious to know what are the results, if any.

We would be thankful if you would put this matter again before your Council and oblige."

The County Surveyor stated that the application for repair of this lane had been already before the Office of Public Works but had not been selected for improvement.

Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. Allen seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to make further representations to the Office of Public Works relative to repair of Meelgarrow Lane."

BUNCLODY STREETS: Under date 10th October 1939 the following was read from J. O'Dempsey, Hon. Secretary, Town Improvements Committee, Bunclody, and was referred to County Surveyor for report:-

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"At their meeting on the 3rd instant my Committee directed me to convey to the Council their great disappointment at the failure of the County Surveyor to fulfil his promise to complete the work of having the streets of Bunclody tar macadamed as directed by the Local Government Department. This promise was made to the Finance Committee last May and my Committee was informed of it by your letter of 17th of May. He stated that the work was to be started shortly and was part of the Road Programme of the year. Though the year has now far advanced there is no sign of this work being taken in hands unless the accumulation of material at Ryland Wood quarry may be taken as such.

My Committee hope that this work will be completed before winter sets in."

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

BERNARD LEARY: The following letter under date 5th October 1939, was read from Mr. D. J. Hannon, Solicitor, Athlone, who represented the County Council at the hearing on the application for the committal to Industrial School under the Childrens Act 1908 of Bernard Leary, born in New Ross:-

"With reference to above case. The District Justice made an Order committing the child to Letterfrack Industrial School. He made no order as to maintenance against either of the County Councils.

My costs in connection with the matter are £2. 2. Od."

It was decided that Mr. Elgee be instructed to include costs of Mr. Hannon with his out-of-pocket expenses.

BRIDGET CONNORS, BALLINLOW, KILMUCKRIDGE: In connection with the application for the committal of Bridget Connors, aged 9½ years, illegitimate child of Mary Connors, at present an inmate of the County Home, the County Solicitor reported

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that the case was considered at the Wexford District Court on 11th October 1939 and the child was committed to St. Michael's Industrial School. The father was dead and the mother was in the County Home and the child was living with her grandparents, the grandfather being an agricultural labourer. There was no one to look after her and she was in a neglected condition.

ANNUAL MEETING - COUNTY COUNCILS GENERAL COUNCIL

Under date 4th October 1939 the Secretary to above wrote that the Winter meeting would be held early in December and matters which the Council desired to have placed on agenda paper should be forwarded on or before 25th November.

No action.

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER

Reports of Lay Sheep Dipping Inspectors were submitted and considered satisfactory.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

The County Solicitor reported that in the case of Guard O'Donnell v. William Armstrong (trading as W. & S. Armstrong) in connection with sample of butter found on analysis to contain 3.51 % more water than the legal standard, the case was heard by the District Justice on 5th October 1939 when it was dismissed under the Probation of Offenders Act, Mr. Armstrong undertaking to pay the cost of the summons. No order was made as to fine or as to Analyst's fee.

THANKS FROM CANON FRY ETC.

Under date 25th September 1939, Canon Fry, Rector, Bunclody, wrote to the County Surveyor to convey his sincere thanks to the County Council for their kindness in having the

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water from the village brought to the Rectory. He also offered his personal thanks to the County Surveyor.

The Ferns Diocesan Council, Enniscorthy, wrote under date 26th September 1939 stating that the Glebe Committee expressed their appreciation of the help given by the County Council in having the water service conveyed to the Rectory.

The County Surveyor said that Canon Fry was under the impression that the blasting in Ryland quarry had interfered with his private supply. The work carried out by the Council cost very little and would be the means of having the quarry at Ryland utilised in the future.

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

Rev. Brother Dooley, Christian Brothers, Wexford; Rev. Brother Tynan, Christian Brothers, New Ross and Rev. Brother McGovern, Christian Brothers, Enniscorthy, (who acted as spokesman) came before the meeting as a deputation representative of the Teachers of County Wexford Secondary Schools to ask for reconsideration of the changes which the County Council had made in their Scholarship Schemes.

Brother McGovern said he had obtained information and facts which would enable him to put the case of the Secondary Schools before the Finance Committee from the financial and educational points of view in regard to the changes made in schemes which certainly for the last five years worked well. It was to be regretted that the argument should have been put up that the Urban areas were receiving preferential treatment in view of the statutory authority directing that the Rate for Scholarships should be a County at Large Charge. The appropriate Statutes visualised the County as a whole and there was no segregation of any districts urban or otherwise. The Urban areas contributed their share and if the scholarship holders from Urban areas outnumbered those

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from the rest of the County it was inequitable that the Urban Areas should be penalised. The Urban Areas were paying in Rates at least three times the Rates of the rural areas. If it was desired to change the Scholarship Schemes because the Urban Areas are not contributing more towards them a strong case could be made for the Urban Areas to get preferential treatment in some of the other schemes of the County Council. Another argument from the financial point of view was it might happen that through the activity of a particular Teacher and the keenness of the students in a certain section of the Rural area the scholarships would go to this particular district, and the benefit by it derived would be out of all proportion to the amount contributed to Scholarships Rate. The people who really supported the Scholarship Schemes did not stand to benefit from them. These were the better circumstanced rate-payers. The poor boy and his relations were the only ones to benefit. This was the main idea of the Act of Parliament, and it was never intended to help one district or one class more than another.

Speaking from the educational point of view, Brother McGovern said it was quite evident that the original purpose of the statute establishing Scholarships was as he wished to emphasise to help the poor boy of ability to secure a really good education. It was a sound reason to devote public money to this purpose and any scheme of Scholarships should be so devised that everybody would have a fair chance of competing for them. Scholarships as established up to this year created a tremendous amount of enthusiasm amongst the pupils and teachers. The poor scholars felt they had something to aim at and that their poverty would not tell against them in obtaining education which would be valuable to them in after

life. As a matter of fact, this enthusiasm was apparent also in the schools generally and amongst the parents of the boys. There was all round disappointment when the proposed changes became known. He suggested that in these Scholarship Schemes certain general principles should be followed. As regards the Secondary & Vocational Scholarship it should be made worth the pupil's while to work for and to carry him over his academic career - something really worth working for to complete the period in his education. The £10 Scholarships for two years such as suggested could not be regarded as scholarships at all. Such a scholarship was only a waste of money and no real return would be obtained through it. To his mind the whole principle underlying such a Scholarship was really wrong. The pupil would get £10 for two years and at the end of that period his scholarship lapsed. He was really only becoming fitted for his education when the scholarship was taken from him. There was much more objection to the two Scholarships of £40, in fact, the proposal was worse if possible than as regards the £10 limit. It was proposed that these £40 Scholarships should be tenable at a residential School and it was suggested that ~~such~~ a boy who had such a scholarship would be able to secure his Intermediate Certificate at the end of two years. The Department of Education provided for a four years' course and according to the Scholarship Scheme which it was now proposed to abandon, the retention of Scholarship for the fourth year depended upon the Pupil securing Honours in the Intermediate Certificate at the end of three years. He was not saying it was absolutely impossible to pass this examination inside of two years but it was only pupils of very considerable ability who could be expected to do this. Another point was that the parents of

a boy who won a £10 Scholarship had to keep him at home and provide for his support whereas in the case of the boy who goes to a residential school, the County Council guaranteed by the amount of Scholarship to completely support him. He considered that this ~~is~~ was a matter which required re-adjustment. The Principal Teachers of the Secondary Schools in the County were satisfied that the old Schemes should, with minor amendments, be adopted. Brother McGovern suggested in any amendments the Council proposed to make they should be guided by what had been done in other Counties. As suggestions for discussion he submitted the following:-

1. Make the County at large the unit as the Act implies.
2. Give say 10 scholarships reserving 3 or 4 of those for the pupils of schools with an average of 96 or under. The rest should be for open competition.
3. If a successful student reside within 6 miles of an approved secondary school the value of the scholarship should be say £20. If at a further distance than 6 miles it should be suitably increased not to exceed £40.

Owing to the location of the various secondary schools in the County there will be relatively few areas more than 6 miles from an approved secondary school within the County. Hence the majority will turn out to be £20 scholarships.

It is generally accepted that the farmer who sends his boy to a secondary school to reach the standard of a University Scholarship does not intend him for the land and when you confine your scholarships to the faculty of Agriculture you restrict his choice of a career.

The old scheme for University Scholarships met the situation in an equitable manner. Furthermore, the competition for the open Scholarships for the University was always keener than for the confined one for Agriculture. We would

suggest that the old scheme remains.

The teachers concerned would prefer if the Council would hold on to both of the old Schemes at least for the present. He would point out that the changes came upon them without warning. The teachers were interested in preparing boys for these Scholarships and naturally, if the new proposals were the last word on the matter great disappointment would result. The Christian Brothers really catered for a big number of Secondary students, certainly over 500 and their secondary education was for all purposes practically free, the nominal fee being £2 to £3 per year. If a boy was unable to pay the fee and if books were required, they were provided for him. At times they had 30%, 40% or 50% of their Secondary pupils coming from rural areas up to a distance of 10 or 12 miles. The Brothers had provided and equipped these secondary schools. Though they had benefited by the money from Government Grants it would not be possible to keep the Schools on that alone. The Brothers were paid a personal incremental grant from the Department of Education and living in community they were able to put the major portion of these grants into the school fund. The Council surely would recognise it was only a body of Religious who could do this and would admit that the Brothers were making a big contribution to the education and development of the education of the young people of the County. In these circumstances, they felt that the new proposals of the County Council meant a retrograde step and while disappointing the students and teachers would also aim a blow at the development of Secondary Education in the County. They were of opinion that the Department would not sanction the scheme. The attitude of the Secondary teachers in the County was to help the Council. If the points he submitted were in any way useful, they might be

able to hammer out a Scheme which could apply in future years. Examinations for Scholarships from Primary to Secondary Schools would be held in March next and the time between now and then was very short and naturally the teachers would like to know how they stood as regards the scholarships.

The Chairman said that the County Council fully appreciated the good work which the Brothers were doing for education and the changes which were now proposed were not intended to reflect in any way whatever on teachers, more particularly the Christian Brothers. The Council, however, felt that boys living in the country were not in a position under present circumstances to secure the education which would induce them to go back to the land and become better farmers. What the Council were anxious to do was to devise Schemes which would be in the best interests of the County as a whole. The points put forward by Brother McGovern would receive their very best consideration. They had no prejudice against the towns but they did not consider it equitable that the majority of University Scholarships should be secured from classes other than those who lived on the land. This was really the fact which influenced the Committee to suggest the changes, and the Council wanted to find some money for the Agricultural education of boys who would become farmers without increasing the rates.

Miss O'Ryan pointed out that from a return which she had applied for it appeared that during the last five years 32 University Scholarships were made available and only five of these went to the children of parents actually deriving their means of living from farming. It was unnecessary to stress that there was nothing as important at the moment as the land. University Scholarship holders who wished to obtain

an Agricultural Degree under their old scheme did not come back to the County and were of no value to the people who paid for their education. It was about time to explode the theory that the boy or girl who is intended to remain on the land after their school period should not secure a full education. Pupils who resided in towns had Secondary Schools at their doors but those at a distance had no such opportunity. The money set aside under the new conditions would pay for the education of the children who would come back to the County. This was the underlying motive which accounted for the proposed changes. They recognised the magnificent work done by the Christian Brothers and how so many would be unable to obtain a good education except for them.

Brother McGovern held that if they excluded any portion of the County from the sphere of their scholarships they would be establishing a vicious circle. The boy who sought a University Scholarship would have to go to a Secondary School where he was competing in open competition with other students and he would have the same chance as anybody else. He held that a University Scheme for the rural area was not going to benefit rural children. It should be remembered that a vast number of the boys who went to the Christian Brothers' Schools returned to the land.

Mr. McCarthy mentioned that if every student who secured a Scholarship came back to the County it would be very difficult to secure positions for them. The Local Appointments Commissioners who dealt with such a variety of appointments covered a wide area for applicants.

Miss O'Ryan mentioned that the changes suggested would certainly develop Agricultural education and would be more in conformity with the wishes of the general ratepayers.

The Chairman pointed out that these scholarships schemes were purely voluntary and there was no compulsion on the Council to establish them. However, acting on behalf of the people who put up most of the money, the Council wanted to provide as much benefit for their children as was possible.

Mr. O'Byrne held that the best value for the County would be secured by increasing and developing the best agricultural education.

Brother McGovern said if the Council adopted Scholarship Schemes they should be worth while and those now suggested particularly those under the Secondary and Vocational Scheme would be found unworkable. It would be preferable if they even reduced the number of Scholarships and left them worth while for the students to work for them.

The deputation then withdrew, Brother McGovern thanking the Finance Committee for allowing the Christian Brothers to put before them the views of the Secondary Schools.

In connection with the proposed amendments in Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme, the following letter under date 11th October 1939, No. Trg.11/54329 was read from the Department of Education, (Primary Branch), Marlborough Street, Dublin:-

"With reference to your communication of the 12th ultimo relative to the scheme for scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools 1940, I am directed to inform you that the proposals submitted by you have received the careful consideration of the Department.

The main purpose of these scholarship schemes is to enable students of ability who are in need of assistance to receive a full course of education in Secondary or Vocational Schools.

As the normal course for secondary students is from four to five years, the Council's proposal to terminate scholarships and bursaries after two years, except in the cases of the first and second candidates in order of merit, is not one which can be approved by the Department. The award of a scholarship or bursary for two years only would be of little material benefit to the students affected who would not have the opportunity of completing their Secondary or Vocational Course.

Apart from the objections on educational grounds it would be difficult to determine an order of merit at the Intermediate Certificate Examination for the purpose of selecting the best of the candidates, owing to the difference in the maximum marks allotted to subjects and to the fact that different candidates will take different subjects."

It was decided that the Special Sub-Committee who drafted the proposed amendments in Scholarship Schemes meet on Saturday, 21st October 1939 at 2.30 p.m. (Official time) in the County Hall, Wexford, to further consider the provisions of these schemes.

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Corish, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 13th October 1939 as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

MEETING 27th OCTOBER 1939: The Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 27th October 1939.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman of County Council) presiding; also, Messrs. P. Colfer, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5579. 0. 9d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following gives the state of the Rate Collection to date:-

<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Percentage of Current Warrant and 3 years' Arrears Collected.</u>
1. E. J. Murphy	39.8
2. S. Gannon	39.6
3. J. J. O'Reilly	38.5
4. D. Kenny	37.8
5. P. Nolan	36.5
6. J. Curtis	36.1
7. A. Dunne	35.9
8. J. Deegan	35.6
9. J. Flood	35.3
10. M. Kehoe	34.2
11. P. Carty	33.4
12. W. Doyle	32.9
13. J. Cummins	32.9
14. J. Quirke	31.3
15. W. Cummins	31.2
16. M. McCarthy	29.7
17. J. J. Sinnott	29.2
18. P. Doyle	28.0
Average	34.3%

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POUNDAGE: The following under date 23rd October 1939,
G.2732/10/39 was read from the Department of Local Government
and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 21st August, I am
directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public
Health to state that he has sanctioned the following condit-
ions in regard to Rate Collectors poundage in respect of the
1939-40 warrant:

Interim payment - 60% of 1st Moiety and arrears by 15th
November - 75% of poundage on lodgments.

First Moiety and previous years arrears by 15th December-
Full poundage on amount of first moiety and previous
years arrears.

65% of warrant and previous years arrears by 31st
January 1940 - 75% of poundage on lodgments.

Final payments to be considered in the light of the date
and the manner in which the warrant is closed by the dates
specified in the Public Bodies Order or such later date as
may be approved having regard to the dates on which the
arrears lists can be dealt with."

It was decided that copy of letter from Department of
Local Government and Public Health be furnished Rate
Collectors.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

JOHN BYRNE, PEARSE STREET, GOREY: The following under date
12th October 1939 (H.18269/7/1939 Loch Garman) was read from
Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and
Public Health to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the
6th instant regarding the proposed additional advance by the

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Wexford County Council to John Byrne, Pearse Street, Gorey, under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts and to refer to the Department's letter of the 14th ultimo in which it was pointed out that collateral security on £55 is to be obtained in addition to a mortgage on the full amount of the advance proposed, viz., £300."

The following under date 18th October 1939 was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"I am in receipt of yours enclosing Copy of a letter received by you from the Department of Local Government and Public Health as to the Collateral Security to be given herein and with reference thereto, I write to say, that I have now arranged with Mr. E. W. Warren, Solicitor, for Mr. Byrne, that Miss Jane Byrne, sister of Mr. John Byrne, who owns House Property in the Town of Gorey, should give a formal Guarantee to the Secretary of the County Council for the £55 Collateral Security as mentioned in the Department's letter."

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, that Miss Jane Byrne be regarded as in such a financial position as would allow the County Council to accept her as collateral security for her brother in respect of house under Small Dwellings Acquisition Act.

THOMAS MULLALY, EFFERNOGUE, FERNS: Letter under date 16th October 1939 from above named applicant complaining that he had been refused loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts was marked read, Mr. Kelly pointing out that Mullaly's application for a labourer's cottage was before the County Board of Health.

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EMERGENCY POWERS (CONTROL OF LIGHTS) ORDER 1939

The Department of Defence (Air Raid Precautions Branch), St. John's Road, Kingsbridge, Dublin, wrote forwarding copy of above Order under date 23rd October 1939 as to the steps to be taken regarding the screening and central controlling of public lighting in the functional area of the County Council. This would form part of the Air Raid Precautions Scheme and the expenditure incurred by the local authorities in putting them into operation would rank for grant subject to any adjustment which might be considered reasonable in view of any saving on account of economy of labour effected through the system of central control. A provisional estimate of the cost of the work was as follows:- Rosslare Harbour and Strand £16. 9. 0; Ferns £2. 19. 0; Bunclody £3. 16. 0 (Board of Health), Enniscorthy Urban District £20. 0. 0; New Ross Urban District £22. 18. 0; Gorey Town Commissioners £7. 7. 0. Total £73. 9. 0d.

The Secretary stated that the instructions from the Department of Defence to direct the local authorities concerned to communicate with the Electricity Supply Board had been carried out.

In this connection the following ~~from~~ letter received from Enniscorthy Urban Council under date 26th October 1939, was read:-

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 25th instant, enclosing copy of a letter from the Department of Defence regarding The Emergency Powers (Control of Lights) Order 1939.

The Electricity Supply Board has been in communication with us relative to the cowling of street lamps and their control by suitable switchgear, and I have already issued to the Board authorisation to proceed with the work necessary to conform to the Minister's requirements."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Keegan:-

"That the local authorities referred to in schedule accompanying letter from Department of Defence (Air Raid Precautions Branch) under date 23rd October 1939 be informed they must in the first instance pay to the Electricity Supply Board cost of screening the public lights in their area and the arrangement for the central control of such lights. Should the County Council receive any Government Grants to meet this expenditure the amount of said grants will be handed over to the appropriate public Body."

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDERS

At last meeting of Finance Committee letter under date 29th September 1939 (L.350-39) was read from Department of Agriculture. In this communication the Department pointed out that the reports of Supervising Veterinary Surgeons J. Lynch (New Ross); T. A. Mernagh (Gorey) and F. Staples (Wexford) were not sufficiently detailed and they should be requested to submit further statements giving particulars of visits to stock owners and interviews with temporary Warble Fly Inspectors.

The Secretary stated that copy of the letter of the Department had been furnished the Veterinary Inspectors concerned.

Mr. J. Lynch reported as follows under date 15th October 1939:-

"Re yours of 5th instant, I felt I had given a pretty exhaustive report re working of Warble Fly Order in my area.

It would be impossible for me to give particulars of visits to stock owners 3 months after season ending. I can only say I interviewed Farmers every day in the course of my ordinary practice and the results of these interviews are -

In the majority of cases the dressings were not started early enough in the season hence the necessity of providing Inspectors with Detention Notices at beginning of dressing period.

Both Inspectors whose work I supervise informed me that cattle loaded at Ballycullane railway station and also Campile station showed a big percentage infested.

These were cattle purchased by dealers on other than Fair days and the infestation appeared greatest among those loaded towards end of April.

I think I can add nothing of importance to what I have already said.

With regard to interviews with Inspectors I had talks with them at least once a week as well as on Fair Days."

Under date 24th October 1939 Mr. Mernagh reported:-

"Sorry for not replying to your letter of 5th October before now, but I mislaid my notes and cannot find them. In my previous report, I gave a general survey of work carried out and you will find any more required in the Inspectors' notebooks on various occasions when I interviewed them. I will give below a list of stockowners whom I visited but until I find my notes I cannot give you the dates:- G. W. Warren, Montague; B. Maguire, Tomgar; Arthur Kinsella, Ballafin; W. Boggan, Kilmuckridge; T. Carty, Coolishall; Joseph Murray, Kilmichael; Mogue Whitty, Island; F. Carty, Coolnastud; Mrs. Kinsella, Ballyloughan; Patrick Doyle, Tara Hill."

Under date 18th October 1939 Mr. Staples reported:-

"Re reports on Warble Fly treatment during period March-July 1939:-

A report of the results of the treatment has already been furnished to the Department.

A detailed report as required now, would, I presume, mean furnishing dates etc.

During the treatment period I had meetings every Saturday evening with the three Inspectors in the Wexford area, when their reports were handed in, examined the reports and pointed out the persons who were dilatory in carrying out dressings; instructed the Inspectors to visit these places and see the dressings were carried out; visited the bi-monthly fairs at Taghmon in company with Inspector Woods and the monthly fairs at Wexford in company with Inspector Druhan, examining cattle shown on the fairs.

There are no fairs held in Inspector Rossiter's area.

Also visiting farms and inspecting stock of Mr. P. Kelly, Ballyconnick; Mr. W. Joyce, Croase; Mr. Furlong, Rosslare; Mr. R. Scallan, Ballyla, etc., reports being received from the inspectors carrying out the work in these areas that the treatment was not being carried out at the proper time."

