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Statutable Quarterly meeting  
 9<sup>th</sup> February 1910.

Present :- Mr. E. Hore, (Chairman) presiding.  
 Other members :- Messrs C. H. Peacocke, P. O'Neill,  
 M. A. Ennis; J. S. Hearn, J. Asple, Mr. Doyle, P.  
 Fortune, Mr. Codd, A. Kinsella, John Bolger,  
 J. J. Kehoe, J. Codd, Mr. Hickey, Mr. Browne, P.  
 J. Fanning; J. Bolger, J. A. Doyle, J. J. Stafford,  
 J. Cummins, & Sir J. H. G. Esmonde, Bart., M. P.

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

Confirmation of minutes  
 The minutes of last meeting were read and  
 confirmed.

Co-option of a member.

In consequence of the resignation of Mr. D.  
 Kavanagh, owing to illness, a vacancy  
 existed in the representation of the County  
 District of Monamolin.

Mr. D. Kavanagh, wrote that at a public  
 meeting of the Electors of the division, Mr.  
 George Walsh, J. P., Island, had been recomm-  
 ended to the Council, as his successor.

The Blackwater Farmers' Association adopted  
 a resolution recommending Mr. N. Whitty,  
 Whitty's Cross - but a letter was read from  
 Mr. Whitty, that if Mr. Walsh agreed to act,  
 he (Mr. Whitty) did not want his name to go  
 forward.

Letters were read from Mr. G. Redmond,  
 Kilmuckridge, that an influential meeting of  
 ratepayers had adopted a resolution urging the  
 co-option of Mr. George Walsh, J. P., Ballyvadden.  
 and from Mr. P. Booney, Hon Sec, Oulart Branch



Trade & Labour League, stating that his branch recommended the co-option of Mr. James Murphy, Blackwater."

Mr. Fanning proposed that Mr. Philip J. Creane J.P., Coolroe, Kilmuckridge, be co-opted.

Mr. A. Kinsella seconded.

Mr. J. Bolger proposed Mr. George Walsh, D.B., Ballyvadden.

Mr. P. O'Neill seconded.

Mr. P. Fortune proposed Mr. James Murphy.

Mr. Asple seconded.

On a poll being taken the following was the result:-

For Mr. Creane:- Messrs Browne, J. Codd, Kinsella, Hearne, Peacocke, Kehoe, Fanning, Asple, J. A. Doyle, Hickey, Cummins, and the Chairman. 12.

For Mr. Walsh:- Messrs Stafford, P. O'Neill, J. Bolger, Ennis, M. Doyle, M. Codd, J. Bolger, and Fortune... 8.

The Chairman declared Mr. Creane co-opted.

### The Rates.

The following resolution was forwarded from the Finance Committee:- "That the Secretary's Estimate of Rate for General and Separate charges for financial year 1910-11; be adopted and that the Co. Council be recommended to strike a general rate for the several Rural Districts as follows:-

	<u>Land</u>	<u>Buildings.</u>
Enniscorthy	3/6	4/8
Gorey	2/4	4/6
New Ross	3/4	5/1
Wexford	2/6	3/4.

On the motion of Mr. J. Asple, seconded by Mr. P. Fortune, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we hereby adopt the estimate of our



Secretary for Rates for General and separate charges for the financial year 1910-11, (as already agreed to be the Finance Committee) and determine the Rates in the £ to be levied off the several Rural Districts of the County for General Rates to be as follows:-

	<u>Land.</u>	<u>Buildings.</u>
Enniscorthy	3/-	4/8
Gory	2/4	4/-
New Ross	3/4	5/-
Wexford	2/-	3/4

and we further determine the amounts to be demanded from the urban Districts of the County, to be as follows:-

Enniscorthy	£1176 : 9 : 3
New Ross	1384 : 9 : 1
Wexford	2067 : 6 : 0

Under date 15<sup>th</sup> January the following letter was read from the County Surveyor:-

"You will find enclosed my estimate of expenditure on so at large works for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 1911.

The large increase is due, of course, to the provision for the new bridge at Ferryarrig, and the engine for Tara Hill Quarry. I enclose, for the information of the Council, a copy of a letter I have received from the Board of Trade with reference to the Ferryarrig Bridge, and copy of my reply. I believe it can compel us to raise the bridge, if it thinks fit.

With reference to Tara Hill Quarry, I would recommend the Council to purchase two sets of points and crossings for use on the tram road. These can be obtained for £2. Without them the waggons would have to run over the rough floor of the quarry, which would quickly shake them to bits, or else the stones would receive an extra handling.



A matter of which I would like to direct the Council's attention, is the Development Act, which is intended amongst other things, to provide money for road purposes.

The amount of money will be limited, at present there is none, and probably the saying will apply - "first come first served."

It might be well then for the Council to appoint a Committee to consider the matter and draw up proposals if it should see fit.

On the motion of the Chairman it was "decided to refer this letter to special roads maintenance committee."

— Resignation of Mr. O'Reilly, Assistant Surveyor. —

The following was laid before the meeting:-

"I am sure you will be as I was, pleased to hear that I have been appointed Assistant Inspector to the Congested Districts Board. The news to me was not an unmixed pleasure, as the taking up of the appointment renders it necessary that I tender you this, my resignation, of the position of Assistant Co. Surveyor, from the 9<sup>th</sup> March next.

I take this opportunity of thanking each and everyone for the honour you conferred in appointing me to the office.

Mr. Gaffney, your Surveyor, for the very proper and effective action which on a recent occasion, he took in my interests, and Mr. Frizelle for his invariable kindness and courtesy upon all occasions."

I am, Gentlemen

Respectfully yours  
Henry O'Reilly -

Mr. Stafford proposed, and Mr. Bolger seconded that Mr. O'Reilly's resignation be accepted, and that the vacancy be filled at the Co. Council



meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> April, salary and conditions to be the same as per last appointment of assistant Surveyor."

Passed.

Proposed by Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Stafford and adopted: - "That Mr. Gaffney be empowered to employ a temporary assistant if he considers it necessary, at a salary not exceeding £2 per week."

### Notice of motion

Mr. J. Bolger handed in the following notice of motion: -

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at next meeting of the Co. Council, that an additional assistant Co. Surveyor be appointed at a salary to be fixed at the Co. Council meeting which consider this motion."

### Ferryarrig Bridge.

Mr. Ennis proposed, Mr. Keacock seconded: - "That the Wexford Harbour Commissioners be requested to appoint Representatives to meet the Finance Committee of the Wexford Co. Council, to consider the question of the plans and specification for the construction of the new Bridge at Ferryarrig, and that Mr. Gaffney be requested to attend any conference that takes place."

Passed.

### Electric Lighting.

The following resolution was received from Enniscorthy Urban Council: -

"That we respectfully request the Wexford Co. Council to take into consideration the granting of permission to the Enniscorthy Urban District Council, to use the waste water power at Kilcarbery for the generating of electricity for our urban



District, in accordance with the Report of Mr. H. J. Harris, A.M.S.B.E.I."

Mr. O'Neill proposed :- "That the resolution of the Enniscomorthy Urban District Council, relative to the proposed scheme of electric lighting, be referred to the Asylum Committee for their observations. That Mr. Gaffney, Co. Surveyor, be asked to attend the meeting of the Asylum Committee at which this matter is to be considered."

Mr. Keacocke seconded. Passed.

### Confirmation of minutes.

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. James Bodd, the minutes of meetings of the various committees since last meeting of the Council were confirmed.

### Road limit of Expenditure.

Under date 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1909, the following letter was read from Mr. Stafford Gaffney, M. Inst. C.E., relative to road limit of expenditure :-

In making out my Estimate of expenditure on roads for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 1911, for the different District Councils, I find that in all the districts except Wexford they exceed the amount authorised to be spent annually.

The balances to credit, after providing for what may be called fixed charges, that is, payments passed for roads in contract, and those in my hands, are, omitting shillings, etc :-

Enniscomorthy	£ 998 -
Gorey	122
New Ross	592

These balances are, I think, quite inadequate to provide for the inevitable increase of price in new <sup>road</sup> contracts, new roads coming under



contract, new works and repairs to old works.

In addition provision must be made for sudden Damage Orders, and contingencies.

The following are my figures.

Enniscorthy...	Estimate	£ 8,789
	amount authorised	8,227
	Excess	<u>562</u>

Gorey.	Estimate	£ 7,130
	amount authorised	6,132
	Excess	<u>998</u>

New Ross.	Estimate	£ 6,448
	amount authorised	6,241
	Excess	<u>207</u>

Further, I think, there will have to be large increase in these estimates to provide the necessary metalling to bring the roads up to a fair standard, and also to provide for the building, strengthening and repairing of bridges, etc., which are being and will continue to be badly knocked about by heavy traffic.