It was decided that copies of these reports be furnished the Department of Agriculture.

APPLICATION OF WORKERS FOR INCREASE OF WAGES

Under date 24th October 1939, letter was read from Thomas Devereux, Milehouse, Enniscorthy; J. Jordan, Ballycarney; P. Doyle, Ryland and J. Redmond, Clohamon, asking the Finance Committee to receive a deputation on behalf of County Council workers relative to increase of wages.

The Secretary stated he had written that the Committee would agree to hear the deputation.

The deputation came before the meeting.

Mr. James Jordan, who acted as spokesman, said they had come before the Finance Committee to put forward this application for an increase of wages. The cost of living had gone up to a great extent and in fact, everything that the

workingman had to purchase had increased considerably in cost, and to such a figure that it was very difficult for County Council workers to eke out an existence.

In reply to the Chairman Mr. Jordan said they had no complaints as to the conditions of their employment. They got 8 or 9 months' work each year for many years past, but the unemployment stamps on their cards would only cover four or five weeks. They were all married men.

The County Surveyor in reply to the Chairman said that the period of employment for County Council workers varied from 8 to 11 months according to the incidence of work and also according to the district.

The Chairman informed the deputation that the times were very critical from the point of view of the County Council. They did not know how they would stand with regard to Government Grants or their finances generally. He believed that the men would be very lucky if they obtained the same amount of employment as obtained last year. In fact, the principal problem before the Council was to keep their men at work for as long a period as possible. Their application for the wages increase would get every consideration although he would not hold out any hope that the Council would be able to agree to it. He believed it would be favourably considered if finances would allow, but unfortunately, the Council would be obliged to cut their cloth according to measure.

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

"That the application for increased wages for County Council workers be considered at meeting at which provisional Road Works Scheme is presented."

Mr. Jordan returned the thanks of the deputation to the Finance Committee for having heard their application.

SITE OF WEIGHBRIDGE FOR WEIGHING OF MOTOR VEHICLES

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 26th October 1939 from Mr. T. R. Leonard, District Engineer, Great Southern Railways, re above:-

"Referring to your letter of the 12th October, and previous correspondence, the Company are prepared to sell the plot in question to the County Council for a price to be agreed on subject to the following conditions:-

1. The County Council agreeing to bear the cost of moving to a suitable position Messrs. Eason's advertisement hoarding at present standing just inside the existing wall.
2. County Council to move the gate in the existing wall to a point decided on by the Company, and to hang same and provide a ramp on the field side where the ground is lower than the road.
3. County Council to provide a wall between the property handed over and the Company's field at least 4' 6" high and constructed to the satisfaction of the Company's Engineer.
4. The County Council to be responsible for the maintenance of this wall.

I have been requested to ask what sum the County Council are prepared to pay for the land and would point out that in arriving at a price it must be borne in mind that the rent of the field which is at present let by the Company must be reduced owing to the reduction in area.

If you will let me know if the County Council are agreeable to the above conditions and also let me have an offer for the piece of ground."

The County Surveyor said that one question which was not considered was drainage. It did not arise until he was

discussing the matter with the Town Surveyor who told him that when he was dealing with the road there the place was subject to flooding. However, he (County Surveyor) would be able to arrange for this.

It was decided that the County Surveyor submit to next meeting of Finance Committee an estimate of the cost of carrying out the work referred to in the letter of the Railway District Engineer.

REBUILDING OF PALLAS BRIDGE

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 26th October 1939 from Mr. William Lee, Contractor for water works in the construction of which the above Bridge was carried away:-

"In reference to my conversation with yourself and Mr. Treanor, viz:-

The building of a new reinforced concrete bridge at above with a 20' clear span to the following dimensions. Foundation to be carried down 3' below present river bed, side walls to be 3' thick at river bed and finish 2' 6" at top. 3 roll steel joists 25' x 14" x 6" 46 lbs, set in side walls to carry a 12" reinforced concrete slab 19' 6" wide by 25' long. Reinforced with 2 sheets No. T 12" coverbond reinforcement. One sheet 2" from bottom of slab and the other sheet 3" from top of slab with necessary tension strip 2 parapet concrete walls built on side of concrete slab 3' high by 9" thick. Roadway between parapet walls to be 18' clear roadway.

This bridge would cost £350 (Three hundred and fifty pounds).

Work to be carried out to your entire satisfaction. The construction of the bridge not to be commenced until the

Spring, say April next. But the old one to be removed at once as it is very dangerous."

In reply to the Chairman the County Surveyor said that Mr. Lee's offer was on the understanding that the County Council would provide the £350.

The Chairman said this matter was before Counsel for advice and in his opinion the Finance Committee should not entertain the idea of negotiating with Mr. Lee on any basis until they had Counsel's opinion before them and had considered it from all angles especially from the point of view as to who was liable for the reconstruction of this bridge. It was time enough to consider what action should be taken as to rebuilding when the Council had decided who was responsible for the work.

The meeting adopted the suggestion of the ^{Chairman}~~Chairmen~~ to postpone action for the present.

COOLHULL CASTLE

The following under date 27th October 1939 was read from
the County Surveyor:-

"As directed by the County Council I made an inspection of Coolhull Castle. The building is in fairly good condition, but will require a good deal of under-pinning above foundations, and some pointing and other repairs elsewhere. No doubt a large sum could be expended now for the repairs, but I do not consider this would be necessary at the present time. Adjoining the castle and built on to the walls there are out-offices belonging to the farm, and I do not know if it is intended that these should be removed. Inside the tower there are a couple of sheds for stores or byres, and I consider that these should be removed. I estimate for the absolute necessary repairs at the present time it would be from £

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

"That copy of letter from County Surveyor re repair of Coolhull Castle be forwarded Mr. Murphy, owner of the building, and that he be asked how far he would be prepared to meet the suggestions of the County Surveyor. The County Council are prepared to pay for the necessary changes within a reasonable limit. But, previous to this Mr. Murphy must consent to the vesting of the Castle in the County Council as an ancient monument."

ROAD MATTERS

FLOODING AT ELY'S WALKS, NEW ROSS: The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from Lieutenant Col. R. Tyndall, Oaklands, New Ross, as to the flooding of road:-

"With the high tides of the last few days the Road at Ely's Walks has again been flooded, causing the usual inconvenience to everyone, and the usual traffic through my place and past my hall door which I object to.

Can anything be done to put this matter right. Even raising the footpath would be something."

The County Surveyor said he had written in reply that he did not see that anything of a really permanent nature could be done until the river embankment was repaired. He thought if the footpath there was raised about 15 inches for approximately 100 yards it would be of considerable help.

Mr. Colfer suggested that the road should be raised. He believed that any rise of the footpath would be of little utility. If there was a storm it would not allow the water to go off the road. The flooding there was often to a depth of three feet on the road.

It was decided that the County Surveyor submit estimate

of cost for raising the road and a separate estimate for the raising of the footpath.

MR. R. DOYLE, M.C.C. AND ROAD IMPROVEMENT: The following under date 24th October 1939 was submitted by County Surveyor from Mr. Raymond Doyle, County Councillor:-

"Adverting to your enquiry re suggested and necessary road improvement I wish to draw your attention to the condition of the Road at Tomhaggard Village.

The people there feel they are very badly treated, and undoubtedly the road surface is very bad, and uneven; in this place there is a Catholic Church, School, Graveyard, four shops etc.

I suggest that you make provision to provide a tarred-macadam surface on the village road, and improve the condition of leading roads also."

It was decided to defer consideration of this letter to meeting at which Provisional Road Works Scheme for next financial year is submitted.

LACKEN HILL (GOREY): The following under date 19th October 1939 was read from Mr. John Jones, Pallas, Inch:-

"Please bring before the notice of your Committee the memorial of the ratepayers of the district north of Gorey re repairs and improvements to Lacken Hill. The people of this district think they are very badly treated as the bottom of this hill is the most dangerous place in the whole county at present and as yet the Council have taken no action to improve matters there."

The County Surveyor said that he had brought this before the Council already but it was not approved owing to cost; it would be a very big job.

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The Chairman said it was a very steep hill on a very narrow road. It carried all the traffic from Pallas and Wicklow Gap to Inch Railway Station. It was certainly a very necessary work if their finances allowed them to deal with it.

It was decided that the County Surveyor would include in Provisional Road Works Scheme a proposal for the execution of this work.

FENCE AT BALLYWITCH, KILRANE: Correspondence was submitted at meeting of the Finance Committee held on 13th October 1939 from Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford, on behalf of William Leary, Ballywitch, complaining that John Carr should not have sold to the County Council stones from an old fence on his land at Ballywitch as Leary claimed grazing rights over the entire holding.

The following letter under date 14th October 1939, written by Messrs. O'Connor & Co. on behalf of William Leary to John Carr was read:-

"We duly received your letter of the 12th instant, in which you stated that the stone wall which you are selling to the County Council has nothing to do with the land which you have let to Mr. Leary. This, we understand, is not so as Mr. Leary has the grazing rights of your entire holding, with the exception of the site of the new house which you have built. Mr. Leary merely gave you the meadowing, the two parks in question, because they were little use to him on account of there being no water there. Mr. Leary is however entitled to the grazing of the land and the after grass up to next March and consequently neither yourself nor the County Council have any right to take down the wall which divides the land from the public road.

In view of your unjustifiable attitude our client will

have to take serious steps in the matter and we have notified the County Council that in the first place you have no right to remove the wall and neither have the County Council any right to take it away.

Our client does not want any unpleasantness but if the demolition of the fence is proceeded with we desire to warn you that both yourself and the County Council will be responsible for any loss which our client may sustain."

The County Surveyor pointed out that the County Council purchased the stones in all good faith from Carr who had taken them down. It was a dispute between Carr and Leary. Until some arrangement had been arrived at he would not draw any more of these stones.

It was decided to refer the matter to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

BACK ROAD AT BARN TOWN: Miss O'Ryan said the people residing on the back road at Barn town were very much dissatisfied with its condition. Material from Windy Gap quarry was drawn over this road and while the main road was under reconstruction tractors and heavy lorries were brought over it. The people who lived "on the mountain" could not bring their produce to town on account of the condition of this road. She was always of opinion that when one road was damaged by exceptional traffic on account of the reconstruction of a second road the first one was restored at least to its original condition.

The County Surveyor said they always tried to do this.

Miss O'Ryan considered that the restoration on this back road at Barn town was far below what should have been done for public convenience.

Mr. Colfer said that after the road from Camblin - New

Ross had been repaired it took four or five years before a second road which suffered through this improvement was put into proper condition. He held this should not have occurred and claimed that provision should be made by the Survey Staff to have second and third class ^{Roads} damaged in this way put into repair without delay.

The Chairman said he had received similar complaints about other roads to those made by Miss O'Ryan and Mr. Colfer.

Miss O'Ryan said it was bad policy that people should suffer by giving a better road to another district.

It was decided that the County Surveyor should inspect and report as to the condition of the back road through Barntown village.

SLIPPERY APPROACH ROADS NEW ROSS: The following under date 19th October 1939 was read from Town Clerk, New Ross:-

"I am directed by the Council to inform you that the approaches to the town are very slippery and a danger to horse traffic ^{and} necessarily a hindrance to business in the town.

The spreading of sand or gravel, in the opinion of the Council, is totally inadequate, and they suggest that gritting, as on the Cherry Road, each side be introduced instead, at a margin of 4 feet wide."

The County Surveyor said he was carrying out gritting such roads bit by bit but there was a large number of such places in the County and to make the matter general for a year or two would mean a big sum of money. He was endeavouring to deal with the worst spots first.

It was decided the County Surveyor should communicate with the New Ross Urban Council in the matter.

BUNCLODY STREETS: The following under date 20th October 1939 was read from Mr. R. J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, in reply to letter from the Bunclody Town Improvement Committee:-

"The Town Improvement Committee seems from their letter to be under the impression that there is money available for the reconstruction of these streets. There is, in fact, no such money available. The only funds in hands are those for the maintenance of this section of road, extending from the County Bounds to Clohamon. These funds are barely sufficient for this maintenance.

I think, however, that an effort should be made to continue next Summer the work already done on these Streets. We spent about £400 about two years ago, and did some satisfactory work on portion of the Streets. I have included in this years estimate a sum of £550 for special repairs on this section of road. If this were passed and if a further sum were put up next year we would have the work completed. This type of work is considerably cheaper than what we might call regular grant work. It is essentially work for the Summer months. The road from Clohamon to Bunclody was done some 10 or 11 years ago on these lines.

I would like to press very strongly for this £550 to be passed. One would get the impression from some previous letter from this Committee that I was in some way responsible for delaying the work being done on these streets. In fact, the contrary is the case."

In reply to Mr. O'Byrne the County Surveyor said he had not so far been able to reach on the steamrolling of Bunclody Square for which Mr. Hall Dare had expressed his willingness to pay.

It was decided that copy of Mr. Ennis's letter be furnished the Bunclody Town Improvement Committee.

GULLET AT CLONE - MONAMOLIN: The following under date 15th October 1939 was read from Mr. James Gahan, Ballyedmond, Monamolin:-

"I wish to make a complaint to the Finance Committee re a gullet on the Clone-Monamolin road at Garrdaniel, which is gone down and will not let the water come causing the Mill race to overflow and break away the banks which means a big loss to me."

Referred to County Surveyor for report.

APPROACH TO SEA AT BALLYCONNIGAR LOWER: The following under date 24th October 1939 was read from Mr. M. Murphy, Hon. Secretary, Blackwater Fianna Fail Cumann:-

"In connection with the proposed purchase of piece of Mr. Keating's Field at Ballyconnigar Lower for the provision of Gap and Roadway to the Beach there, I am directed by my Cumann to know if any steps has been taken by the Council to come to agreement with the owner in the matter of accepting his offer which is considered very fair."

The following order was made:- "That the County Council through special ^{Committee} ~~meeting~~ which inspected the field of Mr. Keating at Ballyconnigar Upper came to the conclusion that the offer of Mr. Keating to the County Council was excessive and the Finance Committee see no reason to alter this conclusion."

GRANT FEES FOR SURVEYORS FOR URBAN AREA WORK: The following under date 19th October 1939 was read from Town Clerk, New Ross:-

"I am directed by the Council to refer to your letter of the 14th ultimo in regard to your Council's efforts to allow fees to Mr. O'Neill for the road work in the town and to inform you that this Council cannot be satisfied until ordinary justice is meted out to Mr. O'Neill and consequently beg

respectfully to ask your Council to use every effort to obtain for Mr. O'Neill not less than the percentage already suggested by the Council as very reasonable remuneration for his excellent work. The Council can see no reason at all in asking any man to devote the time and sympathetic attention which Mr. O'Neill has given this Council and its Officials without paying him for his work.

If there is anything further the Council can do and you will inform them in Mr. O'Neill's interest you shall get a ready and eager response."

It was decided that copy of this letter be forwarded the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads).

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

The following minutes of meeting of Special Sub-Committee of County Council in respect of meeting held on 21st October were submitted and approved on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

SCHOLARSHIPS SUB-COMMITTEE

Meeting of above Special Sub-Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 21st October 1939, to consider amendments suggested in Scholarships Schemes by Christian Brothers on behalf of the Secondary Schools and also letter from the Department of Education refusing to sanction Secondary and Vocational Scheme as drafted by the Special Committee.

Mr. D. Allen, T.D. (Chairman County Council) presided. All the other members of the Committee, viz., Messrs. R. Corish, R. Doyle, T. McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan were present.

The County Secretary was in attendance.

The meeting spent a considerable time examining the financial side of the Schemes as set out in those at present current; the amendments recommended by the Sub-Committee and adopted by the Council, and the suggested changes proposed on behalf of Secondary Schools.

In this connection the Committee felt that their further proposals should not entail any appreciable increase in Rates over the amended Scheme recommended for next year.

The Sub-Committee also examined the incidence of bursaries and the value of Scholarships in the case of pupils who reside within a reasonable distance of Secondary Schools by train or other convenient method of transport.

They submit the following to the County Council for approval:-

SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHEMES: Scholarships and Bursaries to be tenable for four years as follows:-

4 Scholarships at £40 and

4 Bursaries at £12.

The Committee did not see their way to recommend an extension in period of Scholarship or Bursary beyond the four years mentioned.

Successful Scholars residing within three miles of recognised Secondary Schools are to be eligible for Bursaries only.

Successful Scholars residing more than three miles from Secondary School and who can attend Secondary Schools by train or by means of other transport facilities to be granted Scholarship - minimum £12 and maximum £20.

That two of the four Scholarships be reserved for pupils of Schools at which the average yearly attendance is less than 80 or in which not more than two teachers are engaged, a greater average attendance than 79 notwithstanding. If two students from these smaller schools fail to qualify at the examination, the unawarded Scholarship or Scholarships be granted to the candidates placed highest in the order of merit list. It is proposed that these reserved Scholarships be first awarded after which the remaining Scholarships will be awarded in order of merit, irrespective of the average attendance or number of teachers in schools from which candidates are presented for examination.

The financial proposals for Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme under the suggestions now made would entail an expenditure of £832 when Scheme is fully in operation as compared with £1560 in last year's and previous year's schemes. The amended Scheme agreed to on the 18th August covered an expenditure of £760 when fully working.

Recommendation of Sub-Committee meeting on 18th August 1939 as to handing over £180 to County Committee to provide Scholarships tenable in Agricultural Schools was confirmed.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME: No change was made as to the means of applicants' parents or guardians nor in the number of University Scholarships to be awarded next year as agreed to at Sub-Committee meeting on 18th August 1939, viz., 3 Scholarships at £70 each.

The only amendments now proposed in the suggestions made by the Sub-Committee were the following:-

That instead of two of the three University Scholarships being confined to Agriculture, one only be confined; the other two should be for open competition.

Competition for the Scholarship in Agriculture will be confined to the children of parents who derive their means of living mainly from agriculture, i.e., farmers and agricultural workers and who reside in the Rural Area of the County.

In the queries to be issued with University Scholarship applications, parents or ^{guardians} ~~guardians~~ are to furnish particulars of any sums they may have on deposit; their investments and the amount of dividends they receive.

It was also decided that particulars furnished in the application for University Scholarship Scheme should be supported by statutory declaration.

Under date 19th October 1939 the following was read from the Secretary, University College, Dublin:-

"The following are the results of the recent examinations of Students holding scholarships from your Council in this College in Session 1938-39:-

John Flynn	Passed the B.A.(Hons) Degree Examination in the Latin and English Group with Second Class Honours. The renewal of his scholarship for a further year is recommended to allow him to proceed to a higher Degree.
Anne Hickey	Rejected at the B.Sc.(Hons) Degree Examination. Renewal recommended to allow her to complete the Degree in 1940 and also to take the Lectures for the Higher Diploma in Education.
John P. Kehoe	Passed the B.A.(Hons) Degree Examination in the Latin and History Group with Second Class Honours. Renewal recommended to allow him to proceed to a Higher Degree.
James Doran	Passed the Second University Examination in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering. Renewal recommended.
Peter Doran	Passed the Second University Examination in Civil Engineering. Renewal recommended.
Robert A. Scanlon	Passed the Second Year Honours College Examination in Arts attaining Second Class Honours Standard. Renewal recommended."

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

"That, as recommended by Secretary, University College, Dublin, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ University Scholarships be renewed for Miss Annie Hickey, West Gate, Wexford; John Flynn, Ballymacclare, Campile and John P. Kehoe, Creacon, New Ross, as they are taking University Course leading to the Higher Diploma in Education."

It was also decided on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Miss O'Ryan that the following Scholarships be renewed in accordance with recommendation of Secretary, University College, Dublin:- James Doran, Main St., Gorey; Peter Doran, Main Street, Gorey and Robert A. Scanlon, Brandane, Bannow.

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER

Reports since last Finance Committee meeting from the Sheep Dipping Inspectors were submitted and considered satisfactory.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Application was received from Superintendent Garda Siochana, Enniscorthy, as to the proposed committal of Patrick Quinn, Patrick Street, Enniscorthy, to Industrial School. The boy who was aged 11 years and 2 months, had not attended school for a considerable time and his father had been convicted on a number of occasions for breaches of the School Attendance Act. There were five children aged between 9 and 17 in the family. The father was earning £2. 3. 0 per week and one of the children was in receipt of 14s. 8d weekly wage. The other children were of school age.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

Mr. Denis Corish, District Court Clerk, New Ross, wrote relative to proposed committal to St. Aidan's Industrial School of Johanna Jane O'Neill, 4½ years old, daughter of the late Owen O'Neill and Catherine O'Neill, Ballylane, New Ross. The widow was somewhat "simple" and was unable to support or look after the child.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

TEMPORARY CLERICAL ASSISTANT COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICES

The following under date 13th October 1939 (G.4508/15/39) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 5th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has sanctioned the continued employment of Mr. Cleary as temporary clerical Assistant up to the 31st instant on the terms already approved."

TEMPORARY CLERICAL ASSISTANT COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE

Under date 12th October 1939 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) (No. R/RS/32) wrote as follows:-

"With further reference to your letter of 6th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he will raise no objection to the employment of a temporary clerk at remuneration of £2. 10. 0 a week while Mr. O'Kennedy, Clerk in the County Surveyor's Office, is absent on sick leave.

The enclosed Query Form should be completed in respect of the person selected for the employment."

Under date 21st October 1939 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) (No. R/RS/32) wrote as follows:-

"With reference to your letter of 17th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state it is noted that Mr. J. E. Brennan has been employed upon the terms already sanctioned as Clerk in the County Surveyor's office during the sick absence of Mr. J. O'Kennedy."

APPLICATION FOR CRIMINAL INJURY

Application was received on behalf of Kate Hayes for £210 injury to buildings erected on the grounds of the Wexford Social and Tennis Club, at rear of houses in High Street and Mary Street, Wexford.

Referred to County Solicitor.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 27th October be received and considered."

CRIMINAL INJURY - MRS. HAYES: On the suggestion of Mr. Corish it was decided that the County Solicitor be associated with Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors to Wexford Corporation, in opposing the claim of Mrs. Hayes for £210 for the burning of buildings erected on the grounds at the rear of houses in High Street and Mary Street, Wexford.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 27th October 1939 as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

MINUTES MEETING OF 10th NOVEMBER 1939: The Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 10th November, 1939.

Present:- Messrs. Patrick Colfer, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The chair was taken by Miss O'Ryan on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Colfer.

The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5115. 15. 9d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following is the state of the Rate Collection to date:-

<u>Name of Collector.</u>	<u>Percentage of Current Warrant and three year's arrears collected.</u>
1. E. J. Murphy	44.9
2. S. Gannon	44.4
3. J. J. O'Reilly	43.6
4. M. Kehoe	42.6
5. P. Nolan	41.8
6. D. Kenny	41.8
7. J. Deegan	41.4
8. A. Dunne	40.3
9. J. Curtis	39.6
10. J. Flood	39.5
11. J. Cummins	38.2
12. P. Carty	38.1
13. W. Doyle	36.6
14. M. McCarthy	36.3
15. P. Doyle	35.9
16. W. Cummins	35.8
17. J. Quirke	35.0
18. J. J. Sinnott	<u>35.5</u>

Average 39.3

The collection was .2% better than at the corresponding period last year.

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POUNDAGE: The following under date 31st October 1939 (G.2732/12/39) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 26th instant regarding payment of poundage to Rate Collectors, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that arrears in relation to first interim payment are those applicable to the 1938/39 assessment.

"First Moiety and arrears" may be construed as "the equivalent of the first Moiety and arrears".

COLLECTORS ON PENSIONABLE BASIS: The following letter under date 7th November 1939 (G.24286/2/39) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 19th ultimo regarding the proposal of the County Council to regard certain collectors as being employed in a pensionable capacity and I am to enquire if the Council has examined the circumstances in each case with the object of ascertaining whether in fact the posts require whole time service. If such is the case the Council should then determine in the light of the facts known to them whether the Collectors concerned have any other occupations and if so whether the demands made on their time by such occupations are inconsistent with their claim that they are in fact whole time officers.

Any data necessary to enable the cases to be considered such as the number of ratings in each district, and the statements of the collectors as to any other occupations, might be prepared locally and submitted to the Council."

The Secretary stated that particulars of any occupations

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etc. which Rate Collectors may have in addition to Rate Collection such as Farms were being obtained and would be submitted to the Finance Committee in due course.

CLAIM FOR REFUND: The following under date 27th October 1939 was read from Mr. A. John B. Boyd, Kiltra House, Wellington-bridge, relative to rates on house which was claimed to have been vacant:-

"In reply to yours of 21st August last I am not satisfied that you will not allow a refund of Rates and I would like to point out that I would not have paid this Rate only I was wrongly informed, by your Rate Collector, as to what property the rate was on.

If you will not allow this refund I will deduct same from the amount of rates I now owe."

It was decided to refer this communication to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

The Secretary said that the Rate Collector had been asked to furnish a report in the matter.

PRINTING ABATEMENT FORMS ETC.: Tenders were received from the following for the printing of 8000 Abatement Forms and 5500 postcards for distribution to Ratepayers:-

Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy. £10. 0. 0.

Echo, Enniscorthy. £10. 17. 6d.

The People, Wexford. £12. 19. 6d.

English & Co., Wexford. £14. 7. 0d.

The cost of this work last year was £10. 19. 6d.

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

"That the quotation of Redmond Bros., Printers, Enniscorthy, for the printing of Abatement Forms and postcards - under date 6th November 1939 - for the sum of £10 be accepted subject

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to work being carried out to the satisfaction of the County Secretary and within the time specified by him. In the event of failure to comply with the terms of this resolution the County Secretary be empowered to have the work done at the expense of Redmond Bros."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

JOHN BYRNE, PEARSE STREET, GOREY: The following under date 25th October 1939 (H.18269/8/39 Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 13th instant and previous correspondence regarding additional advance of £115 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to John Byrne, Pearse Street, Gorey, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he is not prepared to alter the decision conveyed in the Department's letters of the 14th ultimo and 12th instant in respect of the condition of providing collateral security for the amount of advance in excess of 70% of the ownership."

The Secretary stated that Mr. Byrne had now entered into the collateral security directed by the Department.

JOSEPH KAVANAGH, MACOYLE, INCH: The following under date 4th November 1939 (H.27791-39 Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 30th September last regarding the proposal of the Wexford County Council to make an advance of £200 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Mr. Joseph Kavanagh in respect of a house to be erected at Macoye Upper, Inch, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he will be prepared to sanction an advance not exceeding £150 in this case."

Mr. Elgee stated he wrote to Mr. Kavanagh and asked if he would accept the £150.

The following under date 9th November 1939 from Mr. Edward Warren, Solicitor, Gorey, acting on behalf of Mr. Kavanagh, was read:-

"I have received your letter of the 7th instant herein and have seen my client in reference. From a copy of the application which he made for loan under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts I find that the amount applied for was £250. Unless my client receives an advance of at least £200 he would be unable to complete the erection of the dwellinghouse and I would be glad to hear if the Department would be prepared to sanction same having regard to the fact that he applied in the first instance for £250."

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

"That copy of letter of Mr. Warren, Solicitor, Gorey, under date 9th November 1939, on behalf of Joseph Kavanagh, Maccoyle, Inch, as to the necessity for fixing loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts at £200 to enable him to complete the erection of house, be forwarded to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for their favourable consideration."

ANNIE McCARTHY, Corcannon, Inch: The following under date 6th November 1939 was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"With reference to the application of Mrs. McCarthy, for a Loan under the above Acts, which Loan has been provisionally sanctioned by the Council at £150.

I sent Mrs. McCarthy's solicitors, the usual Query Form for completion and I to-day received same back, the reply to the Query (c), annual salary of income of applicant, being "variable as usual in farming and applicant also has the old

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age pension".

The applicant has a farm of 11 acres, which must be of poor quality, as the valuation is low, the annual Poor Rate being only £1. 13. 2d.

Having regard to this and also to the fact that applicant is an old pensioneer, I am doubtful if this is a suitable case for making an advance of £150, the annuity on which would be £9. 8. 3d.

I will be glad, therefore, if you would bring the matter before the next meeting of the Finance Committee for their consideration."

Mr. Elgee said in this case the title was in order. Since writing this letter he had received the following under date 9th November 1939 from Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, New Road, Gorey, acting for Mrs. McCarthy:-

"Our client's son, James McCarthy, lives at home with his mother and works the farm for her and she would, of course, have a substantial income out of the farm. In addition to this, her daughter, Dora McCarthy, also lives with her and carries on a dressmaking business from which she would receive about £20 per year. We trust you will have all these additional facts brought before the Finance Committee and we shall be glad to hear from you when the matter has been dealt with by them."

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

"That, in view of the facts set out in the letter of Messrs. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Gorey, under date 9th November 1939 the Finance Committee recommend the County Council to advance under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act a loan of £150 to Mrs. Annie McCarthy, Corcannon, Inch, subject to applicant being entitled to the amount on certificate of value

for house from Assistant Surveyor and provided the Local Government Department sanction the loan."

JOHN HOLBROOK, TEMPLESHANNON, ENNISCORTHY: The following under date 31st October 1939 was read from Messrs. J. A. Sinnott & Co., Solicitors, Enniscorthy:-

"Our client, Mr. John Holbrook of Templeshannon, who obtained a loan from the County Council which enabled him to erect a residence at Templeshannon and in respect of which he gave a Mortgage to the County Council, has instructed us that he wishes to transfer this holding to his sister Mrs. Ethel O'Duffy.

We understand that the consent of the County Council in the circumstances has to be obtained to the transfer and we will be obliged if you will kindly let us hear as to this in course."

The Secretary stated that the advance in this case was £180.

It was decided to adjourn request for assignment of house to Mrs. Ethel O'Duffy and that Messrs. J. A. Sinnott & Co., Solicitors for Mr. Holbrook, be requested to furnish to next meeting of Finance Committee a statement as to Mrs. O'Duffy's means.

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

UNIVERSITY: The following under date 8th November 1939 was read from the Registrar, University College, Dublin:-

"Your Scholarship Scheme for 1940 was considered by the Academic Council and they do not approve of the recommendation that extensions should apply only to scholars who desire to secure the Higher D ploma in Education. As I pointed out in my letter of September 13th, this would prevent students from obtaining a Degree in Mechanical Engineering, Architecture,

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Agriculture, Medicine, or from obtaining a Postgraduate Degree in any Faculty."

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

"That the County Council be recommended to insert the following article in their University Scholarship Scheme:-

That as regards extension of periods of scholarship other than Higher Diploma of Education and for Agriculture, each application for such extension will be considered on its merits. In the case of Higher Diploma in Education and in Agriculture Scholarships will be tenable for four years."

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHEME: The following under date 8th November (Trg.11/54329) was read from the Department of Education:-

"With reference to your communication of 31st ultimo, I am to convey the Department's approval to the scheme as submitted for 1940 on the assumption that it has been, or will be, accepted by the County Council. It is observed that the special reservation of scholarships for boys and girls has been deleted from the scheme proposed for 1940.

1. The Department would be glad, however, if the Council would give consideration to the question of the adoption of the amendment suggested hereunder.
2. Clause I. The introduction of the arrangements for the operation of Diocesan Panels (copy of pamphlet attached) whereby teachers, from whom, in the ordinary way, recognition in their schools would be withdrawn owing to the decline in average attendance, may be continued in their schools pending the occurrence of suitable

vacancies elsewhere, renders it desirable that the terms of Section I, Paragraph 2, should be altered, so that the reservation for small schools should apply only to those schools which it was intended originally should benefit from the reservation. Accordingly, it is suggested that the second paragraph of this section should be amended to read as follows:-

"Subject to the provisions of paragraph 1 of this Clause, and provided that a sufficient number of pupils from such schools qualify at the examination two scholarships shall be reserved for pupils of schools in which the number of teachers serving in the school during the greater portion of the calendar year preceding the examination has not exceeded two (continue to end of paragraph "should.....list").

3. I am to enquire whether the Council has decided to adopt the Department's proposal regarding the revision of the application Form as set out in circular letter of 13th June last.
4. It is assumed that the Revised Syllabus will be incorporated in the Scheme for 1940.
5. Please be good enough to forward, for official purposes, twelve copies of the scheme when printed for circulation."

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

"That the County Council be recommended to embody in their Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme suggested clause relative to small schools as appearing in communication from Department of Education under date 8th November 1939 (T.C. 11/54329) "

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WEXFORD BRIDGE.

The following report under date 9th November, 1939 was submitted from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:

"As instructed I issued a summons and had same served on Mr. Joseph White of 68, Kincora Road, Clontarf, Dublin, arising out of a complaint which had been made by Mr. Simon Quirke, the watch man on the Bridge, that on the 20th of September last the said Joseph White had driven a Ford Motor Van, over the Bridge contrary to the Provisions of the Regulations as to Motor Traffic, which had been made by the Council.

The Summons came before the District Justice, at Wexford on the 25th October last, when having heard same, and taking into consideration the fact, that this was the first summons for a breach of the regulations, he dismissed same under the Probation of Offenders' Act."

In reply to Mr. Colfer, the County Surveyor said that they found rock at the Boat Club site at 167 feet. At the Courthouse site they found rock at one end at 60 feet and at the abutment opposite the Courthouse at 100 feet.

BALLYCULLANE LIVE STOCK POUND.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, reported that the title of Mr. Patrick Power, Ballycullane to the land on which a pound was to be established was in order.

It was decided that the resolution of the Council to rent the pound from Mr. Power at £10 per annum provided that running water would be available at all times should be put into force as soon as possible and that the agreement between the Council and Mr. Power covering this resolution be prepared and executed.

SITE FOR NEW WEIGHBRIDGE

The following under date 10th November, 1939, was read from County Surveyor:-

"I have inspected the proposed site for Weighbridge adjoining Railway Station, and have taken measurements and examined into the requirements of the Railway Company. I find that the area required is in or about twelve stat. pers., and I suggest that an offer of £5 should be made to the Railway Company for this plot. In regard to the other requirements of the Railway Company I wish to point out that they are necessary in the preparation of the site for the weighbridge, and I am satisfied that they should be agreed to. I estimate that the total cost of preparing the site will be say £300. I wish to point out that the erection of the weighbridge on this site, besides its general convenience will have a very material advantage in removing wall at blind corner at the approach to the Railway Station, and will lessen danger at this place."

The Chairman referred to the great convenience the weighbridge would afford farmers and others as there was no public weighbridge available.

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

"That the report of County Surveyor under date 10th November, 1939, relative to erection of weighbridge be approved provided that the full cost of the erection of machine and the other work referred to in said report be furnished through Road Taxation Fund."

ROAD MATTERS.

BALLYMORE FIANNA FAIL CUMANN.

The following under date 30th October, 1939, was read:-

"At a meeting of the Ballymore F.F. Cumann the following resolution was passed:-

"We wish to draw the attention of the County Council to the state of the road from Ashfield Cross, Killinick, to Wexford town, which is in a very slippery state and request the Council to do something with it. We also want to draw the attention of the County Council to the bad state of the road from Ballykilliane Cross to Piercestown and the road from Killinick to Tacumshane, on this road which is the main one from Montfield School, Ballymore R.C. Church, and Killinick Protestant Church. There is a very dangerous corner at Ballyfane. There is part of a tree sticking out well over the road and a very serious accident may be avoided if this corner is done like the many others and proper sight given for the traffic.

We have drawn the attention of the County Council to this matter before and nothing was done about it, so we now ask that it be done immediately."

The County Surveyor said that the main road from Killinick to Wexford was done in a cheap way with - in the main - the small material left over after the work of *concreting* a section and it was a very good job. Later *he* had been engaged in making up the sides but the traffic would not go on the sides. He held the road was not slippery. Under the new Scheme there would be money for surface dressing this road. There were much worse cases on steep hills as regards the slippery nature of roads.

He (County Surveyor) had asked Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor to furnish him with a report dealing with all projecting trees on the Rosslare Road. An accident had occurred recently on this road, a high furniture van having collided with a projecting tree. Notice had been served on Mr. Walker on whose land this tree stood to have it removed. As regards the surfacing of the road to which he had made reference this cost £600 a mile. He was widening the sides of this road and had completed about half.

ROADS BANNOW DISTRICT

The following under date 2nd November, 1939, was read from Mr. Thomas Crosbie, Farm House, Bannow, Acting Secretary Bannow Ratepayers:-

"We, the undersigned, on behalf of the Ratepayers of Bannow Electoral Division present this memorial for improvement of the roads of the District, and in particular of the important direct road from Bannow Proper through Grange, Carrig Village, Cooleshall and Coolhull to Duncormack - a road which serves an intensive Agricultural District, and leads to Parish Church, Post Office, and Dispensary.

The reports of your Surveyors will doubtless, bear out the genuineness of our complaint, but however convincing their accounts, only an actual visit on a wet day will demonstrate the roads' deplorable state. Accordingly, we desire to state that the toleration shown by the ratepayers cannot, in fairness, be expected to continue indefinitely, and hence this appeal from a meeting of Ratepayers held on 25th ult. Our grounds for redress are as follows:-

1. The Valuations in this District have been and are (for well known reasons) the highest in the County; our Rates are correspondingly the highest, and from an examination of the List published our number of defaulters one of the lowest. We welcome publication of Comparative Road Expenditure with any equal area in the County.

2. In this area of intensive cultivation sound roads are essential, but particularly in the Spring, Grain and Beet Seasons. Our district loads 2,000/2,500 tons of beet annually and the Grain Transport of over 10,000 barrels - to store, and railhead places a severe strain on roads already unsuited to modern traffic. In addition there is considerable commercial traffic throughout the year to the many shops serving this thickly populated district.

3. A decided hardship is inflicted on the ordinary working people who form a large proportion of our population and whose sole means of transport is the humble donkey or bicycle - many still go on foot. Cycle axles and saddles mean as much to the honest toiler as the half shafts and springs to the furied motorist who becomes a victim in the potholes in dry weather and the miniature lakes in the wet. Words cannot describe the unfairness to people whose raiment is spoiled in wet weather by every passing car (at any time of the year). This is particularly true of the Sabbath and of occasions of Special evening devotions when people wear their best clothes: many of whom can ill afford to replace them and certainly deserve consideration. This is cruel fact, not a fantastic picture.

4. Local Effort is entirely thwarted by the bad roads. Any enterprize towards the development of attractive strands at Cullenstown and Blackhall is foredoomed as strangers invariably complain of the unsatisfactory roads - potholes and clouds of dust in summer. Tourists to the historic church at Bannow have same complaint - the dreadful road surface.

5. Motor Taxation (see appended List) paid in district is usually large. Heavy repair bills through excessive tyre wear, broken springs, broken drive shafts and shaken body work mean an extra and unjust tax. Our Revered and respected Parish priest - Very Rev. Fr. Keating P.P. has had complaints from Priests of other districts attending Offices in his Church.

It is not for us to describe the actual condition of the roads nor to prescribe the obvious remedy, but we do say that the money spent on the present system is absolute waste. Observation shows that repairs effected by sea sand and sod are displaced by first car. It has been suggested that the entire stoppage of such work for a year would leave the

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roads very little worse but would provide a cumulative fund towards proper sectional repair at intervals of two or three years.

We have extended our case, not to manufacture a grievance, but to give voice to the feelings of the Ratepayers who attended the meeting and who felt they are being unfairly dealt with. We realize the heavy responsibility the upkeep of roads entails on your Council's Funds but we feel that we are (definitely and without fear of contradiction) paying sufficiently high rates to warrant the special consideration of your Committee and Council: a consideration which we confidently and respectfully await."

The County Surveyor stated that by direction of the County Council the road in front of the new school at Bannow had been repaired. It was a good job and when he was speaking to Fr. Keating P.P. about it the latter referred to several roads in the area which were in need of repair.

He (County Surveyor) told Fr. Keating it was no use in going into the matter with the Survey Staff until those concerned asked the County Council to put up the necessary money for the work. This was the reason why the present representations had been made to the Council.

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Council meeting on 13th November, 1939 at which the Provisional Road Works Scheme for next financial year would be considered as the County Surveyor stated that to carry out the wishes of the Bannow Ratepayers was all a question of money.

FLOODING AT ELYS WALKS, NEW ROSS.

The following report under date 10th November, 1939, was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

"As directed by the County Council I inspected the road subject to flooding at Oaklands Gate, New Ross. The length of the road (subject to flooding) is in or about 120

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lineal yards, and by thirty feet between boundary walls, including 5' 6" footpath. The Council ask for a separate estimate for raising roadway and footpath, but on examination and enquiry I think that the raising of the footpath would not be advisable. However, I give separate price for the work if it be decided to get it done. The greater portion of the ordinary traffic over the flooded part consists of carts, motors and lorries, and the number of foot passengers using the road at such times would be very limited. It will be necessary, I think, if the road is to be raised up, also to raise the boundary walls at both sides, but this possibly may not be essential, or required to be done in the first instance. The maximum depth of filling would be, say 18" and I estimate that the cost of the filling in road and footpath combined would be £320, and if the wall is to be raised subsequently this would cost another £50. The raising of the footpath alone would cost about £70, as it would be necessary to provide concrete kerb adjoining the road."

The County Surveyor stated that even lorries had been held in the flood on this road. Col. Tyndall was complaining that people were using his avenue and causing him annoyance.

The Chairman said that there could be no question but the public were greatly inconvenienced by the condition of this road and the County Council should take steps to remedy the existing state of affairs.

It was decided to refer the matter to the meeting of the County Council to be held on 13th November, 1939.

ROAD BARTOWN CASTLE TO KINGSFORD BRIDGE

The following under date 9th November, 1939, signed by 26 Ratepayers was submitted:-

"We, the undersigned, wish to call the attention of your Council to the very bad state of the road between Bartown

Castle and cross at Shilmalier Commons or Kingsford Bridge. The road at present is worn down to its foundation and there are stones of all sizes sticking up in the surfact from one inch to five. Drainage was also very much neglected in the past. This road was greatly damaged last year by the heavy haulage on it to the Wexford Barntown road. We do not ask for a tarred road; all we want is a good surface so that we can travel on it with safety to ourselves and others. This road being so close to the quarry at Carrigfoyle we consider the cost of repairing would be very small. Complaints about this road have been before your Council on former occasions with little result so we ask that this appeal for a better road will not pass without better result."

The County Surveyor stated that he expected to have this road inspected with Miss O'Ryan but this was not possible as she was away from home. He did not agree with the statement that there were rocks in the road sticking up five inches. The road was uneven and the surface rocky. But the drainage was not neglected and he did not admit that the haulage of last year did all the damage that was claimed for it.

The Chairman considered the statement submitted was a very mild representation of the real state of affairs.

The County Surveyor said he was providing in the Road Works Scheme for a special price for this road.

After further discussion it was decided that Miss O'Ryan and the County Surveyor inspect this road and report to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

GARRYDANIEL GULLET - CLONE MONAMOLIN ROAD.

The following report under date 10th November, 1939, was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

"I have had an interview with Mr. James Gahan who complains of damage to his Millrace owing to defective

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gullet. It appears that this gullet has been giving him trouble for some time, but only recently has the nuisance become acute. Mr. Gahan is not pressing for any immediate work to be done, and I have arranged with Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, who will see him later as to what is necessary, and Mr. Gahan has promised to give assistance in the matter."