I should be pleased if you bring this matter before the Co. Council."

Mr Gaffney in a long statement explained that in order to get the roads into proper condition, the Local Government Board should be asked to extend the limit of road expenditure by the following figures in each district.

Enniscorthy	£ 3655
Gorey	2500
New Ross	2500
Wexford.	1393

Mr. Hearn proposed, Mr. O'Neill seconded :-

'That the Local Government Board be requested



to extend the limit of Road Expenditure in the Rural Districts of the County by the following amounts as recommended by the County Surveyor:-

Enniscorthy	£ 3655
Gorey	2500
New Ross	2500
Wexford	1393.

Passed.

#### main Roads Declaration.

Under date 25<sup>th</sup> January 1910, the following letter was read from Mr. Gaffney, Co. Surveyor relative to main Roads Declaration:-

"The present Declaration as to main Roads expires, I am told, next July; and, if any modifications are intended, these should be embodied in a scheme before that date. The period of a declaration is five years.

The present declaration, viz: that none of the roads in the County are main roads, seems to have worked well, and I am not prepared to recommend any change."

Mr. J. Bolger proposed, & Sir Thomas Comond seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That we hereby declare that there be no main roads in the County Wexford."

#### Resignation of a member of Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction

Under date 13<sup>th</sup> December 1909, the following letter was read from Rev P. Parker, B.B. Kilmyshall:-

"If I may, I hereby wish to resign my position as a member of the Co. Committee of Agriculture. When accepting the position I thought I would be able to attend the meetings regularly, but for several reasons I find that impossible. As matters stand, I am no good on it, and may be keeping out of the position some



person who would be real service."

Proposed by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. J. Bolger:-  
"That Mr. Francis Guilbride, Newtownbarry, be appointed on Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, vice the Rev P. Parker B.C. resigned."

Passed.

— Co. Wexford Infirmary. —

Under date 7<sup>th</sup> January 1910 the following letter was read from Mr. M. J. Kavanagh, Registrar Co. Infirmary:-

"I beg to inform you that at a meeting of the Committee of management held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 1909, in the Board Room of the above Institution the recommendation of the Co. Council re Council's opinion on management of Lady Esmonde Maternity Hospital was considered. On the proposition of Mr. R. W. Elger Senr., seconded by Mr. P. Bolger it was passed unanimously:- "That Council's opinion on the management of Lady Esmonde's Maternity Hospital entered in Minute Book at meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 1909 be deleted from said minutes."

In reply to a resolution of the Co. Council passed at last meeting, the Enniscorthy Urban Council recommended for appointment on County Infirmary Committee, Mr. John Bolger J.P., George St. Enniscorthy."

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, Mr. J. Bolger, Enniscorthy, was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Co. Infirmary Committee.

— Maintenance of Roads. —

The following committee was appointed to consider the question of road maintenance payments, and as to the method of deferring and striking off money. The committee to meet on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 10 o'clock.



Enniscorthy:- messrs O'Neill, J. Bolger, and J. Bolger.  
 Gory:- messrs Fanning, Kinsella, and Creane.  
 New Ross:- messrs Hickey, W. Forrestal, and J. S.  
 Hearn.

Wexford:- messrs J. Codd, Walsh, and Stafford.  
 the chairman and vice chairman as *ex-officio*  
 members.

— motor car act. —

under date 7<sup>th</sup> January 1910 the Local Govern-  
 ment Board wrote (letter no. 154408) that by the  
 expiring laws continuance act 1909, the motor  
 car act 1903 has been continued until the 31<sup>st</sup>  
 December 1910.

marked "Read."

— Auditors Report. —

under date 24<sup>th</sup> December 1909, the following  
 report of the Auditor of the Local Government  
 Board (no 155,430) was read:-

"I have the honour to report that I have  
 audited the accounts of the County Council  
 of Wexford for the half-year ended September  
 last and I forward, herewith, a certified  
 abstract thereof in pursuance of your Order.

The accounts were prepared and submitted  
 for audit in a most satisfactory manner  
 and no item of expenditure calls for any  
 remark on my part."

marked "Read"

— Contract of Joseph Bullen. —

Under date 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1909 the Local  
 Government Board wrote (letter no. 151-07. 1909)  
 forwarding a copy of letter received from  
 Mr. Thomas Cleary D. C., Ballyvake, Glenbrien  
 Enniscorthy; together with a copy of the  
 reply of the Local Government Board:-

Mr. Cleary's letter which was dated 9<sup>th</sup>  
 December '09, was as follows:-

"Re Joseph Bullen, Road-contractor for



Road no. -- Enniscorthy R. District.

Sir,

I beg to call the attention of the Local Government Board, to the circumstances under which the above Contractor was allowed his full half yearly pay on the above Road contracts up to and ending the 30<sup>th</sup> September last.

At the Enniscorthy quarterly meeting on Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> November last it was admitted by the County Surveyor and his Assistant that neither of them had measured the stones in the contractors' depots. It was stated that the Assistant Surveyor was ill, and unable to inspect and the Co. Surveyor was too busy otherwise, yet notwithstanding that he made no inspection the Co. Surveyor certified for payment of the full money. I attended before the Co. Council on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December as Rural District Councillor for the Division, but I was told that the County Surveyor's certificate was conclusive although it was admitted that the quantities in the depots were short. I enclose a newspaper report of the proceedings before the Co. Council which is substantially accurate.

I request the Local Government Board to subject the matter to further inquiry."

The following is the copy of reply of Local Government Board (no. 151071) under date 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1909:-

"In reply to your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> inst., relative to a contract for the maintenance of a road in Enniscorthy Rural District, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to state that the matter referred to in your letter appears to have been dealt with by the County Council, and the Board do not think that they could with any advantage take any



action regarding it."

In connection with this matter the following letter under date 16<sup>th</sup> December 1909 was read from Mr. Henry O'Reilly, Assistant Surveyor, Enniscomorthy :-

"I beg to thank you for the resolution passed at the half-yearly meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> inst. but I note for future guidance that it contains no expression of confidence in your officers."  
marked "Read."

— Mr. M. Hassett, Assistant Surveyor —

under date 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1909. (letter no. 137028) the Local Government Board wrote approving of the appointment of Mr. M. Hassett, as Assistant Surveyor, on the terms proposed by the Co. Council.

marked "Read"

— Assistant Surveyor Padden. —

under date 1<sup>st</sup> December 1909, the Local Government Board, (letter no. 137028) wrote approving of the proposed increase of £5. in the salary of Mr. Thomas Padden, Assistant Surveyor, Gorey District.

marked "Read."

— Examination for Assistant Surveyors. —

The Local Government Board wrote under date 25<sup>th</sup> January 1910 (letter no. 10 M. 1910) that an examination of candidates for qualification as Assistant Surveyors, would be held under their directions at the Custom House Dublin, on Wednesday & Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 10.30 a.m."

marked "Read."

— Newtownbarry Square. —

under date 7<sup>th</sup> December 1909, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter no. 134010)



forwarded for the information of the Co. Council the following copy of letter which they had addressed to Enniscorthy Rural District Council with regard to the acquisition by the Rural Council of the right of holding fairs and markets in the Square at Newtownbarry:-

"With reference to the minutes of Proceedings of the Enniscorthy Rural District Council on the 4<sup>th</sup> ultimo, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to state that they understand that the Council wish to obtain statutory powers to acquire the right of holding Fairs and markets in the Square at Newtownbarry now exercised by Mr. Hall-Dare by virtue of a patent granted in 1728 to Colonel Barry Massey.

In the circumstances, it would be necessary for the Rural District Council to be invested by the Board in pursuance of Section 1 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1896, with the functions of an Urban sanitary authority under Section 103 and Section 104 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act 1878, as extended by Section 31 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, and the proper course for the Council will be to apply to the Board by petition under their Seal for the powers above indicated, and not less than a month before such petition is submitted, advertisement should be published setting forth the nature of the proposal, the estimated cost both initial and recurring, and the area of charge suggested, and at the same time specifying the date by which persons interested may lodge objections at the office of the Rural District Council.

A specimen form of advertisement is herewith enclosed for the Council's information.

On receipt of the Council's application the Board will proceed to direct a local inquiry



into the matter."

marked "Read."