This report was regarded as satisfactory.

BLACKSTONE FLOODING.

The following under date 3rd November, 1939, was read from Mr. A. Cleary, Blackstone, Duncormack:-

"I wish to ask you on my own behalf and behalf of the tenants here in Blackstone when is the work to be carried out in the cleaning of this drain here in Blackstone leading to the sea. It was to have been done before the winter but now we have winter and very bad weather, it is already flooded and we cannot get to our houses or lands. Kindly do the best you can in the matter. We are in a very bad way. We have always paid our rates without any difficulty and we cannot get this badly needed work done we will not pay any rates until something is done as it is in a very bad way.

There is a very dangerous turn when coming down the hill. The road is all broken away and it is nearly impossible for cars or lorries to come up or down at all.

There is nothing done with it for the past year. I hope you will do your best to see to this without delay and greatly oblige."

Adjourned for report from County Surveyor.

MINEBRIDGE FLOODING.

Robert McCrea, Minebridge, Carnew, wrote complaining that the water on the road was running in through the wall

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of his piggery. This occurred every winter during the past five years.

The following under date 10th November, 1939, was submitted from the County Surveyor:-

"Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, has already taken this matter in hands, and some work has been done in cleaning out the drain alongside road. I inspected the place, and found that the stream apparently was diverted many years ago for the purpose of water supply to several premises, and it is very difficult to prevent water at flood time going into Mr. McGrea's yard which is considerably below the level of the drain. I shall arrange later to have a more complete examination made, and see what can be done to remedy the matter."

This report was considered satisfactory.

TOMHAGGARD ROADS.

The following under date 4th November, 1939, was read from Mr. Thos. Ennis, Secretary, Tomhaggard Village Committee:-

"I am instructed by the above Committee to bring under your notice the bad condition of the approach roads to Tomhaggard Village, also the bad condition of the Village streets. The road approaching the Village from Bargo side is in a very bad way and the water table is in the centre of same instead of being at either sides. Much can also be said about the bad condition of the Village streets. I consider it very unfair to have a Village like Tomhaggard left in such a disgraceful condition, seeing that it is served with a Catholic Church, a School, Graveyard, four Shops, Blacksmith's Forge and private dwellinghouses."

The County Surveyor stated he was bringing forward a proposal in the Road Works Scheme for improving the Tomhaggard Roads.

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ROADS IN CLONGEEN AND WELLINGTONBRIDGE:

Mr. Colfer said that regarding Road No. 811 Foulksmills to Clongeen on the hill past the village the centre had gone and the water should be kept to the sides. Then motorists were anxious that the road at Wellingtonbridge Post Office should be widened. There was an old dyke there that could be thrown into the road. There were a couple of corners at Clonmines Five Roads that were most dangerous, a serious accident being narrowly averted there recently.

Referred to County Surveyor.

INJURY TO ROAD WORKMAN.

The following under date 3rd November, 1939, was read from Messrs. M.J. O'Connor, & Co., Solicitors, Wexford:-

"We are instructed on behalf of Mr. Patrick Stafford, of Cools, Barntown, who was employed by the County Council as a carter that on the 30th of October last whilst working at Carrigfoyle Quarry his right hand was struck by the hopper of a stone crusher as the result of which he suffered severe injuries. He resumed work on the 27th or 28th ultimo., but owing to the fact that his hand swelled so badly as a result of the accident he had to discontinue.

Our client is, of course, entitled to compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1934, and we shall be glad to hear from you as to whether the County Council is prepared to pay him the maximum amount payable under the Act and to which he is entitled."

The County Surveyor stated that this matter was in the hands of the Insurance Company.

PROPOSED DIVERSION OF ROAD GRANT:

The following resolution was adopted at the meeting of the County Council on 9th October, 1939:-

"That the Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to transfer the Road Improvement Grant of £3000 for reconstruction of Road L159 New Ross -

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Duncannon Road (Horeswood Church to Grange Cross) to the Road through Belliniry to Rathminey No. 704 - L159"

The following under date 7th November, 1939 (R/SGT-32) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"With reference to your letter of the 16th ultimo submitting a copy of a resolution adopted by your Council requesting the transfer of the sum allocated to Works No. 5 of the current Road Improvement Grant notified under this Department's letter of the 5th idem, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that it is considered desirable to complete the section of the road (L.159) to which the allocation has been made."

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

"That we desire to point out to the Department Of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) that having an intimate knowledge of the two roads referred to and of the local conditions the Finance Committee have no hesitation in stating that the £3000 grant would be more usefully spent on the alternative road suggested by the Council. This last mentioned road is much more important and carries considerably more traffic than the route approved by the Department."

DEMANDS ON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCILS.

The Secretary reported that the following amounts were due by the Urban District Councils of the County up to 30th September last:-

<u>Enniscorthy</u>	£4,284. 3.10	(little over 1 year)
<u>New Ross</u>	£882.15. 4	($\frac{1}{4}$)
<u>Wexford</u>	£2,029.17. 3	($\frac{1}{4}$)
Total:	£7,196.16. 5	

Since last meeting of County Council, Enniscorthy Urban lodged £1,000 and Wexford Corporation £2,029,17. 6.

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER:

Reports of work under above Order since last meeting of the Finance Committee were submitted from the Sheep Dipping Inspectors and considered satisfactory.

APPLICATION COMPENSATION CRIMINAL INJURY.

Notice of application for £20 compensation for malicious damage to labourer's cottage the property of County Kilkenny Board of Health and situate at Tinneranny, Rosbercon, County Kilkenny, was received. Also report from Chief Superintendent Garda Siochana.

The application was referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor to defend.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

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

"That leave of absence be granted Mr. T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, Gorey District, in consequence of urgent private business.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 10th November 1939 be received and considered."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS - ANNIE MCCARTHY: Col. Quin said he believed this woman's house was burned and there appeared to have been some difficulty with the Insurance Company as to compensation.

The Chairman said this was not a matter which had anything to do with County Council. They were concerned only with the question if the applicant offered reasonable security for repayment of the loan of £150.

Mr. Keegan said applicant would keep two or three cows and other stock.

Miss O'Ryan believed the house to be erected would be value for the advance.

The Chairman said he knew Mrs. McCarthy and her people to be hardworking and industrious, and in his opinion, the Council were quite safe in agreeing to the loan.

WEXFORD BRIDGE: Mr. Corish - What will be the next stage?

The County Surveyor said that the borings were not finished.

Mr. Corish - How long more is this going to go on about the bridge? It is terrible trying to get into Wexford. It is a serious thing for Mr. Nunn.

The County Surveyor said they had already adopted a proposal to build a bridge, and the next stage after borings would be to get designs for the bridge. The County Council had not decided on the site.

Miss O'Ryan - Are we at liberty to decide on the site

without consultation with the Department?

Mr. Corish - I would say it would be subject to their approval.

Miss O'Ryan asked when the County Surveyor would be able to lay the result of the borings before them, so that they could decide on the site? They could not get designs until they knew where the bridge was to be.

The County Surveyor said they should be in a very good position when boring on the Crosstown side was done. It might not be over a week and might be a month.

Miss O'Ryan said she thought they might take it that at next meeting they would be in a position to decide on the site.

Mr. Corish - It is a very serious matter for Wexford and Castlebridge.

Miss O'Ryan - Something must be done. Everyone can see that.

Mr. Corish - Mr. Nunn told me it is going to cost him up to £1,000 a year ^{extra} to handle his corn owing to the position.

ERECTION OF WEIGHBRIDGE: The County Surveyor said a grant of £400 was offered to the Council and the cost of preparing the site apart from the weighbridge was £320. The Department had given the Council the weighbridge free of cost.

Mr. R. Doyle asked if the Council proposed to charge a fee for use of the weighbridge by the farmers.

Miss O'Ryan said that the Finance Committee wanted to extend the usefulness of the weighbridge instead of having it merely for weighing lorries. The Finance Committee asked that the weighbridge be used for cattle and that it be erected at the railway end of the town. Most farmers had to go to the Bacon Factory or some of the yards along the Quay if they sell their cattle by weight and bring them back to the station and a weighbridge at the railway end of the town would be very

convenient for the people attending fairs.

Mr. Corish - There is no reason why we should not have it if it will cost the Council nothing. I propose we agree to the County Surveyor's suggestion.

Mr. Doyle - As long as it pays for itself and facilitates the public it seems to be sound enough.

Mr. Redmond seconded the proposition which was passed.

The Chairman asked how the weighbridge was to be looked after. The County Council could not keep a man there all the time.

County Surveyor - He would be nine-tenths of his time idle.

The Chairman suggested that the Corporation take over the weighbridge for the sake of the revenue, so far as the public use of the weighbridge was concerned.

Mr. Doyle - You could put a County Council man in charge for the fair days.

Chairman - He would want to be a very responsible and accurate official.

ROADS BANNOW DISTRICT: The following deputation appeared in connection with representations as to repair of the roads in Bannow District:- Messrs. Thomas Crosbie, Bannow; Simon O'Dwyer, Ballygow, and James Harpur, Crosslake, Bannow.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Corish, Standing Orders were suspended to enable the deputation to be heard.

Mr. Crosbie said that the Road by the Island of Bannow on to the Catholic Church and thence to Duncormack was for one way traffic only owing to its bad condition. Bannow was an intensive tillage area and it was a great hardship and great loss to farmers that they were obliged to bring their beet and corn over very bad roads. The tide at the Island of Bannow overflowed on to the road up to two or three feet of water with the

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result that people could not get to Mass. The people were grateful for what had been done by the Council in connection with the road adjoining the new School in Bannow and hoped that similar action would be taken for the road of which they now complained.

Mr. Harpur endorsed the remarks of Mr. Crosbie.

Mr. M. Redmond said he saw the road during the Summer and could bear out what Mr. Crosbie said as to its condition. He (Mr. Redmond) was strongly of opinion that in view of the incidence of present-day traffic it was not possible to keep roads even in a fair condition by the use of sea gravel.

Miss O'Ryan said they would certainly do what they could to meet the Bannow people in so far as their finances would allow.

Mr. Corish said the road in question was in a wretched condition. He suggested that the local people should communicate with the Tourist Association of which he (Mr. Corish) was a director and ask them to help as Bannow was full of historic associations. If the local people would do this he (Mr. Corish) would be happy to support their application for a grant and he knew that the Council would be only too pleased if he moved in the matter on their behalf also.

Mr. T. Redmond said that the worst portion of the Road was from the Island of Bannow to Carrig through Grange. It was a very fine tillage area and the people were greatly hampered by the flooding of the tide.

The Chairman said they would consider most carefully the representations made by the Bannow people and by the deputation. Of course, everyone would recognise that it was a very big problem to find sufficient money to keep all their roads in the condition in which they would like to have them.

FLOODING AT ELY'S WALKS, NEW ROSS: Mr. Walsh said that to-day when passing the road he saw two lorries "bogged" in it. Even at low tide this last week the water on the road was very high - practically three quarters of the way up the road wall. The flooding had been going for the past three or four years. This was a very urgent matter.

The County Surveyor said that the flooding was caused by damage to the river banks and he strongly recommended that his report should be accepted. This was the only road leading to New Ross from a large area south of it. Such a state of affairs should not happen regarding approaches to a town. Col. Tyndall had been very reasonable in allowing people to utilise his avenue. He could - if he wished - have prevented it and this would have led to a complete deadlock. This, as Mr. Walsh had pointed out, was a really pressing matter. He (County Surveyor) had no appreciation of the real damage until he inspected the place recently.

Mr. T. Redmond held that raising the road would not obviate the flooding which would continue so long as no attempt to repair the river banks was made. He would like to know the condition of the foundation of the road walls. They must be deteriorating and would some day give way.

After further discussion Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Walsh seconded a resolution approving of the proposals in the report of the County Surveyor.

The motion was adopted nem. con.

ROAD - BARN TOWN CASTLE TO KINGSFORD BRIDGE: Miss O'Ryan said she did not like to be unreasonable about any particular road, but there was a principle they should deal with - that where a road was damaged by reason of material having been carried over it to repair another road the first road should be

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restored. She proposed that this principle be adopted.

Mr. Corish seconded, and the proposition was adopted.

Mr. Sweetman asked if some of a Main Road Grant could be allocated to do repairs to roads damaged by haulage of material to the main road in question.

Miss O'Ryan suggested that it could be provided for in the sum allowed for the main road material.

Mr. Birthistle (Assistant Surveyor) said the road was never neglected. The drainage was bad but it was better than it ever was. So far as the maintenance of third class roads was concerned the Department would challenge the estimate for the main road work if anything was included for other road repairs. The Department officials had already challenged such an arrangement on the point that it made the main road estimate too high. The attitude was that if the Department gave a grant for a main road it should go to the main road and that the Council should be able to repair the by-road out of the rates.

Mr. O'Byrne - It is necessary to get the material for the main road over the by-road and that should be allowed for.

Mr. Birthistle - If you can convince the Department of that it will suit us very well and the Survey staff would certainly be pleased.

The County Surveyor said he regarded the damage to a by-road under this circumstance as extraordinary traffic. If a man was drawing a lot of timber or putting up a big building and damaged a road by the traffic necessary for the work that man would be liable to repair the road, and where a by-road was damaged by the traffic of road material for a main road the Department should be liable for the extraordinary traffic and should repair the by-road. He would allow for that in the specifications, and if the Department challenged it the Council could fight the point.

Mr. Smyth drew attention to the state of the road in Killena and said that some material should have been put on the by-road while the traffic was going on to supply the material to the main road, so as not to have the by-road absolutely worn away. The expenditure for restoring the road would have been less if this had been done.

The County Surveyor said that usually the holes in a by-road in such cases were filled but the by-road was not finished until the main road was made and the traffic of material ended.

The Chairman said the County Surveyor would make provision in future for repair to a by-road damaged by drawing material for a main road.

TOMHAGGARD ROAD: Mr. Doyle - Tomhaggard is an important centre and there had been several complaints about the state of the roads. The surface suggested to be tarred and macadamised was not more than 500 yards.

Mr. Corish agreed that the work was very necessary; the streets were in a wretched condition.

The Chairman remarked that the Council could not at this stage go into particular items in the proposed Road Works Scheme as the general scheme was on the agenda and they would come to it later in the meeting.

On the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Miss O'Ryan, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 10th November 1939 as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

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SLIPPERY ROAD - MONEYLAWN-CAMOLIN

The following under date 7th November 1939 was read from Captain Kennedy, Ballinclay, Gorey:-

"At a public meeting held at Clough last night a deputation was appointed to wait on the County Council at their next meeting to draw the attention of the Council to the dangerous state of the main Gorey - Ferns road between Moneylawn and The Bay (Camolin).

I shall accordingly be greatly obliged if you will arrange for this deputation to come before the Council at its meeting next week and if you will kindly let me know at what hour they should be there I will notify the members of the deputation."

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Keegan it was decided to suspend Standing Orders to allow the Council to hear the deputation consisting of Captain Kennedy and Messrs. Laurence D'Arcy, Moneycross; Patrick Tyrrell, Clough, Gorey and Frederick C. Walsh, Moneylawn.

Mr. Walsh said the deputation came to ask the County Council to do something with the road they complained of so that their horses would be able to travel on it. This portion of the road was dangerous for the past five or six years and during that period there were numerous reports of injury to horses, broken shafts of vehicles etc. A number of farmers had to use an alternative poor road and they would be driven to employ lorries to do all their haulage unless something was done since they could not use their farm carts.

Mr. Darcy corroborated the statement of Mr. Walsh and stated that going to the Enniscorthy fair in the dark, one morning, his horse fell six times and was practically useless after. The daily users of the road had to leave it and go an alternative route which was a roundabout way to the station and the surface was poor.

Mr. Tyrrell said the ~~poor~~ road was in a dangerous state and he considered the sides should be treated so as to allow horses to travel in safety. Quite recently a woman fell off a bicycle on this road and broke her leg.

Mr. Sweetman asked if one of the sides was treated for horse traffic would that satisfy the deputation.

Mr. Darcy said it would be necessary to treat both sides as the road was slippery for horses going up and down.

Captain Kennedy referred to several accidents which had happened on this road to horses and carts, cyclists and even motorists. He was always in terror crossing it on a horse. A man said that passing along this road was like walking on a bottle; it was dangerous even to pedestrians who had hob-nails in their shoes. The construction of the road was faulty owing to excessive camber and the use of too much tar. He believed it would be a saving in the maintenance if fine chips were rolled in during the summer with a heavy roller.

The County Surveyor said there was no doubt that that parts of this road were slippery as originally it was too much crowned. It was repaired in waterbound macadam and a camber had to be arranged to keep the water off. Heavy bitumen and chips worked up through the road and polished it. He was now using a coarser mixture which would prevent slipperiness and he would also get rid of excessive camber by filling in the sides. Unless the ratepayers were prepared to apy an extra 6d Road Rate they could not get relief all at once. But by degrees the complaint would be remedied.

Captain Kennedy said that for the last three years only one mile of this road had been treated and what were the people to do in the meantime. He suggested they should spend the money on the sides of the road and allow the middle to remain as at present.

The County Surveyor said if possible he would do the worst places on the down grade during the next year or two.

The Chairman said there was no denying that the road was slippery and that the farmers had a grievance. How quickly this could be remedied depended on how deeply the ratepayers can put their hands into their pockets. Portion of the road would be dealt with this year but the people must have patience. In the Press report of the public meeting in Clough it was stated that the Authorities had been approached more than once but would do nothing about the road. He resented that and could assure the deputation that the Council and its officials were doing what they could with the money at their disposal to remedy this and other grievances of road users.

Mr. Sweetman said that in the County Wexford there was a practice when horses were being shod to cut away the frog of the hoof. This gave a natural grip and if not interfered with would prevent the animal from slipping. The attention of horse owners should be called to this.

Mr. Keegan said the farmers using the road would be greatly benefited if they used rubber pads in the shoeing of their horses.

Captain Kennedy said that every farmer could not afford to purchase these pads. He had driven horses thousands of miles over ice in Canada and they never slipped as it was on the flat.

Col. Quin said it appeared a statement had been made at the public meeting that the Council had spent no money on this road. As a matter of fact they spent a tremendous amount.

Captain Kennedy said he quite realised that and also that the road was in first class condition outside of this complaint. There was no reflection cast on the Council or any criticism of their action at the meeting. He then thanked the Council for having heard the deputation at such length.

FINISH OF RECONSTRUCTION OF WEXFORD CLONARD ROAD

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

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at the meeting of Wexford County Council to be held on Monday, 13th November 1939, that the Council agree to borrow £550 (Five Hundred and Fifty Pounds) for further reconstruction of Road No. 774 from Wexford to Cross of Clonard Little."

This motion was circulated to members of County Council on 2nd October 1939.

Mr. Corish, in moving his motion, said that the Finance Committee had considered report from Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district, in connection with this proposal. With the exception of a small gap (approximately 60 perches) in between, this road up to Clonard Little had now been reconstructed in a very efficient manner. The gap would have been also dealt with but as the widening, strengthening and shaping of the road proved very expensive owing to the bulging up of the sides the allocation was found insufficient to complete the entire work. As a very good job could be carried out with an additional £550, the Finance Committee were unanimously in favour of the motion which he now proposed.

Mr. Kelly seconded the resolution which was adopted.

Col. Quin, in dissenting, said they should realise there was a war on and they should economise.

Mr. Colfer said there was no war in this country.

The Chairman said that the Finance Committee knew there was a war on when they recommended the County Council to agree to the motion, but they saw there was really no option but to accept it.

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NEW COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Under date 18th October 1939, letter was read from Dr. Michael F. Daly, recently appointed County Medical Officer of Health for Wexford, stating he would take up duty on the 1st December 1939.

ANALYST'S REPORT

It appeared from report of County Analyst in respect of Quarter ended 30th September 1939 that the following samples were analysed for the period:-

Foods	309
Drugs	54
Waters	<u>12</u>
Total	375.

Adulterated: 5 Milks and 3 Butters.

Six Waters (submitted by the County Wexford Board of Health) were condemned.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

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

"That renewal of licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act be granted to Laurence Doyle, The Square, Ferns."

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT

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

"That the Seal of the Wexford County Council be affixed to the Agreement fixing the Compensation to be paid to Mr. John Harney, an employee of the Council, for injury to his left hand, at £20, plus £3. 3. 0 Medical Expenses and £7. 14. 0 Costs."

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LEASE OF MOUNTGARRETT CASTLE

In connection with the decision of the County Council to take over Mountgarrett Castle, New Ross, as a National Monument, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That the Seal of the Wexford County Council be affixed to the Lease, and Counterpart thereof, from Lord Mountgarrett to the Wexford County Council of the Ruins of "Mountgarrett Castle" for the term of 150 years from the 29th September 1939, at the yearly rent of one shilling."

HEIFER LOAN SCHEME

The following resolution from Cork County Council was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That the Minister for Agriculture be asked to again put into operation the Heifer Loan Scheme, and that we circulate the various County Councils and County Committees of Agriculture to adopt this motion."

ADJOURNED TO NEXT MEETING

Consideration of the Road Works Scheme 1940-41, with application from the road workers for increased wages; motion replacing salaries of the four Assistant Surveyors on an incremental scale; motion to borrow £4,000 for reconstruction of road from Ballycullane to Fethard, between Duncannon main line at Curraghmore, via Saltmills to end of improved road at Dungulph; 3½ miles; and motion to take over as a new road the thoroughfare from Tinnock through Ballincash Upper to the county road, 1,370 yards, estimated cost of reconstruction being £429.

When these motions were reached Mr. Corish said it was too late to go into them in the time available, as the meeting of the County Committee of Agriculture at which a number of the

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members had to attend was about to start. In addition, the Finance Committee had no opportunity to consider some of the proposals.

The Chairman said that the deputations in connection with roads had taken longer than was estimated and had put up proposals that along with others would have to be considered by the Finance Committee in conjunction with the complete demand of the County Surveyor.

It was decided that the matters mentioned be dealt with at the next meeting to be held on 11th December 1939.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENTS

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

"That the several proposals for payment - including payments for Roads and Works as certified for by County Surveyor on Form 22 - presented to this meeting be and the same are hereby agreed to and that Pay Orders for same issue from this meeting."

Dennis Allen

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING - 11th DECEMBER 1939

MINUTES

County Hall,
WEXFORD.

N. J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary Wexford County Council.

The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 11th December 1939.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, T.D., Chairman (presiding); also Messrs. Moses Bolger^{J.T. Bolger}, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, John Day, Raymond Doyle, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, James Kennedy, James Lawler, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond and Myles Smyth.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor and Messrs. R. J. Ennis, Thomas Cullen, P. O'Neill and T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyors, and Dr. Daly, County Medical Officer of Health were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £23011. 15. 9d were examined and signed.

WELCOME TO DR. DALY, COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

The Chairman welcomed Dr. Daly to Wexford and hoped his lines in the County would run in pleasant places both for himself and the people. He (Chairman) was certain Dr. Daly would carry out his duties to the satisfaction of everybody.

Miss O'Ryan as Chairman of the County Board of Health extended a welcome to Dr. Daly.

The latter returned thanks for his kind reception by the Council and promised he would do his best to discharge his duties in the very best possible way.

RESIGNATION OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The following under date 10th December 1939 was read from Mr. P. Ronan, County Councillor:-

"I hereby tender my resignation as member of Wexford County Council."

Miss O'Ryan proposed the following resolution:-

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"That Mr. P. Ronan be asked to reconsider his resignation as County Councillor."

She said that Mr. Ronan had rendered very valuable service to the County Council and it would be a pity if he severed his connection with them.

Mr. Bolger seconded.

The Chairman endorsed Miss O'Ryan's observations, and stated it would be generally admitted that Mr. Ronan was a valuable member of the Council and it would be regrettable if at this late stage when the life of the Council was about to expire Mr. Ronan should leave them. He sincerely hoped that Mr. Ronan would withdraw his resignation.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 24th November 1939: The Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 24th November 1939.

Present:- Mr. Denis Allen, T.D. (Chairman) presiding; also Messrs. P. Colfer, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for the following were examined and signed:- General payments £5051. 4. 9d; Transfer to County Wexford Vocational Education Committee for Enniscorthy School (erection of) £712. 0. 5d.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following is the state of the Rate Collection to date of meeting:-

<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Percentage of Current Warrant and of three years' arrears collected.</u>
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1. P. Nolan	51.8
2. J. Curtis	50.5
3. S. Gannon	49.6
4. E. J. Murphy	49.1
5. J. J. O'Reilly	48.9
6. D. Kenny	46.6
7. J. Deegan	46.1
8. M. Kehoe	46.0
9. A. Dunne	44.9
10. P. Doyle	43.1
11. J. Flood	42.2
12. J. Cummins	41.6
13. P. Carty	41.3
14. M. McCarthy	41.1
15. W. Doyle	40.5
16. J. J. Sinnott	38.9
17. J. Quirke	38.6
18. W. Cummins	38.2

Average 44.3.

Compared with the corresponding period last year there was an improvement of 2.5 per cent.

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RATE COLLECTORS ON PENSIONABLE BASIS: In connection with the proposal of the County Council to have all their Rate Collectors placed on a pensionable and permanent basis and letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health of 7th November 1939 (G.24286/2/39) the Secretary stated that eleven Rate Collectors were concerned. Five had given the information asked for by the Department of Local Government and Public Health and the matter would be further submitted to the Finance Committee when replies from the other six were at hand.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

PROPOSED TRANSFER OF HOUSE - JOHN HOLBROOK: The following under date 17th November 1939 was read as to proposed transfer of house erected by Mr. Holbrook to his sister, Mrs. Ethel O'Duffy, was read from Messrs. J. A. Sinnott & Co., Solicitors for Mr. Holbrook:-

"We are in receipt of your letter of yesterday's date in this matter and note that our request for permission for Mr. Holbrook to assign the house and plot to his sister, Mrs. Ethel Duffy, has been adjourned pending information being supplied as to the means of the Transferee.

In reply we wish to inform you that Mrs. Duffy's husband is an employee (a shunter) of the Great Southern Railways Co., whose wages amount to approximately £3 per week.

This ought to satisfy the Council as to the means of the Transferee to make the payments required for the loan.

If required, the repayments can be guaranteed by Mr. Matthew Holbrook, father of Transferor and Transferee. Mr. Matthew Holbrook's address is also Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, and he is a Plumber and Contractor."

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

"The Finance Committee are prepared to recommend ~~the~~ the assignment of house of Mr. John Holbrook, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, to the joint names of his sister, Mrs. Ethel O'Duffy and her husband, subject to the payment by Mr. Holbrook of legal expenses connected with the assignment."

MRS. MARY J. DOYLE, GURTEEN, INCH: The following letter under date 21st November 1939 to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, from Messrs. J. A. Sinnott & Co., Solicitors, Enniscorthy, Solicitors for Mrs. Doyle, was submitted:-

"We are in receipt of your letter of the 20th instant. We have been in communication with the Housing Officer with reference to his certificate in this case. We are writing him again today about the matter and will communicate with you on hearing from him."

JOSEPH KAVANAGH, MACOYLE: The following under date 22nd November 1939 (H.27991/2/1939) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 16th instant regarding the proposal of the Wexford County Council to make an advance of £200 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Mr. Joseph Kavanagh in respect of a house at Macoyale Upper, Inch, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he is advised that the reasonable market value of this house is £260 and he is not prepared to sanction an advance exceeding £150."

The Secretary stated that Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, was communicating with Mr. Kavanagh to ascertain if he were prepared to accept the £150.

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER

The following letter under date 10th November 1939 (L.4030-39) was read from Department of Agriculture:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state, for the information of the Local Authority, that it appears from the report of a Departmental Veterinary Inspector who recently inspected sheep-dipping arrangements in County Wexford that the use of the dipping station on the premises of Dipping Inspector M. J. Hennessy at Monamolin cannot but be attended, in existing circumstances, with serious risk of contamination of a nearby stream. It is stated that the bath - an iron one of 200 gallons capacity - is sunk immediately beside the stream which flows away under the roadway and on through fields which are not the property of Mr. Hennessy. The Inspector recommends that the bath be removed to the end of the pen farthest from the stream, and also points out the need for an effective pump and repairs to the surfaces of the draining and catch pens.

The Minister will, accordingly, be glad to learn that steps will be taken, as recommended, to eliminate any risk of water pollution before the station is again used for dipping purposes, and to effect other improvements as indicated.

On the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Kelly, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That copy of the letter of Department of Agriculture under date 10th November 1939 (No. 4030-39) relative to removal of sheep Swim Bath at Monomolin, Rathnure, be furnished Mr. M. J. Hennessey, owner of Bath and that he be instructed same must be removed to a site which will satisfy Mr. F. W. Taylor, M.R.C.V.S., Veterinary Inspector of the district."

The Secretary stated that Mr. Hennessy had called to County Council Office and stated he would remove the bath in accordance with any instructions received from the County Council.

The following letter under date 16th November 1939 was read from Mr. Patrick Ormonde, Ballyellis, Carnew, Lay

Sheep Dipping Inspector (Gorey District):-

"The following did not dip nor comply with the dipping regulations:-

Miss Bridget McDonald, Monaseed, Gorey.

Joseph Doyle, Kilnahue, Gorey.

William Somers, Kilanerin, Inch.

Doyle and Somers did not dip in 1938 dipping period."

Mr. Hennessy, Monamolin, Rathmure, Lay Sheep Dipping Inspector, reported that John Murphy, Senior, Ballindoney, Ballywilliam, and John Leary, Ballindoney, Bantry Commons, had failed to dip their sheep within the dipping period.

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

"That the County Solder be directed to institute proceedings against the following sheep owners who are reported as having failed to dip their sheep within the specified dipping period:-

Miss Bridget McDonald, Monaseed, Gorey.

Joseph Doyle, Kilnahue, Gorey.

William Somers, Kilanerin, Inch.

John Murphy, Senior, Ballindoney, Ballywilliam.

John Leary, Ballindoney, Bantry Commons."

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PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME

The meeting considered Provisional Road Works Scheme for 1940-41 as furnished each County Councillor.

The total amount for Roads was £116320 made up as follows:-

	£.
Main Roads	55296
County Roads	55494
Contingencies	2200
Relief	<u>3330</u>
Total	£116320

The allocation agreed to by the present Council for 1934-35 was £55,755 and a similar figure was fixed for 1935-36. For 1937-38 the figure was increased to £57130 and for the two years 1938/39 and 1939/40 the figure was £61,756 for Roads alone.

The County Surveyor held that the increase for the past two years as compared with 1937-38 was of little assistance to road maintenance owing to the expenditure for Conditions of Employment Act, curtailment of hours, week's holiday and increase in Insurance Rates for Workmen's Compensation Acts.

The Chairman pointed out that the following loans expired in the current year:-

	£.
Main Roads	1248
Relief Loan No. 1	874
Co. Roads Account - Deeps Bridge	<u>278</u>
	2400.

This amount less £780 (new loans), viz., £1620, would be available for County Roads which when compared with the main roads are in a poor condition.

As a preliminary the Chairman proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the County Council be recommended to agree to the following allocation for Roads for financial year 1940-41 as per Road Works Scheme:-

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	<u>1940-41</u>	<u>1939-40</u>
	<u>£.</u>	<u>£.</u>
Main Roads	30,000	33,980
County Roads	30,756	27,776
Special Works (County Roads)	<u>1,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	61,756	61,756.

That the County Council be further recommended to arrange that a substantial portion of the increase for County Roads as compared with last year's allocation be set aside. for special repair such as approaches to Churches and Schools. That the Council be further recommended to raise the equivalent of a rate of twopence in the £, viz., £3000 on the Rural area of the County to be allocated to roads other than Main or link and that the County Surveyor make special recommendations to Councillors as to the expenditure of this amount. This allocation would cover ordinary improvement for Fethard Road and also Roads in a somewhat similar category, but not the provision of steamrolling.

That the total allocation for Roads be recommended by the Finance Committee as follows:-

	<u>1940-41</u>	<u>1939-40</u>
	<u>£.</u>	<u>£.</u>
Main Roads	30,000	33,980
County Roads	33,756	27,776
Special Work	<u>1,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	64,756	61,756.

This will mean an extra allocation on County Roads of £6980 as compared with current year."

It was further decided that the County Surveyor in consultation with County Councillors prepare a scheme of special works for submission to the Council and embracing the £1000 recommended by Finance Committee for special works on County Roads.

The Chairman said that the figures recommended by the Finance Committee would give substantially the same Road Rate,

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for next financial year (1940-41) as for current year (1939-40). The special provision for Wexford Bridge will not be necessary in the coming year.

ROAD WORKERS AND INCREASE OF WAGES

The following resolution of Finance Committee of meeting of 27th October 1939 came up for consideration:-

"That the application for increased wages for County Council workers be considered at meeting at which Provisional Road Works Scheme will be presented."

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That we recommend the County Council to increase the wages of their ordinary road and quarry workers from 30/- to 31s. 6d per week."

SALARIES OF FOUR ASSISTANT SURVEYORS

With reference to the application of Messrs. J. F. Birthistle, Thomas Cullen, R. J. Ennis and P. O'Neill, to have their salaries placed on an incremental scale the Chairman said the question of placing the Survey Staff on an incremental basis would have to be considered by the County Manager, and that being the case, it was better that the County Council should take no action in this matter for the present.

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ROAD MATTERS

ROAD BALLYCULLANE TO FETHARD: The following motion, which was circulated to County Councillors on 16th August 1939 and consideration of which had been adjourned from a previous meeting, stood in the name of Mr. Corish:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at the meeting of Wexford County Council to be held on Monday, 9th day of October 1939, that the Council agree to borrow £4000 (Four thousand pounds) for the reconstruction of Road from Ballycullane to Fethard between Duncannon Main Line at Curraghmore via Saltmills to end of improved road at Dungulph, length, approximately $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Roads 817, 843 and 845 (parts of)."

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

"That we recommend the Council to agree to expend £4000 on improvement of Road from Ballycullane to Fethard between Duncannon Main Line at Curraghmore via Saltmills to end of improved road at Dungulph provided that half cost of the work be forthcoming from State Funds."

BALLINCASH LANE - PROPOSED AS PUBLIC ROAD: The following motion in the name of Mr. Kelly was adjourned from a previous meeting:-

"That Wexford County Council take over as a new road the thoroughfare from Main Road No. L.30 No. 40 Enniscorthy to Oulart from Tinnock Cross through Ballincash Upper to County Road No. 411 - approximate length 1370 lineal yards estimated cost of reconstruction £429."

(This motion was advertised in compliance with Section 25(2) of Local Government Act 1925).

Mr. Kelly agreed that consideration of this motion should be further postponed.

ENNISCORTHY FOOTPATHS: The following letter under date 21st November 1939 was read from the Town Clerk, Enniscorthy:-

"I am directed to transmit the following resolution, which has been adopted by Enniscorthy Urban District Council:-

That the attention of Wexford County Council be directed to the need for laying down new footpaths at Main Street, Enniscorthy, leading to the Cathedral."

In reply to the Chairman the County Surveyor said the amount for maintenance of main roads in Urban districts, was approximately the amount of the Rate which would be raised in these areas for the purpose. He did not recommend the present application as there were more urgent works required and at present there was a good flagged footpath leading to the Cathedral, Enniscorthy, which evidently it was proposed to replace by concrete.

The meeting approved of the recommendation of the County Surveyor.

CUSH GAP: The following letter under date 6th October 1939 from Mr. Laurence Murphy, Ballyconnigar Upper, Blackwater (adjourned for report of County Surveyor) was read:-

"Reference to the above matter which was before your Council meeting in the early Summer. The following landowners i.e., Thomas O'Brien, Laurence Murphy and Mrs. M. E. Sinnott, whose lands adjoin the Roadway at Cush Gap where the Chute existed, give notice to the Council that unless the Water Chute is erected there before the coming Winter and Rain Storms they will take proceedings for compensation in respect of any damage as a result of same. We disagree with every word of the County Surveyor in respect of his Report in this matter and would point out that it is not the Coast Erosion that is responsible for removal of Chute. The Blocks erected on the Beach at this point are still there, they are covered in the strand. The damage to the Water Chute is caused by the overhead water and if a properly erected

structure was placed there it would remain so for years without any loss or damage. We would refer to the Chute erected at Knocknasilloogue Gap and would suggest a similar erection at this Gap. It must be realised by the County Council that besides the loss of Lands and Houses the only Water Supply in the townland is endangered as a result of the removal of the Chute. Only a few years ago I was personally speaking to Mr. Barry on this spot or site and he gave them to understand they were compelled to keep that Chute there.

We ask the Council to take this matter seriously and have this very important matter reviewed."

The following report was read from the County Surveyor:-

"I made special inspection of Cush Gap and Knocknasilloogue Gap. In regard to the latter the slope to the Sea is gradual, and there is a roadway down to the shore. There is a galvanized iron trough running below roadway which is easily put in position with a few stakes. There is no extensive coast erosion at this place. At Cush Gap the road and footpath have been completely washed away owing to the coast erosion. Some time ago we put up a very elaborate troughing to carry surface water from the road, and at the end of this it was protected with heavy concrete work. This has all been washed away, and the concrete blocks over-turned. Coast erosion has been entirely responsible for the damage at this Gap, and very extensive works would be necessary at this place, but I do not consider circumstances, at the present time would warrant this."

It was decided that Mr. Murphy be furnished with copy of report of County Surveyor re Cush Gap.

DEFAULTING ROAD CONTRACTORS: The following report under date 11th November 1939 from Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

"I shall be glad if you will bring the following Road Contractors before County Council as Defaulters:-

John Leary, Oulart	Road No. 425
William McGill, Ballingowan, Blackwater	" " 445
John Kinsella, Oylegate	" " 535
James Walsh, Kereight, Kyle	" " 623."

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

"That the County Council be recommended that Road Contractors who are reported as in default should be relieved of their contracts and that these be placed in charge of County Surveyor; or otherwise, the Council make such order as the County Surveyor believes most advisable for the upkeep of the roads concerned."

Miss O'Ryan raised the question of a contractor whose quarter's pay was £4. 5. 0 but who received Pay Order for £1. 5. 0 only. She did not think it right that the contractor had not been furnished with some statement as to the particular section of his contract which had not been carried out. This man was very badly needing the money and she believed his road was very well kept - in fact a model for many other contractors. In her opinion Assistant Surveyors should keep in touch with their Contractors from time to time during the year, more particularly those who were in default and explain to them why money was deferred or struck off. It would be very difficult in many instances to explain this by correspondence.

The County Surveyor pointed out that the contractor in question had been paid in full for the previous quarter so that on a contract of £8. 10s. he had received £5. 10s, more than $\frac{2}{3}$ of his full amount. He (County Surveyor) understood that this contractor had only $\frac{2}{3}$ of his material provided in time. The Assistant Surveyors were instructed to notify every contractor not paid in full and give reasons for the

Deficiency in the payment. As a matter of fact, the Surveyors were supplied with post cards for this purpose.

Miss O'Ryan considered that it was not too much to ask the Assistant Surveyors to see the Road Contractors of their districts a couple of times each year and discuss road maintenance with them.

It was decided to refer this matter to County Surveyor for report.

RATHOLIN LANE: The following under date 13th November was read from Mr. Matthew Treacy, Ratholin, Killinick:-

"I have again to call your attention to the lane and I am asking for the last 5 years to have something done to it. Now, Mr. Nolan, Rate Collector, can tell you he saw a shaft breaking out of the car with a load and a wheel broke next day. It is in a terrible state. I don't see any good in telling Mr. Barry. If a couple of lorry loads of stones was got it would help to fill up the deep holes. Would you, for God's sake, do something for me - but I must pay the rates. I don't blame you, Mr. Frizelle; I am sure you will do your best for me."

It was decided to make further representations to the Office of Public Works for grant under Minor Relief Schemes Vote for repair of Ratholin Lane.

FLOODING AT MAYGLASS

The following under date 13th November 1939 was read from Rev. H. E. Lambert, C.C., Mayglass and six other ratepayers:-

"We, the undersigned, being ratepayers in the Electoral Division of Mayglass, hereby request you to be good enough to bring before your Committee, at an early date, that the area stretching from the Railway Crossing to Churchlands suffers much from flooding, owing to defective shores &c., resulting in serious damage to crops and poultry, and great inconvenience

to schoolchildren and people attending Mass through flooding of the Chapel and School-yards.

And we call on the County Council to take immediate steps to have this long-standing grievance remedied."

The following report was read from County Surveyor:-

"A recommendation to deal with this matter under a Minor Employment Scheme has already been forwarded to the Office of Works. The list of Works to be carried out has been received this morning from Office of Works, but this is not included."

FLOODING AT BLACKSTONE

Consideration of the following letter from Mr. A. Cleary, Blackstone, Duncormack, was adjourned from a previous meeting for report of County Surveyor:-

"I wish to ask you on my own behalf and on behalf of the tenants here in Blackstone when is the work to be carried out in the cleaning of this drain here in Blackstone leading to the sea. It was to have been done before the winter but now we have winter and very bad weather, it is already flooded and we cannot get to our houses or lands. Kindly do the best you can in the matter. We are in a very bad way. We have always paid our rates without any difficulty and we cannot get this badly needed work done; we will not pay any rates until something is done as it is in a very bad way.

There is a very dangerous turn when coming down the hill, The road is all broken away and it is nearly impossible for cars or lorries to come up or down at all. There is nothing done with it for the past year. I hope you will do your best to see to this without delay and greatly oblige."

The County Surveyor reported:-

"I made special inspection of this place. The County Road is slightly flooded at the far end but this is not the main cause of complaint. The laneway (not a County one) leads off the County Road, and this is frequently flooded,

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and is a great hardship and inconvenience to a large number of people using same. The matter has already been brought to the notice of the Office of Public Works as a very suitable job to be undertaken under Minor Employment Schemes. I, personally, consider that the work should be undertaken in this manner. I may note that this work has not been included in list from Office of Works received this morning."

It was decided that County Surveyor should make further representations in the matter to the Office of Public Works.

CLAIM FOR INJURY TO MILL AT EDENVALE

The following under date 18th November 1939 was read from Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan, Solicitors, Wexford, on behalf of Shortle Bros., Castlebridge:-

"Messrs. Shortle Bros. have been with us in reference to their claim against the County Council for damage to their Mill at Edenvale by blasting operations carried on by the County Council in Edenvale Quarry and they brought before us your letter to them of the 24th March last in reply to their letter of the 7th March complaining of further damage. In connection with the statement of the County Surveyor that Messrs. Shortle Bros. made no specific claim, we desire to point out that on the 3rd October 1938 we wrote to the County Surveyor giving him the substance of a report made to us by Mr. T. J. Millar regarding the damage to the roof of the mill and the roof of the store, and adding that on hearing from him that he was prepared to put the work in hands in accordance with a specification to be prepared by Mr. Millar and under his supervision, we would send specification. The only reply we received to this letter was one asking for detailed estimates of the full claim. Presumably this request referred to the statement in our letter that Mr. Millar was not in a position to report regarding damage to the walls of the mill without making an extensive survey of

the quarry and mill premises. This survey our clients have not yet made but they insist that their claim in respect of damage to the roof should be dealt with immediately. The estimated cost of the necessary repairs is £50 and as the County Surveyor did not reply to the request contained in our letter of the 3rd October 1938 in relation thereto, we have now to inform you that we have received definite instructions to take immediate proceedings against the County Council unless we receive within a week from this date cheque in settlement of the claim as ascertained, together with the cost and expenses incurred by our clients as under:-

Estimated amount to repair the damage to the	
roof	£50. 0. 0
Mr. Millar's fee for inspection and report	3. 3. 0
Our cost in connection with the matter	<u>3. 3. 0</u>
	£56. 6. 0"

The following report was read from County Surveyor:-

"The Insurance Company have been furnished with full particulars of this matter from the start, and every letter in connection with same has been furnished to them. We can take no further action until the Insurance Company authorise us or proceedings are taken."