— Health Resorts & Watering Places (3) Act 1909. —

Under date 31<sup>st</sup> December 1909, the Local Government Board forwarded copy of a circular letter (M 158-09) which they had addressed to clerks of Co. Boroughs, Urban, and Rural District Councils, and Town Commissioners.

marked "Read."

— Sale of Food & Drugs Acts. —

Under date 16<sup>th</sup> December 1909, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote, (No. 39542) that an officer of the Department had purchased three samples of butter at New Ross, three at Enniscorthy, and three at Gory, on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> December. The samples when tested by the Public Analyst for the County were found to be pure.

marked "Read."

— Removal of Wrecks. —

Under date 2<sup>nd</sup> December the following letter (No. 9200-09) J.B., was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"With reference to your letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> ultimo, on the subject of the removal of wrecks situate off the Wexford coast, I have to state, for the information of the Wexford Co. Council, that the Department regret that, in the absence of co-operation by a local or other interested body, they are unable to undertake the work in question."

The following resolution was read from Trade & Labour League, on the subject:-

"That as we believe the Wexford Co. Council are the responsible authority we demand



that Body to proceed with the removal of the sunken wreckage in Blackwater Bay?"

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

That as the Co. Council have been advised by their solicitor, that they have no power to make any contribution towards the expense of the removal of the wrecks off Wexford Coast which are so detrimental to the interests of the fishing industry, the Department of Agriculture be requested to suggest what local or other interested body would have power to make a contribution for the purpose."

Proposed by Mr. Keacocke, seconded by Mr. Fanning and adopted:- "That the question of removal of wrecks be referred to Wexford Harbour Commissioners for their observations."

#### Dredging Kilmore Harbour.

Under date 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1910, the following letter (No. 56-10. F.B.) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> instant, I have to state, for the information of the Wexford Co. Council, that the difficulty of procuring suitable plant for the dredging of Kilmore Harbour has, so far, prevented the Department from proposing definite arrangements for carrying out the work. The matter, however, is not being overlooked."

Proposed by Mr. Ennis, seconded by the Chairman, and passed:-

"In reply to the letter of the Department of Agriculture, we beg to call attention to the fact that the Vice President of the Department of Agriculture made a promise to a Committee of the Co. Council to provide a dredger, and that the reasons heretofore



given by the Department of Agriculture for not fulfilling that promise were that their own dredger "Faughan Baellagh" was suitable for the purpose, and would be employed. The difficulty of procuring suitable dredging plant referred to in the Department's letter should prove to them the necessity of fulfilling the promise which was made by their vice-President."

— Condition of Ennisecorthy & Gorey Courthouses —  
under date 31<sup>st</sup> January, the following letter was read from Mr. R. Brereton Barry, Co. Court Judge, Lea House, Pembroke Road, Dublin :-

"I beg to bring to the notice of your Council the very trying conditions under which I am obliged to do my business at Gorey and Ennisecorthy in consequence of the very defective condition of the courthouse in each place. I should have opened the business at Naas, Co. Kildare, this morning but was unable to do so in consequence of a severe cold caught whilst sitting at Gorey and which I entirely attribute to the draughty, damp, and cold condition of the courthouse. I presume your Council cannot be aware (as indeed it seems incredible) that County Court Judges are severely penalized and mulcted for illness contracted in the discharge of their duties, and we are the only public servants so treated. We have £10:10/- per day stopped from our salaries for every day we are not able to sit.

Under these circumstances I think we are entitled to ask for special consideration from those who have, to a great extent, our health, I might almost say our lives in their hands.

The courthouse in Gorey is in the first



place very damp. The roof seems to be defective and the bad condition was exemplified greatly the other day, as while I was sitting portion of the porch actually fell down, and it was most miraculous that someone was not injured. The heating arrangements are most defective consisting of one stove which is supposed to heat the great damp barn-like place. But the worst of all are the draughts. There are two doors at each side of the Bench on the ground floor, and one door on each side on the galleries and all day long these are being opened and shut, the perpetual draught sweeping along the Bench. Enniscorthy is the same.

I suffered similarly in Wicklow, but the Co. Council have put in a good system of heating with pipes at Baltinglass, and also at Ternahealy, and have hung curtains on poles at each side of the Bench, and put swinging doors to the porch, which has worked a decided improvement. I understand you have now got a new Co. Surveyor, and I am sure when the matter is brought to the notice of the Council, they will, as other Councils have done for me, endeavour to make things reasonably safe."

Mr. Peacocke proposed, Mr. Fanning seconded, and it was passed:—"That the matter be referred to the Co. Surveyor, and that he furnish a report to the next meeting of the Co. Council."

— Proposed New Bridge for Waterford. —

Under date 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1909, a circular letter was read from the Clerk to the Privy Council that a public meeting of the Committee of the Privy Council would be held on 6<sup>th</sup> January at



12 o'clock noon, to consider revised plans and specifications relative to Waterford Bridge, the estimated cost of which according to these plans would be £66,800."

The following was received from Waterford County Borough from meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> December:-

"That messrs arrol be asked to send in the lowest estimate (inclusive of engineering fees, temporary bridge, dolphin and two years upkeep) for which they will erect a bridge across the Suir in accordance with the plans of messrs Baker & Sturtzic, if approved of by the Privy Council; that when same is received the result be forwarded to the different contributing areas, and ask the delegates to meet at the Central Hotel, Dublin; at 8 o'clock p.m., on the evening of the 5<sup>th</sup> January prox., to discuss the matter, and see if any arrangement can be come to as to what description of bridge they would advocate before the Privy Council."

Mr. Elger, Solicitor to the Co. Council wrote as follows under date 7<sup>th</sup> January 1910:-

"I beg to report for the information of the Co. Council that this case came before the Privy Council yesterday for final consideration and for approval of the Plans and Specification for the proposed new Ferro-concrete Bridge, - when counsel on behalf of the Waterford Corporation endeavoured to reopen the question as to whether the bridge should be steel, iron, or Ferro-concrete, but the council declined to allow him to go into that question and decided to adhere to their decision given on the 15<sup>th</sup> June last, that the Bridge should be of Ferro-concrete. Counsel for the Corporation also objected to the Plans and Specification as lodged, which he said were insufficient



and defective, and that the could not be carried out for the sum named in the notice from the Privy Council of the 22<sup>nd</sup> December, ult., viz: £66,800.

Counsel for the several contributory counties save South Tipperary, of course argued contra, and finally the Privy Council, decided that the Plans and Specification, which had been approved of and revised by an Independent Engineer appointed by themselves (the Privy Council) were quite sufficient, and that they would approve of and embody them in their Order, and to meet the objection that the price of £66,800 was not sufficient they increased it to £71,000, and this will also be embodied in the Order.

This therefore ends the matter as far as the appeals are concerned.

The Wexford Co. Council were represented by Mr O'Kenzly B.L., as Mr. Healy K.B., could not attend, being engaged on Election work.

Mr. M. A. Ennis M.B.B., was in attendance on the hearing.

I may mention that the next step (after the Order of the Privy Council has been made up and issued) appears to be the appointment of a joint Committee to contract for and carry out the work, and of course the finding of the money will also arise.

The following letter under date 19<sup>th</sup> January and no. 4. 844-1910 (Waterford Co. Borough) was read from the Local Government Board:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state for the information of the Wexford Co. Council that in considering the estimates of rates required to provide for



the expenditure of the county for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 1911, provision should be made for any expenses which may become chargeable on the county in connection with the construction of the new Waterford Bridge.

The Board observe from the Lord Chancellor's statement that an Order is in due course of preparation authorising the expenditure of £71,000 for this purpose, to which must be added legal expenses and other charges for Engineers and Inspectors.

The period of loan may be assumed to be for 50 years."

Proposed by Sir J. Esmonde, seconded by Mr. Peacocke, and adopted:-

"That when the amount of liability of Wexford County, has been fixed by the Privy Council, the Co. Council consider at next succeeding meeting the question of fixing the area of charge and graduated tax (if any) for the annual payment of the liability of County Wexford, as provided by Sec 25 of the Bridges (Ireland) Act 1867, (31 & 32 Vic Cap 50) and in the event of the area of charge being agreed to as other than the Co. at Large, that the Co. at Large charges be re-credited with any amount of expenditure up to the time the graduated tax will come into force."

Proposed by Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Kehoe and passed:-

"That Requisition to tax costs of Mr. R. W. Elgu, Solicitor, in connection with Waterford Bridge be signed, and that Mr. J. J. Healy, attend the taxation on behalf of the Co. Council."



Weeds & Seeds Act 1909.

The following letter under date 10<sup>th</sup> Decr. 1909 (no 24888-09) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

The Department invite the attention of your Council to the main provisions of the above Act (copy enclosed) which will come into operation on 1<sup>st</sup> January next, in so far as they relate to the prevention of the spread of noxious weeds in this country.

There are of course numerous weeds not specified in the Act which might with advantage have been included in a measure of this kind, but it will be admitted that the five mentioned, viz:- Ragwort, Charlock, Coltsfoot, Thistle and Dock are among the most troublesome with which Irish farmers have to contend.

It is hardly necessary to point out to the Council the incalculable harm which these weeds unfortunately so prevalent in Ireland, do to agriculture both by robbing the soil of its valuable plant food and by crowding out and causing the deterioration of the cultivated plants. Their prevalence further increases the cost of every farm operation, ploughing, harrowing, seeding, weeding, and harvesting, as well as the cost of cleaning the seed of the crops among which they grow.

In many districts systematic efforts are made by careful farmers to eradicate the weeds of this nature from their land, but their efforts are often to a great extent nullified by the negligence of their neighbours who permit such weeds to grow unchecked on their farms. The seeds from these plants are conveyed by the wind and other means to the adjoining lands and hence the good work of the first mentioned



class of farmers is frequently undone and they are discouraged from continuing their commendable efforts to deal with the weed difficulty.

This Act is, therefore, intended to be used as a means for securing that efforts shall be made by all classes to clear the weeds specified from their lands, for their own sakes as well as for the sake of their neighbours.

The main provisions of the act <sup>in</sup> so far as they relate to measures for the prevention of the spread of noxious weeds are as follows...

Section 1. (1) The Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction may with the consent of the Council of any County make an order declaring that throughout the County all plants of any species to which this section applies are noxious weeds for the purposes of this part of the Act.

(2) The species of plants to which this section applies are ragwort, charlock, coltsfoot, thistle, and dock, and the order may include all or any of those species.

(3) The consent of the County Council shall be signified by a resolution passed at a meeting of the Council and a copy of the resolution under the seal of the Council shall be accepted as sufficient evidence of such consent.

(4) The Department may and at the request of the Co. Council shall revoke or alter any Order made under this section. The subsequent sections of this part of the Act provide for the service by the Department upon the occupiers of lands on which the specified weeds are found to be growing of notices requiring the destruction of the weeds, and prescribe penalties for failure to comply with the requirements of such notices as will be seen by Section 1 (1) of the Act.



the consent of the Council of each County is required before the Department can make an Order declaring the above mentioned weeds to be noxious weeds for the purposes of the Act, and can take steps for their eradication in the County.

I have to add that it is provided that the work of inspection, service of necessary notices, etc., shall be done by Officers of the Department, so that the administration of this measure will not impose any additional charges upon the rates of the County.

I have, therefore, to express the hope that your Co. Council will pass a resolution signifying their consent to the making of an Order declaring that throughout the County all the above mentioned plants are noxious weeds within the meaning of the Act.

I have to request that you will be good enough to transmit to these offices in due course a sealed copy of the resolution, if any, adopted by your Council in pursuance of Section 1 of the Act."

"The Secretary stated that at the last meeting of the Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, a resolution had been adopted asking the Co. Council to request the Department to declare thistles and ragwort as noxious weeds under Section 1 of the Act."

Mr. Peacocke proposed, that the matter be adjourned for twelve months. Mr. Fanning seconded."

Mr. Brown proposed as an amendment that the following resolution of the Co. Committee of Agriculture, be adopted:-



"that the Co. Council to request the Department of Agriculture to declare thistles and ragwort, as noxious weeds under section 1 of the act."

Mr. J. Bolger seconded.

On a poll being taken the following was the result:-

For the amendment:- Messrs Browne, Kinsella, John Bolger, Ennis, J. Bolger, P. Fortune, Hickey. 7.

Against:- Sir J. Esmond, James Coad, Stafford, Peacocke, Fanning, J. A. Doyle, Mr. Coad, J. Asple, Mr. Doyle, J. Cummins, and the Chairman:- "

The Chairman declared the motion of Mr. Peacocke carried.

#### Fethard Pier.

Proposed by Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Ennis, and passed:- "That the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction be requested to forward their suggestions with regard to Fethard Pier to this Co. Council, without further delay."

#### Appointment of member on Asylum Committee.

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Peacocke:- Mr. P. Creane, was appointed a member of the Asylum Committee in the room of Mr. D. Kavanagh resigned."

#### Autumn Sheep Dipping Order.

A number of reports were received from the Constabulary with reference to various breaches of the Autumn Sheep Dipping Order of the Department of Agriculture, &c., and asking for instructions.



These had been, with the exception of a report from District Inspector O'Neill, Gorey; before the Finance Committee, who had adopted the following resolution:-

"That the question of instituting prosecutions under the autumn sheep dipping Order be referred to meeting of the Co. Council in February, and that in the meantime in order to obtain particulars as to test cases, our Secretary request from Messrs H. A. Leth, Kilgibson, Bree, John McEhan, Bondfields, New Ross, and Thomas Sinnott, Lottinhamquen Laghmorr; explanations as to why they failed to dip their sheep within the period prescribed by the Order."

"The Secretary stated that Messrs McEhan and Sinnott had not replied to his letter of 8<sup>th</sup> January but Mr. H. A. Leth, had written as follows:-

"Thanks for your letter of 8<sup>th</sup> inst., asking for an explanation as to why I did not dip my sheep within the prescribed period.

Ever since I commenced farming I have dipped my sheep twice a year, first a few days after shearing in May to destroy any insect life that may have been left on, and again in July or early August according to weather to prevent the fly striking and whenever I purchase any fresh sheep they are always dipped before being put on my pastures.

I do not blame the Co. Council for this ridiculous and most injurious Order for autumn dipping - as I am informed that they have no option but to comply with it, but whoever is responsible for the Order must know very little indeed about sheep scab and its prevention. I presume the objects aimed at are to eradicate scab, where it exists, and where it does not, to prevent it.



If scab exists two dippings are absolutely necessary, but two dippings at the times ordered by the Board of Agriculture are utterly useless, as all authorities on the disease agree that the second dipping must take place between ten and fifteen days after the first, to have the desired effect.

If there is no scab one dipping should be quite enough to keep the sheep free from it provided they do not come into contact with diseased sheep. Anyhow dipping ewes in lamb is so likely to lead to serious loss to the owner that I believe it will be better business and more humane to chance the consequences of non-autumn dipping, than to run so grave a risk."

District Inspector O'Neill, R. S. C., under date 28<sup>th</sup> January wrote:-

"In order to obtain the sanction of the Co. Council to the prosecution by the police of Mr. Shady O'Shaughnessy, of Burreigh, in this district, I beg to lay the following particulars of the detection of offences against the above Order, by him, before you.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy did not notify his intention to dip his sheep. He did not send in any declaration that he did dip them. He has no Order or authority exempting him from dipping.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> December 1909, when asked by the Police Sergeant at Boolgareany, why he did not dip his sheep - he said - "the Co. Council don't require the sheep to be dipped. They won't prosecute the people for not dipping the last time. I dipped during the summer."

I think Mr O'Shaughnessy should be prosecuted, for, amongst other reasons, to



show him, and others who may entertain similar ideas, that the Orders are not mere formalities, but must be obeyed.

I was, and still am, under the impression that the police could prosecute under the above Order 1909, but having learned that in other police districts, detection of breaches of the Order are submitted to you, I put the matter before the Department, and was informed, that while the police had the power to prosecute of their own authority the usual course was to obtain the sanction of the Co. Council. This has caused the delay, in making this report."

Under date 12<sup>th</sup> January (no 144-10-) the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, referring to recommendation of the Finance Committee wrote:-

"The Department trust that proper action will be taken in the case of any wilful offenders against the Order."

Sir J. Esmonde proposed, Mr. Kinsella seconded:- "That we accept the explanation of Mr. H. A. Lest, for neglecting to dip his sheep as satisfactory, and direct that no prosecutions be carried out under the Order."

That we call the attention of the Department to the fact that the autumn sheep dipping Order in this County is not necessary, and inflict unnecessary hardship on the sheep owners of the County."

Mr. Fanning proposed, Sir J. Esmonde seconded:- "That we request the Co. Inspector of R. I. C., to obtain the sanction of the Co. Council before taking proceedings against persons for breaches of the sheep dipping Orders."

Passed.



Proposed Purchase of Kerlogue Quarry.