CLAIM FOR INJURY TO BOAT

The following under date 14th November 1939 was read from Mr. C. M. Clifford Gibbons, The Kraal, Kilmore Quay:-

It is now two years since the fishermen of Kilmore Quay appealed to you to do repairs to the fitting out basin of the harbour here. In spite of a further reminder nothing whatsoever has been done to it, with the result that my fishing boat has been severely damaged during the recent gale. As I hold you by your negligence entirely responsible for this disaster I will be sending you the bill for repairs as soon as I have found out what it will cost to carry out same."

The following report from Mr. P. Kehoe, Harbour Master,

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under date 22nd November 1939 was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

"Your letter of the 18th instant to hand, and I beg to report as follows:-

On Wednesday 8th instant there was an exceptionally high tide due to Spring Tides together with strong South-West wind. Mr. Clifford Gibbons' fishing boat was at the time moored in the "fitting-out" basin, and at high tide (approximately 4 o'clock p.m.) on the date in question she burst her moorings and damaged herself against the outer wall of the basin. The damage as far as I can ascertain consists of broken stern and stern posts, propellor shaft bent and propellor damaged."

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Kelly, to inform Mr. Gibbons that the Finance Committee repudiate liability for the accident to his boat at Kilmore Quay in the circumstances as set out in the report of the Harbour Master.

CLAIM FOR INJURY AT ROSSLARE STRAND

The following under date 20th November 1939 was read from Jeanie Johnston, White House, Rosslare Strand:-

"I wish to notify you that on the evening of the 3rd instant at about 6.30 p.m., I met with an accident owing to a large stone being placed on the footpath outside Mr. Nicholas Lambert's house in Rosslare.

I understand the stone was placed in position to support a board against a new concrete wall being built by the County Council in front of Mr. Lambert's residence.

The stone was almost two feet long and nearly reached the centre of the footpath.

It was quite dark at the time, there being no street lights or Moon and I tripped on the stone and fell forward bruising my left knee and wrenching the muscles. My leg has become very painful and I have had to get medical treatment."

The County Surveyor said that Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, would furnish report in this matter. He, (County Surveyor) had engaged a sub-contract^{or} for the work at Rosslare and in any case if there was any liability full particulars of the claim had been furnished the Insurance Company.

BARMONEY QUARRY

In connection with work at Barmoney Quarry there was issued from the County Surveyor's Offices official order to Jasper Codd, Hayestown, Wexford, to procure quarry dust. He appeared before the meeting and stated that on 9th instant when he went to draw the dust the Ganger, John Donovan, did not allow him to take it and in the course of a dispute between them he alleged he was assaulted by Donovan. He continued to draw the balance of the order for dust in spite of Donovan's objection.

John Donovan, Ganger, who also attended, explained that when Mr. Codd came to the quarry there were many orders in hand and he explained to Mr. Codd that until those had been filled the dust for him was not available. Mr. Codd resented this and Mr. Donovan alleged that Mr. Codd struck him with a shovel. He produced a doctor's certificate as to his injuries to support this.

Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, said he would be glad to see that some regulation was kept in the quarry. Donovan was a very satisfactory man. He had more orders in hand than he could fill and it was necessary that regulation in filling these orders should be observed.

After further discussion it was decided that no action be taken in regard to the incident between Messrs. Codd and Donovan in view of the probability of Court proceedings.

As regards drawing of quarry dust it was decided that in future a statement should appear on Official Orders that they would be filled in order of priority and unless in very special circumstances a different rule would be made.

TOMGARROW QUARRY

The following report under date 11th November 1939 was submitted by the County Surveyor from Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor:-

"I have to report that on yesterday, 10th instant, the Ganger in charge of above Quarry (Walter Bradley) suspended one of the workmen, Martin Crosbie. I understand that Crosbie was working in the quarry with a number of other men, when his son came to him, and he left his work without notifying the Ganger, or getting permission.

The Ganger at the time thought he was going to the Quarry Hut, but in a short time found he had gone home, and he immediately followed and suspended him."

The County Surveyor stated that Martin Crosbie had been suspended for about a week and he considered this to be sufficient punishment for his neglect of duty. The Finance Committee approved of the County Surveyor's action in the matter.

TEMPORARY CLERICAL ASSISTANT

The following under date 10th November 1939 (G.4508/17/39) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 30th ultimo and I am to state that he has sanctioned the continued employment of a temporary clerical assistant for a further period of two months from the 1st instant with remuneration at the rate of £2. 10. 0 per week."

SUPERANNUATION MISS JANE O'KELLY, DOMESTIC ECONOMY INSTRUCTRESS

The following under date 10th November 1939 was read from Mr. A. K. Killeen, Chief Executive Officer, Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee:-

"I enclose extract of minutes of meeting of my Committee held on the 7th instant at which a superannuation allowance of £84: 19: 8 together with Cost of Living Bonus thereon, with effect as from 25th June, 1939, was awarded to Miss Jane O'Kelly recently retired Domestic Economy Instructress at Enniscorthy Technical School.

I also enclose for your information copy of a letter from the Department of Education (Technical Instruction Branch) dealing with the matter.

My Committee's resolution is still subject to the sanction of the Minister of Local Government and Public Health, who is also being forwarded a copy of the resolution."

The Secretary stated that the Committee were empowered by Section 25 of the Vocational Education Act 1930 to grant this superannuation. The County Council had to pay the amount but half was recouped by the State.

PRINTING RATE BOOKS FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1940-41

Two tenders were received for the printing of Rate Books for 1940-41, viz., Messrs. Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy £40 and Messrs. English & Co., Quay, Wexford £25. (The price for this work for current year was £37).

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

"That the tender of Messrs. English & Co., Quay, Wexford, for printing Rate Books for next financial year at £25 be accepted."

NEXT MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That as the date of next meeting of Finance Committee falls on December 8th 1939 (which is a Catholic Holyday) the said meeting be held on the 7th December 1939."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 24th November 1939 be received and considered!"

PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME: The Chairman said that in effect the recommendation of the Finance Committee would mean they would raise the same amount of money this year for roads. They would have additional money for third-class roads on account of loans expiring and the 2d they spent last year on Wexford bridge.

The County Surveyor went in detail into the figures and said that as the Council did not see their way to give an increase the allocation was the most reasonable they could make.

Chairman - We have given an increase.

County Surveyor - The Rate would be the same.

Miss O'Ryan - You will get for roads the amount raised for Wexford bridge last year.

County Surveyor - And £1,200 odd on loans that expired.

In reply to Mr. Corish the County Surveyor said that he was allocating £500 for repair of Wexford Bridge and there would be a balance left for it from the current allocation.

Miss O'Ryan thought the scheme was very reasonable, because all the Councillors and the general public could see for themselves that the Council and the County Surveyor had done very well for main roads. The main roads were good, and the Finance Committee thought that, without doing away with the grant they were getting for main roads some of the money should be allocated to the third-class roads, so that they could begin now and see that the third class roads would be brought up to a reasonable state of perfection. They had gone into the matter very carefully, and she did not think the Council would improve on the proposals put forward

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that extra money be put on the thirdclass roads.

Chairman - We will lose £703 of a grant by reducing the main roads.

Mr. Doyle said they had laid out a considerable amount on the main roads to put them into good condition, and judging by the general trend of things they might expect that the traffic on those main roads would be less for some time. Even that was indicated to-day due to petrol restrictions and other factors. The third-class roads through the country ~~were~~ were in very bad condition and they would expect that in view of increased tillage, they would have more use for the roads and more traffic on them. He thought that in so far as the amount for main roads was concerned it should have suffered a bigger reduction.

Mr. T. Redmond thought the recommendation was a very wise one. He agreed that the main roads had improved considerably in the last few years, and if improvement continued, they would be good in a short time, and thought it was a wise move to transfer some of the money from the main roads to third and fourth-class roads, because they were in a bad state, especially in the part of the country from which he came.

Mr. M. Redmond said the Council agreed to an increase in the road estimate two years ago on condition that third and fourth-class roads came in for special treatment. Some roads in his area were specified, and those roads had not received the special treatment although the Council agreed to raise the estimate so that they should be put in proper repair - 4d in the £, he thought.

The Chairman said that the County Surveyor explained that portion of that extra money that they put up some years ago was eaten up in the holiday fund and the hours of work of the workers were reduced about the same time. That made a serious inroad on the increase given for the roads at that time.

In reference to the passing that day of a proposition to raise a loan of £2,000 for the reconstruction of a road, the Chairman said that if that were agreed to by the Local Government Department and the Department agreed to give £2,000 grant, the interest and sinking fund would have to come out of the allocation they were now making for roads. He thought the Council should set their faces and tell the County Surveyor and decide themselves, that no further money would be put up during the year than the £61,400 - that that should meet the maintenance of all roads and all contingencies during the coming year.

Mr. O'Byrne said he did not think they could do any better than they had done because undoubtedly third and fourth class roads wanted any improvement that they could afford to give them.

The adoption of the Finance Committee's recommendation in regard to the Road Works' Scheme was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. T. Redmond and adopted.

ROAD WORKERS AND INCREASE OF WAGES: The adoption of the recommendation of the Finance Committee was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly.

Miss O'Ryan - We knew that with the increased cost of living and one thing or another, our road workers would be coming to us and would have a very good claim. Insurance is very heavy - 1s. 5d - and we thought that if we gave a figure corresponding to insurance, they would have the figure they are getting at present, free.

Chairman - It was not for the purpose of paying insurance. It was really to meet the cost of living.

Mr. Kelly - It means 1s. 6d a week to the road workers

Mr. Corish - Any chance of going a bit higher?

Chairman - I think we are acting as reasonably as we can.

The Chairman added that they would have to be very

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definite in regard to the allocation for roads. If the loan for the road that had been referred to by Mr. T. Redmond were agreed to, it would have to come out of the estimate too. The County Surveyor would have to find the interest and sinking fund of that loan.

The recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted unanimously.

Following consideration of the proposal to increase wages of ordinary Road workers from 30/- to 31s. 6d the Chairman said:- As you have agreed to these increases I would point out you may have an increase in rates in the coming year, because provisions for the Board of Health and the Mental Hospital are going up very sharply and you are bound to have to face some increase in the coming year. The fact that you didn't increase the amount for roads doesn't mean that you won't have some increase. It is well that the Council should bear that in mind when passing the estimate - whether they should have reduced the estimate. I am wondering about what might happen later on.

Mr. Doyle - Would it be possible to make a survey of activities of the Council to see if, in this time of urgency, there is some service that could be laid aside? You might set up a committee.

Mr. Corish - That might bring unemployment in its train.

Chairman - The Council will try as far as possible to carry on normally and give the normal amount of employment, but there may be directions in which the County Surveyor can, without reducing employment have savings. I am not at all happy that we aren't spending a good deal of money on, say, petrol and lorries and things like that. The County Surveyor probably could try to make some saving on these or certainly he should look after them very closely. Here is what may be happening all the time, and I think, if examined,

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it is happening - that although we give an increase on roads - and year after year we have given a good number of increases in the lifetime of the Council - a lot of that money is eaten up in petrol, extra tar and machinery, and the roads get no benefit so I think we should issue a warning to the County Surveyor that this increase of £7,000 on third-class roads should be definitely spent on providing material for those roads.

Mr. Bowe remarked that it was not customary to have those roads tarred.

Chairman - But we are spending more on machinery. We have a big number of rollers and a lot of lorries and I think a lot of our money is being spent on these. I would like to ask the County Surveyor to be as careful as possible in regard to expenditure on machinery and things like that, that give no return in the matter of labour.

SALARIES ASSISTANT SURVEYORS: Mr. Corish moved his adjourned motion that the salaries of the four Assistant Surveyors, viz., Messrs. J. F. Birthistle, R. J. Ennis, T. Cullen and P. O'Neill, be placed on an incremental basis. He said he had pointed out at a previous meeting that out of the 28 administrative areas in this country Wexford was practically the only place in which the Assistant Surveyors are not on an incremental salary. The average service of the assistant surveyors in County Wexford was eighteen years and the proposed increments were £10 a year up to a certain figure and £15 a year afterwards up to an agreed maximum. All the figures had been given at a previous meeting. If the motion was agreed to, the cost to the County Council would be only £40 in the first year and the maximum outlay when it was reached in twelve years would be £500. The Assistant Surveyors had a good deal of travelling to do and owing to the cost of petrol their

expenses had increased considerably. The average salaries of the Assistant Surveyors at present was £275 and they were asking for an incremental scale with a maximum of £400 a year.

Mr. Kelly seconded.

Mr. T. Redmond said that conditions had changed since this was before the Council previously. The price of petrol had increased and he thought the Council should give the motion favourable consideration.

Miss O'Ryan said she was not against giving officials good pay so as to ensure good service to the Council, but apart from the question of whether the Council could afford to give an increase, she thought the time was not opportune because in a short time there would be a change in the management of the County and all these matters would be placed on a different basis. It would not be fair for the Council to make a change in conditions of their employees who may be affected by the change in management later on.

The Chairman said that was the only reason he had in mind for the postponement of the motion, but whether a postponement would be an injustice to the Surveyors or not was another matter. When Mr. Corish first proposed his motion the Council promised to consider it at this meeting in connection with the Roads Scheme.

Mr. Corish - They may be given higher increments by the Manager.

Mr. Doyle said the amount allowed to the Assistant Surveyors for travelling expenses, £175 a year, probably gave them a profit on the actual expenses and brought the salaries up from £275 to £450. It was put forward that the County Wexford Assistant Surveyors were the worst paid in the country. He did not see that, from the circular sent to the members by the Assistant Surveyors. The general condition of the ratepayers at present hardly

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justified an increase and he suggested that the travelling expenses allowed could be reduced and the salaries increased by a corresponding amount so that it would not increase the burden on the Council.

Mr. M. Redmond said that the County Council's term of office was practically expired or would expire after a few months. The cost of living had increased since they considered the matter before. The application had been refused twelve months ago because the Council came to the conclusion that the Assistant Surveyors were as well off all that time as they had been for a number of years previously, but in the altered conditions of the present time he would be in favour of the motion, only for the life of the Council being so near expiration. He was sure the application would be fully considered under the new administration, and under all the circumstances he was in favour of the Finance Committee's recommendation to defer the matter.

Mr. Bowe said he agreed with Mr. Redmond and would support Miss O'Ryan's proposition.

Mr. Doyle said the Minister for Finance stated recently that we have to pay for our neutrality in the war and he presumed that the Assistant Surveyors would have to bear their share too.

Miss O'Ryan said she would be willing to meet the Assistant Surveyors by giving them something like 1d per mile extra or a bonus on their travelling expenses for the present, towards their out-of-pocket expenses.

Mr. Lawlor was in favour of this suggestion.

The Chairman said the £175 allowed to the Assistant Surveyors for travelling expenses was something above the average in other counties. There would be an amalgamation of the services within the coming year if the County Management Bill became law in its present form, and it was the policy of the Local Government Department to amalgamate

the services of the engineers of the County Councils and Health Boards. That was why he favoured an adjournment of the application. If the matter was urgent he would suggest reducing the travelling expenses to £150 and increasing the salaries; which would be of more advantage to the Assistant Surveyors on retiring, because it was the salaries counted towards superannuation.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, said the Chairman was mistaken about the travelling expenses in other counties. The Assistant Surveyors in Wexford worked out their mileage and found that the travelling allowance averaged 3.7 pence a mile, whereas in most other counties the allowance was 5d to 6d per mile.

The Chairman said this was a limit of £100 in some Counties so he was told by the Local Government Department. No county reached £170.

Mr. Ennis said that in many counties the travelling expenses at 5d and 6d a mile reached £250, but in County Wexford the allowance was commuted to a fixed sum of £175.

Miss O'Ryan - It would be grossly unfair for us to bring in anything that might prejudice the new administration. As a temporary measure she would propose a small bonus on travelling expenses to cover the present period of stress.

Mr. Keegan - How will that affect the people who ~~have~~ have to pay the piper. If you make four divisions of £40 it is sure to be cheaper than the bonus.

Mr. Doyle proposed and Mr. Bolger seconded that the recommendation of the Finance Committee to postpone the matter be adopted.

Miss O'Ryan proposed that the travelling expenses allowance be increased from £175 to £200.

Chairman - That would cost more than Mr. Corish's motion.

Mr. Keegan - It would be £30 each compared with a total of £40.

Miss O'Ryan withdrew her proposition.

The Chairman said that there was a big principle involved. The war had only started and the County Council had a big number of workers to pay, Mental Hospital, Health Board and their own employees and they would find it very hard to resist demands for increased wages from these people if they started now by giving an increase to the surveyors. They had not given any increase to the road gangers. The only increases they gave were to the lowest-paid, the road workers, to whom they gave 1s. 6d a week. The amalgamation of services would be a fundamental feature under the County Manager who would have the right to fix an equitable salary for all officers subject to sanction by the Local Government Department.

Mr. Corish - The Bill may be amended.

Chairman - If the Bill was passed it will come into operation next June. It is expected that there will be a County Council election in June.

On a show of hands the recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted by eleven votes to four.

BALLYCULLANE - FETHARD ROAD: Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Tourist Association be requested to approach the Minister for Local Government and Public Health with a view to securing a State Grant of fifty per cent of the cost of repairing Ballycullane-Fethard Road, as both Duncannon and Fethard are important watering places."

Mr. Redmond and Mr. Kennedy complained of the condition of the road from Ramsgrange Cross to Portersgate. From Kilbride Cross to Portersgate they described as the worst road in the area - far worse than the road on which

according to the motion of Mr. Corish they proposed spending £4000.

Mr. Redmond held that New Ross Area had certainly the worst roads in the County. He advocated that the £4000 recommended for the Ballycullane-Fethard Road should be divided and £2000 of the amount spent on the road from Ramsgrange Cross to Porter's Gate.

Mr. Colfer said that £2000 would do very little on either of these roads.

The Chairman agreed with the statements of Messrs. T. Redmond and Kennedy as to Road - Ramsgrange Cross to Porters Gate - being one of the worst in the County when the traffic it had to bear was taken into consideration. They should not forget that the Department of Local Government and Public Health had already turned down the application for a grant for the Ballycullane Fethard Road as there was a main road parallel to it.

After further discussion, it was decided on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Colfer, that the recommendation of the Finance Committee to expend £4000 on Road from Ballycullane to Fethard be accepted provided a State Grant of 50% for reconstruction be forthcoming.

Mr. T. Redmond gave the following notice of motion for consideration at meeting of County Council to be held in February 1940:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at the meeting of Wexford County Council to be held on 12th February 1940 that the County Council consent to borrow £4,000 (Four Thousand Pounds) for the reconstruction of Road, Ramsgrange Cross to Porter's Gate, main road from New Ross to the Hook, this proposal to be conditional on 50% of expenditure on said Road being provided by State Grant."

Mr. T. Redmond proposed and Mr. Kennedy seconded the following resolution:-

"That the Tourist Association be requested to approach Minister for Local Government and Public Health with a view to securing a State Grant of 50% of the cost of reconstructing road from Ramsgrange Cross to Porter's Gate as this road is constantly used by tourists to the Southern watering places of the County."

Passed.

ENNISCORTHY FOOTPATHS: Mr. Lawlor said that the footpath in question was most uneven and most unpleasant to walk on.

The County Surveyor said that the piece of path at the other side of the Cathedral in Enniscorthy had been concreted and the application was to join up with this to end at Irish Street. It was a question of finance.

The Chairman saw no reason why out of the money allowed for maintenance of main roads to Enniscorthy Urban Council by the County Council the Urban Council should not concrete this piece of footpath.

In reply to query the County Surveyor said that the Urban Districts were paid a flat rate per mile for the maintenance of the main roads in their areas.

Mr. Corish held that the flat rate was not sufficient for proper maintenance.

County Surveyor said that the allowance for maintenance of all main roads was an average of £92 per mile. In Enniscorthy Urban for something under two miles of main Roads £300 had been allowed in the current year. New Ross Urban with almost a similar mileage to Enniscorthy was allotted £250 and Wexford Urban for $2\frac{3}{4}$ miles £300. This year there was also a special allocation of £50. As Urban Councils had to pay higher wages than the County Council for rural work the Urbans were given a higher figure.

CUSH GAP: The County Surveyor said he had seen some of the people concerned recently and he was considering if any system could be devised to meet the situation. It had been suggested to cut back the slope. He would look into the matter again.

TOMGARROW QUARRY: Mr. M. Redmond said that Crosbie was informed by his son that a cow of his was dying and became so flustered he left the quarry without informing the Ganger. Crosbie admitted that he passed the Ganger on his way from the quarry. He (Mr. Redmond) was not making any apology for what Crosbie did but wished to explain that what happened was not a deliberate neglect of duty.

Mr. Keegan raised the point as to Gangers, according to the resolution of the Council, not having power to suspend workers. This was a matter in the hands of the Assistant Surveyors.

Mr. T. Redmond believed that subject to confirmation by the Assistant Surveyor he believed that Gangers should have the power of suspension.

The County Surveyor said that the Ganger should have power to take immediate action in the case of neglect of duty or disobedience to lawful orders. If he did not act properly the Assistant Surveyor or the County Council would deal with him. Without the Gangers having some power discipline could not be maintained.