The following letter from Mr. Edward Davis, Castlebridge, was considered by the Finance Committee at their meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> Jan'y:-

"The Committee that visited my quarry at Kerlogue asked me to write you stating what price I will sell the quarry for. If it suited the Council, I would rather sell only a portion of it, but if not I will sell it for £300."

The following is the recommendation of the Finance Committee:-

"We recommend the Council to purchase Kerlogue Quarry, from Mr. Edward Davis, Castlebridge, at a sum not exceeding £200."

Under date 7<sup>th</sup> February, the following letter was read from Mr. Edward Davis, Castlebridge:-

"Yours of the 8<sup>th</sup> ult., received in due course. In answer, I beg to say, that to meet the Council, I will take £250 for the quarry."

I would like to direct the attention of the Council to the hardness and general quality of the stone, and also to the fact that the stones can be quarried far more cheaply than in the quarries mentioned by you."

On the motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Ennis, the recommendation of the Finance Committee, offering Mr. Edward Davis £200 for Kerlogue quarry was confirmed, subject to satisfactory proof of title being furnished by the vendor."

Mr. Davis came before the meeting and accepted the offer. He stated he would be prepared to hand over the quarry at the meeting of the Co. Council on the 4<sup>th</sup> May."



Complaint re Stones

under date 12<sup>th</sup> January, a letter was read from Mr Edward Copeland, Coole House, The Rower, Co. Kilkenny; complaining that on the 8<sup>th</sup> January when at 6 o'clock p.m., he was driving into New Ross, between the town and Mr Roche's gate, there was a load of stones across the middle of the road at the depot, leaving only 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  feet width from road scraping on footpath side. He was passing another car at this point when the wheel of his trap went up on the load of stones. He was pitched out on the road injuring his shoulder and arm, two coats were destroyed and a suit of clothes was rendered worthless. If the things were not replaced he threatened to put the matter into the hands of a Solicitor.

Mr Jones, Assistant Surveyor; in reply stated there was no load of stones thrown on the road at anytime. There was ample room for two car to pass at any portion of the road.

"The Finance Committee had made the following recommendation:- "That the letter of Mr Copeland and Mr Jones's reply be referred to Mr Elgu, Solicitor."

The following letter under date 1<sup>st</sup> February addressed to Mr Jones, was read from Mr Copeland:  
 "In answer to your letter I received a week ago, I got no word from the County Surveyor. I wrote to the Sec. of the Co. Council and got an answer from him saying he would bring it before the meeting. But I did not hear from him since, you must excuse my last letter being written to Mr Healy, it was a mistake, as a person told me that Mr Healy was the



to write to, and I am a stranger to this part, I did not know. I would like to have a satisfactory reply before end of week as to whether my things are to be replaced, as I have plenty of witnesses to prove the state of our things the night we were pitched over, and where the load of stones was, and they could be trimmed up since, no two cars could pass in 9½ feet, I am determined to bring the matter before a court if my things are not replaced."

"Referred to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor."

— Maintenance of a road. —

The following letter under date 8<sup>th</sup> February from Messrs Bolger & Gethin, Solicitors, New Ross; was read:-

"Our client, Mr. Michael Kelly, of Rathmure upper, has requested us, to bring under the notice of the Co. Council, through you, the following matters in connection with his contract no 79, for keeping in repair 706 perches of the road from Thomas Breen's house to Gurraun crossroads - It appears from the specification for this contract that the quantity of stones to be applied for the maintenance of this road is 70 cubic yards per annum, and the quantity of stones applied for the road for last year was according to the Assistant Co. Surveyor's measurement 77½ cubic yards being 7½ cubic yards in excess of the quantity required by the specification, but owing to the manner in which the road has been cut up since last August by the timber traffic from Coolbawn Woods, it appears that this quantity of stones is insufficient. In order that the Council may have some idea of the extent of this traffic, we enclose a certificate from the manager of the timber works



which shows that the average traffic is 25 tons per day or 7800 tons per year.

When the entire 77½ cubic yards had been put out, Mr. Kelly reported the matter to the Co. Surveyor, and informed him that the road was still in a very bad state, and he also told Mr. Gaffney that he would put out 20 cubic yards additional. Mr. Kelly now states he has actually put out 25 cubic yards thus making 32½ cubic yards beyond the quantity mentioned, and he hopes that the Co. Council will not deprive him of any part of his salary for the maintenance of the road, owing to the very exceptional and unexpected circumstances which have arisen and which alone have been the cause of the contract not being satisfactorily performed.

"On the motion of Mr. M. Coad, seconded by Mr. Asple, the letter was referred to the Co. Surveyor to see if he could meet the contractor's wishes in any way."

#### Trimming Hedges on side of Road.

The following letter under date 8th February, from Mr. Joseph Morrison, Ballinatore Hill, Terns; was read for the meeting:-

"Kindly lay the subject of this letter before the Co. Council and oblige."

With reference to a notice to trim hedges, etc., which has been served on me by Mr. Patrick Kavanagh, who has the contract for the roads running thro' my farms. Now I decidedly object to the mode of slashing and trimming he has been instructed to adopt, as he has spoiled the fence and shelter for cattle and sheep a good deal, cutting the thorns and bushes in on top of the ditches, fully 3 yards from the edge of the road, and in some cases more, so that in one instance



my cows commenced to jump out on to the road. Now I warn the Co. Council if any of my cattle are in anyway hurt by jumping out, I shall take an action for damages.

In my thinking it would be more to the point if the Co. Surveyor and the officials under him paid more attention to the actual repairs of the roads, and having a sufficient quantity of stones put on to cope with the amount of traffic caused by so many traction engines passing to and fro with stones and other heavy stuff. In fact the roads which I am acquainted with round here are almost impassable for carts and other vehicles, not to speak of cycles and pedestrians. I fail to see where the rates are being expended, and I think it is time the ratepayers made a stand against such a state of things.

"Referred to Co. Surveyor."

— Courtown Harbour. —

Under date 25<sup>th</sup> January 1910, the following letter was read from Mr. Gaffney, Co. Surveyor, relative to Courtown Harbour:—

"With reference to the object of the deputation from Courtown Harbour you saw on Friday last, I went to the Harbour yesterday and saw the Harbour master, Father O'Rourke, and some fishermen. There can be no doubt that there is a bar in the channel about 60 yards from the seaward end of the S. pier.

It is very shallow along the S. pier but there is more water on the opposite side. There is a difference of opinion as to how it got there. The fishermen assert that it came through the S. pier which I understand is constructed mostly of dry rubble. They also assert that there is



a hole which was stopped about two years ago. I did not, myself, think that any appreciable quantity of shingle comes through the pier.

The bar, I think, is formed from material forced up the approach channel from its mouth, and dredging seems to be the best way to remove it.

The sluice gates, I am told, are not at present very efficient and this helps to account for the present state of the bar. I was told that access to the harbour was until recently very good, at least for the last three months.

Unfortunately it was about high tide when I was there and I was unable to examine the piers properly. I will pay another visit there in March when there are some very low tides. After that I hope to know a good deal more about the state of things, but at present information is very scanty.

However I am in communication with Mr. Oliver, of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, who I hear has gone carefully into the matter."

In connection with the repairs of sluicing gates at Courtown Harbour, the Courtown Harbour Committee wrote that the months of June or July would be most suitable time for the repairs.

They hoped when once commenced the work would be carried on with all possible expedition.

In reply to this a communication was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, that they would have the work carried out in June and they expected to have it finished in about a week."

On the motion of Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. Kinsella, the following resolution was adopted:

"That the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, be requested to procure suitable



dredging plant for Courtown Harbour. We desire to point out to the Department that there is at present a dredger in possession of the Wexford Harbour Commissioners, which is suitable for clearing out the Harbours of Courtown and Kilmort."

— Discharging Boats - Courtown Harbour —

In connection with the state of the discharging boats at Courtown Harbour, the local committee, called the attention of the Co. Council to the fact that two of them were declared in the previous March, by a committee of the Co. Council, to be in a dangerous condition, and not worth repairing. The committee had recommended that two new ones should be procured, and tenders asked from Wexford and Wicklow boat builders.

The following is the minute of the Co. Council committee:-

"With regard to the boat discharging boats we have carefully examined the four boats of this class, the property of the Council, and have satisfied ourselves that two of them are past repair and unfit for further use. We therefore support the proposal of the Courtown Harbour Committee that tenders for two boats should be invited in Arklow and Wexford."

The Finance Committee at their meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> January, adopted the following recommendation:-

"That the question of the procuring of two discharging boats for Courtown Harbour be referred to Co. Council meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> February, and that in the meantime our Secretary ascertain from the Courtown Harbour Master what revenue per annum was derived from



these boats, what the scantling of timber for the proposed boats, was to be, the size of timber, the thickness of plank, and if it was proposed they should be constructed of larch."

Under date 11<sup>th</sup> January the following letter was read from Mr. Stapleton, Harbour master:-

"In reply to yours of the 8<sup>th</sup> inst., re new discharging boats, I beg to inform you that none of the boats in use at present are built of larch, in fact three of them are built with common deal, with elm ribs, not at all satisfactory, particularly the ribs, which should be of Oak.

The last boat built here by the watchman-Thomas Byrne- is a very good one, and the following is the timber used- Planking pitch pine, planking 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches Elm ribs 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  (but should be Oak) Keel- beach. as to the scantling and size of timber- Byrne does not properly understand what is meant, but he says that any boat builder will understand from measurements and description of timber, what is required.

The boats are not free on payment of ordinary dues, the charge is 4<sup>d</sup>. per ton for every ton of stuff landed, and for every ton of ballast put on board any vessel outside the ordinary harbour dues which is 2<sup>d</sup>. per ton. The amount earned by the four boats up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 1909, was £50. 18/-."

Mr. Kinsella moved:- "That the Bowtown Harbour Committee be requested to advertise for two coal discharging boats and submit the tenders, when received, to the Finance Committee."

Sir Thomas Emond seconded the resolution which was adopted.



The Newtownbarry & Blohamon Road.

Under date 24<sup>th</sup> January 1910, the following letter was read from Mr. Lest, Hotel, Ferns:

"Would you kindly draw the attention of the Co. Council and Surveyor, to the very bad state of the road between Newtownbarry and Blohamon. One of my best horses fell outside Newtownbarry on the night of January 7<sup>th</sup> coming with the mails from Blonregal, owing to the wretched road. My two mail bars pass this road 4 times every day - twice when it is dark. If anything like this occur again, I must seek compensation from your Council. The mail bar drivers are both steady careful men, but, as you know, they are limited to time, and must drive quickly."

"On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the letter was referred to the County Surveyor."

Erection of Telegraph Poles.

Under date 27<sup>th</sup> January 1910, Mr. G. B. Roberts, Superintending Engineer, Post Office Dublin; wrote asking for the permission of the Wexford Co. Council to erect two telegraph poles in William Street, Gorey; the Postmaster General undertaking to make good any damage which might be done."

"On the motion of Mr. Kinsella, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the permission asked for was granted."

Conveyance of Horses (S) Order.

Under date 21<sup>st</sup> December, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, forwarded copy of "Conveyance of Horses Ireland Order of 1909." marked "Read."



Election Expenses Committee.

The Secretary stated that a special meeting of the Committee to consider the schedules of Election Expenses, was summoned for 12<sup>th</sup> January but no one turned up. He suggested that the matter should be referred to a special meeting of the Finance Committee.

"On the motion of the Chairman, the question of considering the changes in the scales of expenses for County, and District Councillors etc., was referred to the Finance Committee."

Deposits with Tenders.

Under date 13<sup>th</sup> December 1909, the following letter was read from Mr. Aidan A. Connolly Clerk Rural District Council, Enniscorthy:-

"The District Council at their meeting on Thursday last, had under consideration the resolution of your Council, re non Bond Fide Tenders. It was decided in future, a deposit of 10/- should accompany each tender, said sum to be forfeited should the contractor not answer or fail to perfect his Bond. How do you manage, do you give a receipt for each lodgment, and then pay back, on production of receipt."

marked "Read."

Alleged Tree Cutting.

Under date 27<sup>th</sup> November 1909, a letter was read from Messrs M. J. O'Connor, & Co., Solicitors Wexford, for Mr. R. H. Pearse, Kilmallock; stating that Mr. Jackman, Road Contractor, cut trees belonging to Mr. Pearse, doing damage to the extent of £50, and threatening proceedings within a week if the money was not paid.

Under date 31<sup>st</sup> January, Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., forwarded the following letter from Mr. Pearse:-



"I wish you to proceed against the County Council and Mr. Jackman, Road Contractor, for cutting trees on my land, and regarding which I have already instructed you. I take it the Co. Council have not answered your application for payment."

Referred to Mr. Elger, Solicitor

### Change of Surety.

Mr. J. Forrestal, D. C., Rathmore, surety for William Doyle, Rathduff, Killanne, Road Contractor; wrote asking that the name of Mr. Jeremiah Morrissey, Ballygilliestown, Davidstown, be substituted for his."

Proposed by Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. Kehoe: "That we confirm our resolution agreeing to substitute the name of Mr. Jeremiah Murphy, Rathmore, Killanne; as security for William Doyle, Contractor, for Road No. 118 (Enniscorthy District) provided that Mr. Doyle and his sureties enter into a new bond with the Secretary of the Co. Council previous to our next meeting."

### Polling Districts.

With reference to the proposed alteration of Parliamentary Polling Districts the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman:—"That the question of altering the Parliamentary polling districts be referred to the Finance Committee (whom we hereby constitute as a committee under article 3 of the Polling Districts and Polling Places Order 1909 in connection with the Polling Districts and Registration of Voters (Ireland) Act 1908.) and that the Finance Committee consider the advisability of preparing a scheme to have the parliamentary and county and district council areas the same, for election purposes."



creamery managers & Department of Agriculture &c.  
 under date 25<sup>th</sup> November 1909 a lengthy communication was received from the Secretary of the Irish Creamery managers' Association complaining that the Department of Agriculture had in 1907 appointed as Creamery Instructor "an individual who had no experience in any capacity whatever" while the Department refuses to give certificates to creamery managers unless they have twelve months experience as managers and pass an examination in Physical Science, Dairy, Technology, Bacteriology, Engineering and Business methods. The Department had refused to consider representations from the Irish Creamery managers' Association as to future appointments of Instructors, and the latter asked the Co. Council to pass a resolution demanding that all subordinate positions should be filled by competitive examination from among qualified candidates."

adjourned.

Duncannon Hulk

under date 13<sup>th</sup> December 1909, the following letter was read from Mr. W. Bruen, caretaker of the Hulk at Duncannon:-

"I beg to inform you the Hulk is badly damaged after the last gale of north west wind, all the decks are badly shaken also the tressel work inside the Hulk supporting the stage is badly damaged, and one chain burst. a most particular chain. all the moorings will soon want seeing to, there are some of them getting very bad.

There is also one of the life-buoy covers wanting renewing the covering is all rotting away.

The lamps on the quay also want repairing



all the outside glasses, when the wind is very high they blow in altogether, and then the inside glasses break. I have them fastened with bits of wood to try and keep them in their places."

"Referred to Co. Surveyor on the motion of the Chairman."

— alleged flooding of a Road. —

under date 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1909, the following letter was read from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co. Solicitors, Gorey:-

"We are instructed by Mr. Charles Barty of Ballinglen, Gorey; Farmer, to apply to your Council for the sum of £23 for damages caused to him on the night of the 21<sup>st</sup> inst., by the flooding of his Piggery and outhouses, which resulted in the drowning of twelve pigs, four dozen of fowl. This was caused by the defective state of the Public road leading from the top of Kilmurry hill to Kilcavan. Our client's house is distant about 30 perches from the Public road and there is no water table at the side of the road next the land of Mr. Golden, the result being that the water overflows the road and runs down the laneway which leads to our client's Houses. This damage has been caused through your Council having neglected to make a gullet to carry off the water. We are informed that the Road Contractor sometime ago, asked the Deputy Surveyor, Mr. Paddle, to apply to have a gullet made, but that gentleman said that nothing could be allowed for the purpose. Your Council are clearly liable for the damages, and if the claim be not settled our instructions are to proceed for the coming Q. Sessions."



Mr. Paddle, Assistant Surveyor, wrote :-  
 "With reference to messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co.,  
 claim on behalf of Mr. Charles Barty of  
 Ballinglen, Gorey. I beg to state for the  
 information of the Co. Council, the first  
 intimation of any complaint made by Charles  
 Barty, I received, was from the Road  
 Contractor (Michael Spencer.).

When I received the information it was  
 too late to make a proposal in the ordinary  
 way for the District Council meeting. I  
 did not consider it a case in which I  
 would be justified in issuing a S. O. O.  
 for a gullet, there was no indication to  
 show of a sudden injury being done. In  
 fact I never saw any water or any trace  
 of any injury being done by water there,  
 until this recent flood occurred, which I  
 understand was one of the largest within  
 the memory of some of the oldest inhabitants  
 there.