Mr. Colfer asked why had Crosbie been allowed to remain so long idle.

The County Surveyor said he had to wait for the decision of the Finance Committee in the matter.

Mr. Bolger said that Gangers should have power to direct the men what to do and if the Ganger had any complaint he should make it to the Assistant Surveyor.

The Chairman said there would be nothing but

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indiscipline in road work if all power was to be taken out of the Gangers' hands. He did not see that it had been necessary to submit this particular case to the Finance Committee. It should have been dealt with directly by the County Surveyor.

Mr. T. Redmond proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That all matters in connection with work on roads and in quarries (unless of a very grave character) be left in charge of the County Surveyor."

On the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kennedy, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 24th November 1939 as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

MEETING 7th December, 1939: The minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 7th December 1939.

Present:- Messrs. W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly, the chair was taken by Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5746. 19. 0d was examined and signed.

NEXT MEETING OF COMMITTEE

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

"That to enable County Council workers to receive Pay Orders in time for Xmas next meeting of Finance Committee be held on Thursday, 21st December 1939."

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following is the state of the Rate Collection to date:-

<u>Name of Collector</u>	<u>Percentage of Current Warrant and of three years' arrears collected</u>
1. P. Nolan	53.1
2. J. Curtis	51.2
3. J. J. O'Reilly	50.7
4. E. J. Murphy	50.4
5. S. Gannon	50.3
6. J. Deegan	48.6
7. M. Kehoe	48.1
8. P. Carty	47.5
9. D. Kenny	47.3
10. A. Durne	45.8
11. J. Cummins	44.6
12. P. Doyle	44.3
13. J. Flood	43.9
14. M. McCarthy	42.6
15. W. Doyle	41.8
16. W. Cummins	39.5
17. J. J. Sinnott	39.3
18. J. Quirke	38.7

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The amount collected at corresponding period last year was 45.2%.

The Collectors stated that they had been greatly hampered owing to the hold up of Fairs.

It was decided to examine at next meeting of Finance Committee the progress which had been made by the Collectors for the previous month.

RATE COLLECTORS ON PENSIONABLE BASIS: The Secretary stated that the 11 Rate Collectors regarded as on "Part time" and who the Council asked to be placed on a pensionable and permanent basis had replied to the query of the Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to other occupations etc. None of these Collectors had any occupation or held land except the following:- Philip Doyle, John Deegan and John Flood.

Philip Doyle held 9 acres of land on Shilmalier Commons, valuation £2. 15s. Also house and 5 acres, valuation £5. 15. 0 also on Shilmalier Commons nearly all mountain. Keeps one cow but wife looks after the animal.

John Deegan. No other occupation. Keeps a cow and a couple of pigs. Makes no profit. Cow is kept for the use of the household. Holds seven statute acres - Poor Law Valuation, Land £3. 5. 0; Buildings £1. 10. 0. Total £4. 15. 0d. Duties as Rate Collector take up all his time.

John Flood. Caretaker Clonroche Water Supply for Board of Health, salary £10 per annum. Takes two hours per week to look after this. Holds no farm. The total valuation of house property which he owns is £7. 10. 0d.

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

"That having examined the position of the eleven Rate Collectors who are on "part-time" basis, we recommend the County Council to urge the Department of Local Government

and Public Health to have these officials placed on a pensionable and permanent basis as officers of the Council."

APPLICATION FROM RATE COLLECTORS: The following under date 5th December 1939 was read from Mr. J. M. Curtis, Hon. Secretary of the County Rate Collectors:-

"At a meeting of Rate Collectors held in Wexford, the following resolution was passed:-

That owing to the stoppage of fairs for the past month some Collectors find it impossible to have 50% and one year's arrears collected by the 15th December. We, therefore, ask the County Council to extend the time as follows:- No. 1. That the 31st December be fixed to have amount equivalent to first moiety of current Rate collected. Poundage be paid when that is done. No. 2. That the 31st January be fixed to have amount of first moiety and one year's arrears collected."

The following is copy of letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health - 23rd October 1939 - (G.2732/10/39) dealing with payments of poundage:-

"With reference to your letter of the 21st August I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has sanctioned the following conditions in regard to Rate Collectors poundage in respect of the 1939-40 warrant:-

Interim payment - 60% of 1st moiety and arrears of 1938/39 by 15th November - 75% of poundage on lodgments.

First Moiety and previous years arrears by 15th December - Full poundage on amount of first moiety and previous years arrears.

65% of warrant and previous years arrears by 31st January 1940 - 75% of poundage on lodgments.

Final payments to be considered in the light of the date and the manner in which the warrant is closed by the dates specified in the Public Bodies Order or such later date as

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may be approved having regard to the dates on which the arrears lists can be dealt with."

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

"That full poundage be paid Rate Collectors who lodge full amount of first moiety of current Rate and arrears of 1938-39 by 31st December.

That the Department of Local Government and Public Health be asked to sanction this proposal."

APPLICATION TO CANCEL TENDER FOR PRINTING RATE BOOKS: The following under date 29th November 1939 was received from Messrs. English & Co., Quay, Wexford, who had been accepted at the meeting of Finance Committee on the 24th November 1939 for printing Rate Books for next financial year, amount £25:-

"Regarding our tender for the printing of the Rate Books 1940/41 dated the 23rd instant, we regret that we misunderstood the specification for this work which has been altered very considerably since we did it some years ago and we will therefore be glad if you would kindly allow us to withdraw the tender."

The Secretary stated that the only other tender received for this work was from Messrs. Redmond Bros., Enniscorthy, at £40. This firm carried out the printing of Rate Books last year at £37.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That, as the Finance Committee believe Messrs. English & Co. made a genuine error in the amount which they quoted for the printing of Rate Books for 1940-41 viz., £25, we recommend the County Council to allow the quotation to be withdrawn. In the circumstances we recommend the acceptance of quotation of Messrs. Redmond Bros. at £40 for this work."

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PRINTING FORMS AMALGAMATED LISTS: The following tenders were received for the printing of 900 forms for Amalgamated Lists in connection with relief of Rates for employment:-

Messrs. English & Co. - £1. 19. 0d.

Free Press - £2. 10. 0

People - £2. 18. 6d

Redmond Bros. £3. 0. 0

Echo - £4. 2. 6d.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Kelly that the tender of Messrs. English & Co. at £1. 19s be accepted for the work.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

JOHN HANSTOCK, BALLINATRAY, COURTOWN HARBOUR: The following under date 19th December 1939 was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health (H.30630/1939 Loch Garman):

"With reference to your letter of the 8th ultimo regarding proposed advance of £100 under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Mr. John Hanstock please forward Plan and Specification in respect of the house to be erected at Ballinatray, Courtown."

The Secretary stated that copy of this letter had been furnished to Mr. Hanstock.

JOHN HOLBROOK, TEMPLESHANNON, ENNISCORTHY: The resolution adopted at Finance Committee meeting on 24th November last as to assignment of house of John Holbrook to his sister, Mrs. Ethel O'Duffy as follows was read:-

"That Finance Committee are prepared to recommend the assignment of house of Mr. John Holbrook, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, to the joint names of his sister, Mrs. Ethel O'Duffy and her husband, subject to the payment by Mr. Holbrook of legal expenses connected with the assignment."

This was forwarded to Messrs. J. A. Sinnott & Co., Enniscorthy, for Mr. Holbrook.

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Following this a telephone message was received from Messrs. Sinnott & Co. that Mr. Holbrook was not in favour of having the assignment in the names of his sister and her husband. They pointed out that any of the parties selected by the Council would guarantee the repayment of the loan, as they wanted the assignment of house to be in Mrs. O'Duffy's name only. They also stated they would reinforce this message with a letter but so far this had not come to hand.

Mr. Elgee said that Messrs. Sinnott & Co. had written to him in the terms referred to by the Secretary. It was mentioned that there was a rumour in Enniscorthy that this house was being let to a tenant.

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

"That Messrs. Sinnott & Co., Solicitors for John Holbrook be informed that the Finance Committee cannot see their way to alter the resolution pointing out that the Council were recommended to accept the assignment for house of Mr. John Holbrook in the name of his sister, Mrs. Ethel O'Duffy and her husband."

JOSEPH KAVANAGH, MACOYLE, INCH: Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor stated that this applicant had written he was satisfied to avail of loan of £150 in connection with the erection of the house.

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

"That the Government be requested to allow the issue of housing grants for houses which will be completed by 30th June 1940."

ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT 1939/40

Under date 29th November 1939 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (SGT/32) approving

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of Scheme covering £13,500 for works of Road Improvement proposed to be carried out by the County Council under the terms of the Minister's letter (SGT/201 - 5th October 1939).

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE 1939/40

ROADS (RURAL): Under date 29th November 1939 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (RU/206/32) as regards the above Scheme for 1939/40 (Rural) approving of the Roads selected in the Rural Areas of the County and covering an expenditure of £7,400, viz., State Grant, £5,460; Local Contribution £1,940.

ROADS NEW ROSS URBAN: The Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote under date 13th November 1939 (RU.206/109/2) approving of the Scheme of Road Works in New Ross Urban District covering an expenditure of £2,255 made up of State Grant of £1955 and Local contribution of £270.

The Secretary stated the County Surveyor had the matter in hands. The Urban Council had agreed to raise the local contribution.

The County Surveyor stated he had written the Town Clerk of New Ross about the matter. They had two grants "going" in the Urban District at the present time, but they were held up because the services of a carpenter and mason were not procurable.

THE RE-BUILDING OF PALLAS BRIDGE - (RIVER BANN)

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, submitted the opinion of Mr. Diarmuid Fawsitt, K.C., relative to the rebuilding of the above bridge.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that the County Surveyor and County Solicitor be instructed to carry out the recommendation of Mr. Fawsitt in the matter.

NEW ROSS BRIDGE.

The following report of inspection of New Ross Bridge under date 6th December, 1939 was submitted from Mr. Alfred Delap (Delap and Waller, Consulting Engineers, 16, Molesworth Street, Dublin):-

"In accordance with instructions received from your County Surveyor, Mr. Barry, we have made a close examination of the bridge at New Ross, and now beg to report as follows:-

New Ross Bridge was built from 1867 to 1869 and is therefore about 70 years old. It is about 520 feet long between abutments. It has two fixed spans on each side of an opening span, these spans being about 88 feet clear between piers or 96 feet between points of support. The opening span swings on a central pier, and gives two clear opes of 50 feet each. The central pier is about the width of the bridge in diameter or 32 feet, the total length of the opening section being about 132 feet.

The main girders are about 8 ft. high x 1'10" wide, 34 feet apart centre to centre, and each pair of main girders bridge the two fixed spans, being supported at each end and continuous over a central pair. The girders are of the lattice type, the upper and lower flanges being of plates and angles, the space between the flanges being filled with lattice bars at 45° to the horizontal and at 3 ft. centres.

The bridge crosses the Barrow in the town of New Ross about two miles below its union with the Nore. It is the lowest road crossing the rivers which with the Suir run unbridged the 20 miles to Hook Head where they reach the open sea. It is tidal from St. Mullins on the Barrow to Inistioge on the Nore. The road that crosses by this

bridge is the only direct road from Wexford to Waterford, it is the most important E. and W. road in the south of Ireland, and this bridge is an essential link in the route.

The bridge carries a roadway 21 feet wide and a 5'6" footpath on each side. Roadway and footpath cross the swing span without restriction in width.

As the main girders are themselves horizontal, and as the roadway rises from each abutment to the opening span, the deck which is near the bottom of the main girders at the abutments rises gradually till at their swing span end it is nearly half way up the main girders and the roadway which it carries is level with the roadway on the swing span. The girders of the swing span described later have their base at the same level as the base of the main girders. This has much to do with the very satisfactory elevation of the bridge when in its normal or closed position.

The deck of the fixed spans which carries the road and unites the main girders is made of a series of cross girders $18\frac{1}{2}$ inches deep x $7\frac{1}{2}$ " wide at 3 ft. centres which are connected to the main girders at a constantly varying level. They carry on their upper flanges a flooring of C.I. buckle plates, which in their turn carry the road material which averages some 1.25 ft. in thickness.

The swing span is a section of the bridge which pivots on the central pier and which, when the bridge is closed has its end resting on a series of jacks which take the weight of the swing span itself and of any load which may travel on it; the jacks stand on a C.I. arch which connects the two C.I. cylinders of the piers next the swing span and are lowered to release the swing span when the bridge is to be opened. The swing span when open is carried altogether on its central pier. The swing span itself

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consists of a series of 6 longitudinal girders, the two outer being of box section 4'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " high x 24" wide, the 4 inner being of plate section 3'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " high x 12" wide. On the inner girders and resting on a cleat on the side of the outer girder is a timber deck about 7" thick in two layers. The swing span and its details will be referred to later.

The bridge in all parts which are subject to tension is made of wrought iron capable of bearing a stress of 20 tons per square inch. The working stress was probably 5 tons per sq. inch, as the usual factor of safety in all such structures was 4. It is here-after assumed that the bridge as built was designed for a working stress of 5 tons per square inch.

It is possible to determine the stress that any given load will put on any section of the bridge and thus decide whether the bridge is overloaded or not.

The load on any bridge, or any part of a bridge, is of two parts - the weight of the structure itself called the dead load, and the weight of the traffic using the bridge, called the live load. The dead load is fixed and does not change, the live load moves and may change within wide limit and as it is the maximum loads we are looking for the live load is chosen to give the maximum results.

In the case of the main girders of this bridge the section is known at every point, the dead load is also known. The live load is taken to be a stone breaker towed by an engine, giving four loads of 7-5-9-4 tons at a spacing of 11-0 ft., 11-0 ft., and 10-0 ft. We understand this load used the bridge, but we assume that only one such load can use it at a time but that there can be also a string of 4 wheel vehicles with 5 ton on each axle.

In the case of moving loads it is usual to make an allowance of 50% for impact.

It is assumed that as only one of the engine and breaker loads is on the bridge at any given time, one girder takes .7 of this load; but as there may be two strings of 5 ton wagons, the whole of one string may be carried by each girder.

This load, live or dead, will put a stress on the main girder, as follows:-

At centre of span	6.4 tons per sq. inch
Over support	4.6 " " "

and the factor of safety is:-

At centre of span	3.14
Over support	4.35

This means that if the wrought iron is as good as when it first went in and its safe stress is 5 tons per sq inch, the stress at the centre of the span is considerably higher than the iron should be asked to bear, over the support the stress is not too high, again on the assumption that there has been no deterioration of the wrought iron in quantity or quality.

We do not think that this assumption is a safe one. We know that there has been very considerable loss from rust where water has lodged in the lower flange of the main girders and consider that no more than 4 tons per sq. inch would be a safe stress.

We know beyond question the stress that the load, live and dead described above, will put on the flange of the main girder and find this will be 6.4 tons per sq. inch. We know that the bridge was designed to take 5 tons per sq. inch. and could do so when first built with a factor of safety of 4.

We do not think that the bridge should now be asked to

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take a stress of more than 4 tons per sq. inch, and we find it is being asked to take 6.4 tons per sq. inch. The factor of safety which was 4 has now been reduced to 3.14 at most, and if as we believe the ultimate strength of the material has by age and weather been reduced from 20 to 16 tons the factor of safety becomes 2.5

The cross girders carry as dead load -

their own weight,

the cast iron buckle plates, and

the road material,

and as live load, the 9 tons on an axle as used by the County Council, this load is assumed, to be carried by two wheels 6 ft. apart on the centre of the bridge, to be carried by 2 cross girders, and to be increased by the usual 50% for impact.

The above loads live and dead produce a maximum stress per sq. inch of 7.5 tons.

If the iron were new, unruled and unworn, its safe working load would be 5 tons and its factor of safety 4. The present load producing a maximum stress of 7.5 tons would have, if the bridge were new, a factor of safety of nearly 2.7; but if as we believe the ultimate strength of the iron has been reduced from 20 to 16 tons per sq. inch, the factor of safety has become 2.13.

These figures show that the bridge under the loads at present using it, is seriously overloaded and overstressed. The factor of safety which should be 4 is certainly not more than 3 for the main girders and probably not more than 2.5.

For the cross girders the factor of safety is certainly not more than 2.7 and probably not more than 2.13 in its present condition.

These figures refer to the strength of the iron

structure of which the fixed parts of the bridge are built.

We have now to consider the swing span.

The swing span is a section of the bridge, about 134 feet long and 34 feet wide. It swings horizontally on its pivot which is carried by the central pier of the bridge. When swung through 90° it leaves 20 feet through the bridge for the passage of ships. When closed it is swung back into line with the rest of the bridge and the free ends are supported on a series of jacks which rise and take the weight of the swing span itself and of any load which may be crossing it.

The whole weight of the swing span itself is taken by the pivot while the bridge is open. When the bridge is closed, half the dead load is taken by the pivot and half by the jacks. The live load is all taken by the pivot and jacks in a proportion depending on the exact position of the live load on the swing span.

The swing span is made of 6 parallel iron girders, their bases all in the same horizontal plane and all balanced on, and fastened to, a heavy C.I. ring 25 feet diameter, the upper roller frame. This ring revolves round the pivot, on it is a platform made of the six iron girders, parallel to the centreline of the road. Of these, the two outer girders are of the box type being at their centres 4' 9" high x 2' 4" wide, while the 4 inner girders are of the plate type, being at their centres 3' 10" deep x 12" wide. All the girders have horizontal bases and taper from their centres to each end.

On the upper flange of each of the 4 inner girders and on the angle cleat which is bolted to the inner web of the outer main girders is a timber capping piece. By means of the taper of the longitudinal girders and by varying the depth of the capping pieces the roadway on the swing span is shaped to meet the rising gradients of the two fixed halves of the bridge, and its normal camber. On to the capping

piece is spiked the deck, specified to be 3 layers of 3 inch planking laid diagonally, 2 of them memel, the upper layer to be of native elm or other approved wood. We find, in fact, that the bridge has not three, but two, layers of $3\frac{1}{2}$ timber, a total thickness of deck of 7" probably scotch fir.

The decking bridges the space from centre to centre of the longitudinal girders, the space on the centerline of the bridge being 6 feet wide. The decking over this space has to carry the maximum live load by which the bridge is used.

In considering the maximum load which may be carried by the decking of the swing span, we have taken it that the 9 ton on an axle of the County Council engine is carried on two wheels, one of which is passing along the centerline of the bridge. This wheel 12" wide carrying $4\frac{1}{2}$ tons, with the usual allowance for impact, will produce a stress in the timber of the deck of 2080 lbs. per sq. inch.

If pitch pine has been used in decking this bridge, its working load may be 1,000 lbs. per sq. inch, and the actual stress found means that a factor of safety of about 2 is all that can be counted on. The usual factor of safety in timber construction is 5 or 6.

In conclusion -

We find that the bridge has been very carefully designed reasonably maintained and, except for the lower flange of the main girders and one or two minor parts, it is in fairly good condition. The strength of the bridge has deteriorated through age and the action of weather; we estimate that its strength has fallen in the ratio of 5 to 4 from these causes and at the same time the loading has increased. Not only has the total weight of traffic carried increased, but the individual wheel loads have increased and the increased load is carried at a much greater speed than formerly.

All our figures point to the fact that the bridge is overloaded on the fixed spans, the main girders are stressed

to 6.4, the cross girders to 7.5 tons per sq. inch. The wrought iron of the bridge should not be stressed beyond 4 tons. The deck of the opening span is stressed to 2080 lbs. per sq. inch, its working load should not be more than 1,000.

It is clear that the bridge is not fit to carry its present traffic. We do not see how it can be strengthened, except by redecking the swing span and that only improves one short section. The effects of the live loading can be somewhat modified by reducing speeds. Loads of more than a definite weight should not be allowed on the bridge except when the bridge is otherwise empty.

In short, nothing less than a reduction of traffic, both in weight and speed, can do more than allow the bridge to be used for a further limited time.

We shall be glad to discuss this whole matter if any further information should be required.

P.S. As it is probable that questions may be asked as to the loads which the bridge may be allowed to carry, we have made certain calculations and find as follows:-

The bridge as it stands will not carry its own dead load without stressing its material beyond the figure of 4 tons per sq. inch - the figure which we consider safe in view of its age and loss of strength through wear and tear, and which means a factor of safety of 4. If it is decided to use the usual working stress of 5 tons per sq. inch, which means a factor of safety of 3.2 a total load of up to 11.4 tons may be taken across the bridge provided that only one such load is allowed on either half of the bridge, as divided by the opening span, at the same time, that its weight is distributed over not less than 9 feet long of the bridge and that its speed should not exceed a slow walking pace."

The County Surveyor said that owing to the deterioration which was to be expected in a bridge erected 70 years ago and the increased loading using the structure he believed there had been a reduction by 20% in the original strength. Traction engines and other very heavy vehicles running up to 13 tons had crossed the bridge while they could see from Mr. Delap's report that the maximum safety load was 11.4 tons and which should be allowed over the bridge only when no other vehicle was crossing and at a walking pace. He (Co. Surveyor) was afraid they would have to prevent very heavy vehicles crossing the bridge. When Mountgarrett Bridge was in course of erection Captain Harvey who acted as Engineer made calculations as to the loading of New Ross Bridge and he had arrived at the conclusion that eleven tons was the highest loading it should be asked to carry. Unfortunately any action which the Council was compelled to take to shut off the very heavy traffic might cause inconvenience as the only way such vehicles could get to Waterford was by making a detour via Thomastown.

It was pointed out that the steam vehicles of Messrs. Davis, Enniscorthy, would when laden exceed 12 tons

The County Surveyor did not think there would be great hardship inflicted on anyone who could load up to 11 tons (all in). If they had bigger loads they could split them or use smaller vehicles. The 11 ton limit would cover all normal use of the bridge but they would have as suggested by Mr. Delap to control the traffic.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Kelly to refer the matter to the meeting of the County Council on 11th December, 1939.