The place is the same as far as I under-  
 stand as it has been for a considerable  
 number of years.

Mr. Barty's avenue leading to his house  
 is considerably under the road level. At the  
 opposite side of road the land is consider-  
 ably over the level of the road. At this side  
 and nearly opposite to Mr. Barty's avenue is  
 a lane leading to Mrs. Golden's house. Where  
 this lane abuts on the public road it  
 crosses the water-table without any gullet  
 under it, there is a defective gullet under  
 this lane at the land side, and the  
 contractor told me he spoke to Mrs. Golden  
 about opening this gullet but she refused.  
 At the south side of this lane is a pipe-hole  
 through the road fence; and indications would  
 go to show, the water which caused the



damage to Mr. Barty came through this pipe-hole, as well as through Mrs. Golden's gateway.

I enclose rough sketch which may make the matter clearer."

"The Finance Committee at their meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> January decided that the matter be referred to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, to the Council, with instructions to defend any proceedings which might be brought by Mr. Barty."

Under date 10<sup>th</sup> January 1910, Mr. Elgee wrote:-

"I have heard nothing further from Messrs. O'Connor & Co., as to this claim and as the time for serving a Civil Bill for the coming Gorey Sessions has expired I presume that he does not intend to proceed."

"The recommendation of the Finance Committee in the matter was confirmed on the recommendation of the Chairman."

No order was made as Mr. Fanning stated that Mr. Barty had informed him that he did not intend to proceed any further in the manner."

— Catholics & Department of Agriculture, etc. —

Under date 1<sup>st</sup> December, Mr. P. J. Lawrence Hon. Sec., Catholic Defence Society, 16 Rutland Sq., Dublin, wrote as follows:-

"I beg to enclose particulars regarding the unfair treatment accorded to the Catholic officials serving in the Veterinary Branch of the Irish Agricultural Department."

The Cork Co. Council at their meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1909 directed their Secretary to write to the Vice President of the Department and ask for an explanation in connection with this matter.

Might I ask you to be good enough to lay



the particulars before your Council, as soon as possible for such action as may be deemed necessary.

If your Council would follow the lead given by Cork, and write, too, to Mr. Russell for an explanation, good results would no doubt follow."

adjourned.

— Shivebawn Quarry. —

Under date 22<sup>nd</sup> December the following letter was read from Messrs M. J. O'Connor, & Co., Solicitors, for Thomas Bullen, Shivebawn, Monasud, Gorey :-

"We have now heard from our client and he is satisfied to pay the Land Commission a sum of £4 in redemption of annuity in respect of the plot purchased by the Co. Council.

We are prepared to give you our undertaking to have our client's title to the entire holding registered. Under these circumstances will you send us cheque for £30 being the purchase money of the Quarry Plot.

We shall send you our client's receipt for the amount. Please let us hear from you."

Proposed by Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. Kivisella, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That the expenditure of £30 in connection with Shivebawn Quarry be a county at large charge, from which urban districts are exempt."

"That the sum of £30 be handed Messrs O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, when Mr. Elger reports that title etc., has been satisfactorily made and when the Co. Council have obtained possession of the Quarry."



The Roads Committee.

under date 31<sup>st</sup> January, the following letter was read from Mr. W. J. Tomkins, Seaview, Clonavan, Ebury :-

"Just a line to ask if there is any Roads Committee, and so when they have meeting. There is a lot of talk about improvement in roads. I want them to come visit the roads in this district at once, if possible.

I would like to meet them if they will come."

adjourned.

Appointment of Roads Committee.

Mr. J. Bolger proposed, Mr. Ennis seconded and it was passed :- "That the Roads Committee be re-appointed and that the vacancy caused by Mr. Ennis's resignation be filled by Mr. J. J. Kehoe."

The vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Kavanagh, was filled by the appointment of Mr. Briane."

Prosecution of Road Contractors

The Co. Surveyor obtained the permission of the Council to prosecute the following Road Contractors :- Joseph Bullen, George Leigh, John Kenny, Joseph Bolger, James Goodall, John Quirke."

Rate Collection

The recommendation of the Finance Committee regarding the state of the Rate Collection, was adopted on the motion of the Chairman.

Ballon School Attendance Committee

The following resolution was received from Balloon (as Barlow) School Attendance Committee :-



"That the attention of the Wexford Co. Council is hereby called to the irregular attendance of the children of that county attending bonnegal schools, and that we request them to communicate with the Enniscorthy Rural District School attendance committee on this matter with a view to improvement"

This resolution was forwarded Enniscorthy R.D. School attendance committee which forwarded the following resolution in reply:-

"That on receipt of names and addresses of defaulting children, our officer will proceed in the matter. The Ballon officer to supply necessary evidence for conviction".

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Stafford, the Secretary was instructed to send a copy of the resolution received from the Enniscorthy School Attendance Committee, to the Secretary of the Ballon School attendance committee."

#### Proposed Labourers' Bill.

The Secretary General Council of Irish Co. Councils, forwarded for the approval of the council copy of draft Labourers' Bill, providing for payment by instalments of rates on labourers cottages."

adjourned.

#### Sanction of Proposals.

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

"That the several proposals for payment sent up by the Proposal Committee be adopted subject to the modifications noted thereon, and initialled by the Chairman."



On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Leacocke, the following resolution was adopted:-  
 "That we approve of Proposal No. 124 for expenditure of £48 to put down Borings at River Bed at Ferryarrig. Work to be given in charge of Co. Surveyor."

On the motion of Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we approve of the transfers to the Public Bodies of the County under article 16 of the Public Bodies Order as recommended by the Finance Committee."

#### —— Tobacco Growing. ——

The following resolution was received from Irish Co. Councils General Council:-

"That this Council consider the help given by the Government to the development of the Tobacco Growing Industry in Ireland, totally inadequate, and call for a much more liberal assistance in the restoration of the industry crushed out of existence by legislation eighty years ago. That this Council further consider the Excise regulations regarding this crop unreasonable oppressive and restrictive."

"Adopted on the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Kehoe."

#### —— Finger Post. ——

The following resolution was received from New Ross Rural District Council:-

"That the Co. Council be requested to have a Finger Post erected at the crossroads at the Chapel of Bushinstown."

"Referred to Co. Surveyor, who was directed to bring in a proposal for this, and any



other finger posts, which he considers urgently  
required.

Edmund Stone



Special meeting- 15<sup>th</sup> April 1910.

A special meeting of the Co. Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Court House, Wexford; on 15<sup>th</sup> April 1910.

Present :- Mr. E. Dore, Chairman; (and subsequently Mr. G. H. Peacocke, Vice Chm) in the Chair.

Other members :- Messrs P. Fortune, J. E. Mayler, Mr. Browne, P. O'Neill, John Bolger, J. Cummins, A. Kinsella, J. Asple, Mr. Codd, P. J. Creane, J. S. Hearn, Michael Doyle, J. A. Doyle, J. J. Stafford, J. J. Kehoe, Gregory Walsh, P. J. Fanning, Mr. A. Ennis, and James Codd.

The Secretary, the Co. Surveyor, and Mr. R. W. Elger, Solicitor; were also in attendance.

The Rates.

On the motion of Mr. Hearn.

Seconded by Mr. O'Neill; the following resolution was adopted :-

"That we hereby strike the Rate for General and separate charges for the financial year 1910-11, as agreed to at the meeting of the Co Council on 9<sup>th</sup> February 1910, and allow and make same as assessed in the Rate Books. said Rates being in conformity with the valuation in force for the time being.

That the allowance for said Rates as entered at the foot of each Rate Book and signed by the Chairman and two members of the Council present at this meeting, be adopted, attested by the Seal of the Council and countersigned by the Secretary.

That the warrants of the Rate collectors to collect the said Rates be signed and sealed in the same manner as the Rate Books.



That the demands of the Urban District Councils of Enniscorthy, New Ross and Wexford, be duly signed and sealed, the amounts demanded from above Urban District Councils (after allowing for credit items in Form 51) being:-

County.	Union.	Separate.
Enniscorthy: £497:18:5	£678:10:10.	
New Ross: 499:14:8	867:10:0	£17:4:5
Wexford: 1061:9:6	986:0:0	19:16:6

### Encroachment on Road.

Mr. Hearn, proposed, Mr. O'Neill, seconded, and it was passed:-

"That the agreement entered into with Mr. Matthew Harte, Campile, in reference to an encroachment on road at Campile be sealed and signed."