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ADVERTISING CONTRACT FOR 1940.

The Managers of the three local newspapers, viz "Echo", "Free Press" and "The People", wrote tendering for the renewal of Advertising contract at £210 for the year 1940, an increase of £70 over last years figure. They pointed out that apart altogether from the difficulty and restrictions of supplies, the cost of newsprint had increased by 100% and to which would have to be added additional freight charges and War Risk Insurance. Their other trade purchases and expenditures were similarly affected by the war situation in Europe. Owing to these adverse circumstances substantial increases in the rates of advertising had become necessary.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed a resolution to offer each of the three papers £175 for the advertising Contract.

This proposal was not seconded.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by the Chairman:-

"That the County Council be recommended to offer the proprietors of the three local papers £200 each for the insertion for year 1940 of the advertisements of County Council and County Committee of Agriculture (under same conditions as obtained for current year) provided that these advertisements are "set" in pre-war type."

NEW COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

The Secretary reported that Dr. Michael F. Daly, the recently appointed County Medical Officer of Health, took up duty on 1st December, 1939.

BALLYCULLANE LIVE STOCK POUND.

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor under date 28th

November, 1939:-

"I called on Mr. P. Power at Ballycullane on 27th inst (November). His Manager Mr. McGrath pointed out to me the Plot which Mr. Power is willing to let for a Pound. I enclose sketch of same. If a shed were erected at the west side of the Plot and proper fence on North side, and the water supply brought into the enclosure it would be very suitable for a Pound. The figure he mentioned is £10 per year."

The Secretary stated he had written the County Surveyor that Mr. O'Neill should have a further interview with Mr. Power to ascertain if he was prepared to erect the shed and fence referred to in report.

This was approved.

CLAIM - INJURY TO MILL AT EDENVALE.

In connection with the claim from Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan, Solicitors, Wexford, on behalf of Messrs. Shortle Bros., Castlebridge, for injury to their Mill at Edenvale, the County Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 4th December, 1939, from Mr. J. Brennan, General Manager, Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., 1,2,3, Westmoreland Street, Dublin:-

"With further reference to yours of the 29th ultimo should you hear further from Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan in connection with the claim would you repudiate liability as, of course, the claim is statute barred."

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER.

3 Mr. J. Hayden, Corlican, Killurin, Sheep Dipping Inspector for Wexford District reported that the following had not complied with Dipping Order:-

Margaret Reilly, Ballyhow, Screen;

Wm. Lyndon, Glenbough, Ballyhow;

Lemuel Furney, Ballycronigan, Kilrane, and

Thomas Roche, Wilkinstown, Taghmon.

Mr. Hayden stated that Margaret Reilly and William Lyndon told him that they had dipped but Messrs. Furney and Roche did not dip.

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

"That Margaret Reilly and William Lyndon be asked for a signed statement as to the dipping of their sheep with dates of dipping and particulars of number of sheep. Failing this the Council be recommended to proceed against them under Sheep Dipping. ^{Order} We also recommend that proceedings under this Order for failure to dip their sheep be taken against Messrs. Lemuel Furney, Ballycronigan, Kilrane, and Thomas Roche, Wilkinstown, Taghmon."

COURTOWN HARBOUR DUMP.

In connection with the resolution of Finance Committee passed on 18th April, 1939, relative to the establishment of a Refuse Dump at Courtown Harbour, the following under date 5th December, 1939, was read from Mr. D.E. Butler, Chairman, Courtown Harbour Committee:-

"As you are aware no dumping ground has yet been procured for the residents of Courtown Harbour. For this purpose we approached Mr. Wallace to consider giving the old quarry hole for this purpose. As you will see by the enclosed letter he will rent it for £20 for 10 years. We shall therefore be much obliged if you will kindly advise us on this matter."

The following from the Manager of the Courtown Harbour Brick and Tile Works under date 1st December, 1939 to the Harbour Master, Courtown Harbour was read:-

"Further to your visit to us this week in connection with the Quarry hole on our land at Courtown, as a rubbish dump for the Village.

We are not prepared to sell the quarry hole to the Harbour Commissioners, but would let it to them for ten years for the sum of £20 (twenty pounds) under the following conditions:-

1. The quarry hole to be handed back to us at the end of ten years, or before, if the hole is full to the present ground level.
2. The Commissioners to be responsible for all fencing and accidents.
3. The right of way to our land surrounding the quarry hole to be kept open to us at all times.
4. All rubbish to be properly dumped into the hole and not scattered about the surrounding land."

It was decided to refer the communications in this matter to the County Surveyor for report.

ACCIDENT AT ROAD ROSSLARE STRAND.

Under date 29th November, 1939, the following on behalf of Mrs. Jeanie Johnston, White House, Rosslare, was read from Messrs. M.J. O'Connor, & Co., her Solicitors:

"Mrs. Jeanie Johnston, of Whitehouse, Rosslare, has handed us a copy of a letter sent to you by her on the 20th instant, together with your reply of the 21st instant. We are now acting for Mrs. Johnston and we would be glad if you will kindly let us know if the Council are willing to admit liability for the accident which was obviously caused by the negligence of the Council.

Our client is still being attended by a Doctor."

The County Surveyor explained interview with Contractor he employed to erect a railing near where the

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accident took place. This man denied that he put any stone to support the railing in the recess at Mr. Lambert's. He, (County Surveyor) was making further enquiries as to how the railing had been "shored up". All particulars which could be secured so far had been furnished the Insurance Company.

It appeared that Mrs. Johnston tripped over a large stone which was left on the road and was injured in consequence.

WATER TABLE AT CAMOLIN.

The following letter under date 29th November, 1939, from Mr. P. Carton, Camolin, was referred to County Surveyor for report:-

"I beg to refer you to my letter to you on the 7th September, 1939, and your acknowledgment of same on 8th September, 1939, referring the matter to the County Surveyor. Up to the present I have not heard what action the County Surveyor has taken in the matter. I would like that some steps would be taken immediately to have this water table covered over at entrance to my yard off Main Street, Camolin. I may mention that I have to bring Motor Cars, several times each day across this water table in to my Garage for repairs and needless for me to tell you that by jerking across the Channel does not serve the springs. In conclusion I would be thankful if you would bring the matter again before the notice of County Surveyor and ask him to have it done. Thanking you in anticipation."

BARNTOWN BACK ROAD.

The Chairman reported that the County Surveyor and Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district and herself had made an inspection that day of the back road at Barntown. The surface was very uneven and required

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attention.

They recommended the necessary extra tonnage for next year and that where necessary repair would be made by a system of tar patching.

The report was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne.

MANGAN LANE

The following under date 4th December 1939 was read from Mr. J. Hughes, Mangan, Killena, Gorey, re above lane:-

"I wish again to bring to your notice the shocking condition of Mangan Lane over which four families must travel and six young children go to school. Well, they can't get through it to school now; they have to be kept at home now for the winter. The sergeant of Clonevan Guards says they couldn't go through it twice a day and sit in wet feet all day. In fact, he said he didn't think there was anything like it in the whole County. There was a funeral here last summer; the undertaker couldn't come to the house; the coffin had to be carried to the road. There is lots of able bodied men drawing the dole in this district and I think they would be a lot better doing work like that nor walking about idle. I heard they are starting to work on lanes in this locality this week. That has been done before and there is not a word about doing anything at this one or where is the objection, or is it because it wants to be done the worst. The Inspector of lanes was on it last summer in the dry time and he said it wanted to be done badly. If he could see it now, well, he could swear it. Trusting you will use your best influence to have something done to this lane in the near future."

The County Surveyor stated that application had been made to the Office of Works to include this lane in their Minor Relief Schemes list but they did not agree.

It was decided that County Surveyor make further application to the Office of Works.

FLOODING AT SHEEPWALK, DRINAGH

Under date 4th December, 1939, Mr. Patrick Whelan, Sheepwalk, Drinagh, wrote:-

"I again wish to bring to the notice of your Council the flooding of my plot at Sheepwalk. 8 months ago it was inspected by your Engineers and Mr. Elgee but since then nothing has been done. There is very little use in me sowing the plot if there is nothing done with it. Whoever is responsible should do something about it at once."

The County Surveyor said that he was now in a position to carry out the necessary work at the place.

COMPLAINT KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE

The following under date 25th November was read from Mr. John Barnwell:-

"As a result of correspondence commencing in 1931 on the subject of an obstruction placed in a drain. The County and Assistant Surveyors visited the scene about October 1938 and being satisfied as to the grounds for complaint the County Surveyor promised to have the obstruction removed.

On 2nd October 1939 I wrote to remind him that his promise had not been fulfilled. He replied on 3/10/39 that the matter was having attention, but so far nothing more has been done.

I am sure that Mr. Barry will agree that it is very unfair that I should have to pay Drainage Rate on lands which are waterlogged and the drains dangerous, entirely due to the obstruction being allowed to remain there. I should be obliged if you would let me know definitely when this matter is to be attended to."

It was decided to refer this matter to the County Surveyor for report.

APPLICATION - ALLEGED CRIMINAL INJURY

Messrs. Kirwan & Kirwan, Solicitors, Wexford, for Thomas Hayes, served notice as to claim for £9 for the breaking of a plate glass window at the residence of Mr. Hayes, Gibson Street, Wexford.

Referred to County Solicitor.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Mr. Denis Corish, District Court Clerk, New Ross, wrote that application would be made in New Ross District Court for the committal to Kilkenny Male Industrial School of John O'Neill, 8 years old and Michael O'Neill, 6½ years old, children of Catherine O'Neill, widow of Owen O'Neill, late of Ballylane, New Ross. The widow had three other children in Industrial Schools. She was a widow without means and unable to support her children.

Referred to County Solicitor.

APPLICATION FROM COUNTY REGISTRAR

The County Surveyor submitted requisition from County Registrar for Press accommodation and calling attention to the necessity for the repainting and reconditioning of his Offices.

With reference to Press accommodation the County Surveyor submitted the following tenders:-

Sinnott & Co., Wexford £32. 12. 6d.

Wexford Timber Co. £34. 5. 0.

He (County Surveyor) had been promised a quotation from Messrs. McCormack and Hegarty, Quay, Wexford, but it did not come to hand. It appeared under the Courthouses (Provision and Maintenance) Act 1935 the County Council were bound to supply necessary furniture for the Offices of the County Registrar.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by the Chairman, it was decided to recommend the Council to accept the tender

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of Messrs. Sinnott & Co., Wexford at £32. 12. 6. for providing the necessary presses.

CONTINUOUS ILLNESS OF MR. SEAN O'KENNEDY.

Under date 30th November, 1939, the following certificate from Dr. T.R. McCabe, Wexford, as regards illness of Mr. Sean O'Kennedy, Clerk in County Surveyor's Office was read:-

"This is to certify that Sean O'Kennedy, Esq., Wexford, is suffering from Thrombosis of right leg, and, in my opinion will be unable to resume duty for a period of at least one month from this date!"

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

"That the County Council be recommended to grant further sick leave to Mr. Sean O'Kennedy in accordance with Medical Certificate of Dr. McCabe, Wexford, for one month as from 3rd December, 1939.

That employment of Mr. James Brennan as temporary Clerk be continued during Mr. Kennedy's absence on terms already approved."

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 7th December be received and considered."

NEW ROSS BRIDGE - ENGINEER'S VERY SERIOUS REPORT.

Mr. T. Redmond - Does Mr. Delap think we want a new bridge in New Ross? We won't have it.

The Chairman said it was a very long report, and he suggested that the county Surveyor have it printed and circulated before the next meeting,

The Secretary said that according to Mr. Delap the bridge was built to take a working stress of five tons per square inch. Four tons was the most it would take now, though it was being asked to take 6.4 tons per square inch. The bridge was not fit to carry its present traffic either in weight or speed. The highest load should be 11.4 tons to be taken over the bridge at a walking pace, and when no other traffic used the structure.

Mr. M. Redmond said he remembered the time that traction engines were not allowed over the bridge - forty years ago.

Mr. T. Redmond - They were, but had to be drawn over by ropes - not under their own power.

The County Surveyor said that when the bridge was designed there were no traction engines in existence, or if there were they were rare.

Miss O'Ryan - The bridge wasn't designed for the load it is bearing at present.

Mr. T. Redmond - I have often discussed the load the

bridge has to carry at present with people who are supposed to know something about ^{it} and the decision we arrived at was that some of the loads going across the bridge at present are too heavy. I think it isn't even confined to 12 tons. Some of the loads are huge loads - I see them myself - and they cross the bridge at about 40 miles an hour. That's the trouble - the speed. If you control the speed I think even heavy loads would not affect the bridge.

County Surveyor - You would have to control the weight too.

Mr. T. Redmond - The people of New Ross would not like to see that bridge treated in such a way that it would deteriorate, because we are very proud of that bridge. In regard to the last job done on it, it is lovely now. There is not a bridge like it in the country.

County Surveyor - Mr. Delap says the bridge has been very well maintained.

Mr. T. Redmond - Oh, no doubt at all about it. If the heavy traffic the bridge has to carry at present would be the means of the structure deteriorating, I say that both the load and speed should be controlled.

County Surveyor - That is what is suggested. It is very awkward in this way. If controlled in load and speed it means a big load, but after all that's a small matter compared to the convenience of all the minor loading over it, and if you allow the heavy loading over if you might put them all off. The figures that

Mr. Delap worked on, I gave as my idea of what would be more or less a maximum load, and that was the load of one of our own traction engines, with one of our heavy stone-breakers. That was the loading he was working on, and, of course, that is 13½ tons.

Mr. T. Redmond - Of course, that's a huge load compared with 30 years ago.

County Surveyor - The roller is 13 tons. Now, that would be barred from crossing it in the future.

Mr. Doyle inquired as to the foundations of the bridge.

County Surveyor - The foundations are all right. It is a bridge you could not strengthen in any way without reconstructing it entirely.

On the proposition of Mr. Bowe, seconded by Mr. Corish, it was agreed that the County Surveyor have the report printed and circulated to the members of the Council, and report to the council as to what he considered should be done.

ACCIDENT ON ROAD - ROSSLARE STRAND - The County Surveyor said the Insurance Company was dealing with this matter. There was a doubt as to whether the Sub-Contractor working at railing for County Council put into position the stone which apparently caused the accident, but he was making further enquiries.

WATER TABLE AT CAMOLIN - The County Surveyor said he was proposing that the County Council and Mr. Carton should go equal shares practically in the matter - Mr. Carton to supply the pipes and the County Council to pay the cost of laying them. He would get Mr. Treanor, Assistant

Surveyor for the District to interview Mr. Carton.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 7th December, 1939, as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

HARDSHIP ON RELIEF WORKERS.

Mr. J.P. Kelly said that an unemployment relief Scheme of road work was transferred from Oylegate division to Bree recently. It was the policy of the Department to bring the unemployed from the division to which the Scheme at first applied to the other division, and in accordance with that policy the Oylegate men were brought to do the work on the Bree road. Two of the Oylegate men were aged 68 and 70, and they were ordered to travel eight miles to the work on the Bree road and to be at work at 8 a.m. It was a physical impossibility to do it, and as a result their unemployment benefit was stopped at the Labour Exchange in Enniscorthy. On the other hand there was an unemployed man in the Bree area living beside the work, and who had eight children, but he was not employed on the road.

The County Surveyor said that he had not heard of the matter before. In connection with work at Tacumshane some elderly men from Kilmore who could not reasonably be expected to make the daily journey had received certificates of release.

Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, said the two men

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mentioned by Mr. Kelly could be given certificates releasing them from the work which would get them the benefit as usual at the exchange.

The County Surveyor said men could be employed from Bree area if there were ^{not} enough unemployed in the Oylegate area for the job.

The matter was left in the hands of the County Surveyor to whom Mr. Kelly was to furnish the names of the men affected.

"FIR" TREE AT CLONEE, CAMOLIN

The Secretary in reply to Mr. Bolger said that the Finance Committee at next meeting would deal with representations protesting against the removal of the "Fir" tree at Clonee, Camolin. This tree, Mr. Bolger said could be described as an ancient monument and was known throughout the whole Gorey district for the Hunt meets.

The County Surveyor said there was an accident on the Killinick road in which a high furniture van struck an over-hanging tree and he feared that if similar accidents happened in the future and no steps taken to remove trees which were dangerous the Insurance Company might say they were faulty of contributory negligence as regards a particular accident and repudiate liability. The Department of Local Government and Public Health had issued directions that trees and branches which might - in any way - be dangerous or interfere with traffic should be removed. The "Fir" tree was a danger and certainly one of the stonebreakers passing along would be in a grave danger of colliding with it.

It was decided to adjourn further consideration of

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the matter for recommendation of Finance Committee.

BALLINDAGGIN ROAD FLOODING.

Mr. Lawlor complained that although the County Council made an order a long time back to have the above ~~work~~ seen to, nothing had been done and after heavy rain the place was in an awful state.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said that he promised he would do the work in October but as the weather was so fine he thought it better to finish a Grant job. However he would look after this flooding immediately.

FORESHORE AT CAHORE - POULDUFF.

The following letter under date 9th December, 1939, was read from Mr. Martin Lacey, Glasscarrig, South, Clonevan:-

"In connection with the gravel and stone carting off of the Cahore-Poulduff Strand, I wish you to bring to the notice of the Wexford County Council at the next meeting that the carting of the above material is still continued notwithstanding that the above Council decided and directed the County Surveyor that all carting off the above mentioned part of the strand was to be discontinued according to a letter which I received from you on the 31st May, 1939. I wish to state that the sea has taken a good part of the sea banks fronting my house during the past two months and if the carting is allowed to continue there is no doubt but there is a great danger of the sea breaking through and destroying my house and property.

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If such a thing occurs I feel that I am justified in holding the County Council responsible for any loss that I sustain. I hope that the Council will forthwith make an order to discontinue taking any material especially large stones once and for all time and to adhere to their decision."

The Secretary stated that at the meeting of the County Council on the 8th May, 1939, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to take from the South side of foreshore at Cahore, Poulduff, ordinary Sea gravel but that the large stones on the North side be not interfered with."

The statement of Mr. Lacey that removal of all gravel from this foreshore had been prohibited was incorrect.

The County Surveyor said he had obtained permission from the Department of Industry and Commerce to draw a specified quantity of gravel from this foreshore at a cost of 2d per ton. There was very little gravel at Mr. Lacey's place.

Mr. Smyth said the people of the district were under a wrong impression about the Order preventing the drawing of gravel from this foreshore. They believe first of all that it was the County Council who was responsible for the Order and also for preventing any gravel whatever being taken from the foreshore.

The County Surveyor said the County Council had nothing whatever to do with the Order. As a matter of fact the County Council had no authority to prevent anybody from removing material from the foreshore.

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

"That Mr. Martin Lacy, Glascarrig South, Clonevan, be furnished with copy of resolution passed by the County Council at their May meeting and also be informed that the Council had no power to prevent the removal of gravel from any foreshore. Foreshores up to high water mark are the property of the State and above high water mark belong to the owners of the adjoining lands."

OLD AGE PENSION ACTS

VACANCY ON NO. 8 SUB-COMMITTEE: The following recommendation was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That, as recommended by No. 8 Old Age Pension Sub-Committee, Rev. W. O'Byrne, C.C., Blackwater, be appointed as a member of this Sub-Committee to fill vacancy created by the removal of Rev. N. Redmond, C.C., from the district"

CLERK NO. 5 SUB-COMMITTEE: The following under date 5th December 1939, No. A.159/15 was read from the Old Age Pensions Branch of the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of replies to queries regarding the appointment of Mr. Liam Moran, Church St., Enniscorthy, as Clerk of the Enniscorthy and Kiltale Old Age Pension Sub-Committee; and I am to state that the Minister has approved of the appointment."

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

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

"That new licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 issue to the following:-

Messrs. Michael R. Moran, Castle St., Enniscorthy.

J. J. O'Malley, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy.

W. J. Haughton, Ferns.

Francis Daly, Enniscorthy Co-operative Society.

Cornelius O'Neill, Blackwater.

Peter Smyth, 10 Rafter St., Enniscorthy.

Owen Kehoe, Raheenduff, Oulart.

Joseph Kehoe, Blackwater.

Also renewal to Mrs. Mary Lacy, Monamolin, Gorey.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACTS - SEALING AGREEMENTS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. T. Redmond:-

"That the Seal of the Wexford County Council be affixed to the Agreement, fixing the compensation to be paid to Patrick Whelan, an employee of the Council, for injury to his left hand, at £30, plus £10. 10. 0, Medical Expenses and £6. 6. 0 Costs."

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

"That the Seal of the Wexford County Council be affixed to the Agreement fixing the amount of Compensation to be paid to Martin Redmond of Ballymackessy, for injury to his hand whilst working for the Council at the sum of £15. 0. 0 together with £2. 2. 0 for Medical Expenses and £2. 2. 0 Costs."

INTEREST ON STATE LOANS

The following resolutions were received from the Sligo District Mental Hospital Committee:-

"That inasmuch as the Bank Rate of Interest is now back to pre-war level, we see no reason why the Department should expect the Committee to pay an increase of 1 per cent."

"We ask the Minister to continue at the existing rate of $4\frac{3}{4}$ per cent."

"In fact public bodies, in our opinion, should get financial accommodation at the same interest as applies to National Loans, viz., $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent and, if necessary, should be covered by National Loans."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed the adoption of the first portion of the resolution from the Sligo District Mental Hospital Committee and which referred to revision of Rate of Interest charged on loans, to $4\frac{3}{4}\%$.

In seconding, Mr. Corish said unless this concession was forthcoming he was afraid that housing programmes would suffer very considerably.

The resolution, as proposed by Mr. O'Byrne, was adopted.

Denis Allen

8th January 1940