### Election of Assistant Surveyor.

The following candidates applied for position of Assistant Surveyor for No 2. District:

Messrs Edward, H. Huggard, Carcur, Wexford; Denis Lynch, Thomas St., Killaloe; Walter Clare, Ballywilliam, New Ross; Tho<sup>s</sup> J. Ryan, Dylegate; James J. Shortall, New Ross; Michael Howlin, Harpoonstown, Bridgetown;

Mr. Ryan withdrew his application,

Mr. Stafford proposed, and Mr. Kehoe seconded the appointment of Mr. Huggard,

Mr. James Codd proposed, and Mr. O'Neill seconded the appointment of Mr. Howlin.

Mr. Hearn proposed, and Mr. J. A. Doyle, seconded the appointment of Mr. Shortall,



A poll was taken with the following result:-  
 For Mr. Huggard:- Messrs. Stafford, Kinsella,  
 Ennis, Fanning, Creane, Kehoe, Cummins, and  
 Mayler:- 8.

For Mr. Howlin:- Messrs. Walsh, Browne, O'Neill,  
 Bolger, J. Coad, Peacocke, W. Doyle, Asple,  
 M. Coad, and the Chairman:- 10.

For Mr. Shortall:- Messrs. Kearne, J. A. Doyle,  
 and P. Fortune:- 3.

Mr. Shortall having dropped out, the result  
 on a second poll was:

For Mr. Huggard:- Messrs. Stafford, Kinsella,  
 Ennis, Fanning, Creane, Kehoe, Cummins, and  
 Mayler:- 8.

For Mr. Howlin:- Messrs. Walsh, Browne, O'Neill,  
 J. Bolger, J. Coad, Peacocke, W. Doyle, Asple,  
 J. A. Doyle, M. Coad, P. Fortune, Kearne, and the  
 Chairman:- 13.

The Chairman declared Mr. Howlin elected.

Mr. Howlin returned thanks.

— Extra Assistant Surveyor —

Mr. John Bolger, moved the following, of which  
 he had given previous notice:-

"I hereby give notice to move at the next  
 meeting of the County Council that an  
 additional Assistant Co. Surveyor be appointed  
 at a salary to be fixed at the County Council  
 meeting which considers this motion."

Mr. Fanning seconded.

Mr. Browne proposed as an amendment:-

"That this question be adjourned to the  
 Annual Meeting in June."

Mr. Ennis seconded.

Mr. Bolger proposer of the resolution, and Mr.  
 Fanning seconder expressed themselves as being  
 satisfied with this course.

The amendment was then put and carried.



— Road Limit of Expenditure —

under date 25<sup>th</sup> February 1910, the following letter N<sup>o</sup> 19,584- Wexford County- was read:-

"With reference to previous correspondence on the subject, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to inform you that they have assented to the extension of the limit of expenditure on roads for each of the five years ending the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, and 1915, to £4,882:10:0 in the Enniscorthy R. B.; £8,632:10:0 in the Gorey R. B.; £8,741:5:0 in the New Ross R. B.; £7,935:10:0 in Wexford R. B."

Marked Read.

— Sealed Orders.— Local Government Board.—

Sealed Orders of Local Government Board (N<sup>o</sup> 10,893. under date 15<sup>th</sup> March.) fixing the Rural District of Enniscorthy as the area of charge for any loss sustained by establishment of a telegraph office at Killealy up to a sum of £9:6:8 per annum, was laid before the meeting.

— Water Supply—Johnstown—Enniscorthy District—

Sealed Order of Local Government Board, (N<sup>o</sup> 132,89. under date 14<sup>th</sup> March 1910) fixing Enniscorthy Rural District as the area of charge for water supply at Johnstown, Moyacomb Electoral Division, was laid before the meeting.

— Lighting of Newtownbarry.—

Sealed Order of Local Government Board (N<sup>o</sup> 9835. under date 22<sup>nd</sup> March.) investing Enniscorthy Rural District Council with urban powers to enable them to carry out a lighting scheme at Newtownbarry and determining the



area of charge for same to be the townlands of Newtownbarry and Ballinapark, was laid before the meeting.

— Sewerage of Blackwater —

Sealed Order of Local Government Board, (N<sup>o</sup> 25,038-1910. under date 1<sup>st</sup> April) fixing the Rural District of Enniscorthy as the area of charge for improving and maintaining the sewerage at Blackwater, was laid before the meeting.

Marked "Read"

— Audit of Accounts of Public Bodies —

The Local Government Board forwarded Abstracts of Accounts and reports of their Auditor in respect of Enniscorthy District Lunatic Asylum; Enniscorthy Rural District, and Board of Guardians, New Ross Rural District, and Board of Guardians, Wexford Rural District, and Board of Guardians, and Gorey Rural District.

Marked "Read"

— Temporary Surveyor. —

Under date 16<sup>th</sup> February, the following was read from the Local Government Board:

"With reference to the entry in the Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 9<sup>th</sup> Inst., relative to the resignation of Mr. Henry O'Reilly, Assistant Surveyor in the County, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to state that they will offer no objection to temporary arrangements for carrying out the duties of Assistant Surveyor for Mr. O'Reilly's district pending a permanent appointment to the office by the County Council.

Marked "Read"



— Estate Duty Grant —

Under date 24<sup>th</sup> February, the following letter (N<sup>o</sup> 17,499. Mis.) was read from the Local Government Board.

"With reference to the preparation of your estimate to provide for the expenditure of the County during the financial year in connection with liability for land purchase, I am directed by the Local Government <sup>Board</sup> for Ireland, to acquaint you that they have now received copies of certificates from the Irish Land Commission, and the Commissioners of National Debt, showing the actual arrears in purchase annuities, etc., under the Land Purchase Acts, and the Board, are therefore in a position to state definitely for the information of the County Council, that there will not be any deduction in respect of the above liability made from the Estate Duty Grant payable in the County in the course of next month.

Marked "Read"

— Cinematograph Act. —

Under date 2<sup>nd</sup> February the Local Government Board forwarded (Letter N<sup>o</sup> 14903. Mis.) copy of Cinematograph Act, and copy of Regulations made under same by his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant.

W. Ennis proposed, W. O'Neill seconded, and it was passed:-

"That the fee for granting a license under the Cinematograph Act be 10/- and that the fee for renewing same be 5/-."

— Sheep Dipping —

Under date 2<sup>nd</sup> March the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction wrote, (Letter N<sup>o</sup> 793-10. V. B.):—

"It is desired to advert to your letter of the



10<sup>th</sup> ultimo, containing a Resolution indicating that in the opinion of the County Council the enforcement of the Autumn Sheep Dipping Order is unnecessary in County Wexford, and inflicts undue hardship on the Sheepowners of the County.

With reference thereto the Department would be glad if you could supply them with particulars as to some instances in which such undue hardship resulted during the last Autumn Dipping Season. Perhaps you could also state what were the reasons inclining the Council to view that no Autumn Dipping is needed."

On the motion of W<sup>r</sup>. Hearn, seconded by W<sup>r</sup>. Bolger, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Department be informed that the Members of this Council have consulted with a large number of practical farmers, who are opposed to the enforcement of the Autumn Sheep Dipping Order, the reasons they give for their opposition being the liability of loss amongst ewes, injury to rams; and further, on account of the enforcement of the Summer Dipping, it is unnecessary unless there is any fear of Scab to have a second dipping within the year."

— Butter and Margarine Act 1907 —

Under date 1<sup>st</sup> March the following letter (N<sup>o</sup> 2784) was read from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction:-

"An Inspector of the Department who was recently in New Ross reports that on the occasion of his visit the premises at Quay Street, which were registered on 21<sup>st</sup> July 1908, as a butter Factory in the occupation of W<sup>r</sup>. J. J. St. Ledger, were closed up. The Inspector was informed that W<sup>r</sup>. St. Ledger had ceased to carry on business at the premises.

The Department will be glad to be informed



as to any action that may be taken by your Council as to the registration in this case."

W. Peacocke proposed:- "That the registration of the premises be cancelled."

The Chairman seconded.

Passed.

### — Fertilizers & Feeding Stuffs Act, 1906. —

Under date 16<sup>th</sup> February, the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, forwarded copy of the Fertilizers and Feeding Stuffs (Ireland) Regulations 1910, which came into operation on 4<sup>th</sup> February.

The Department stated they had forwarded copy to the Agricultural Analyst for the County Wexford.

Marked "Read"

### — Fethard Harbour —

Under date 14<sup>th</sup> February, the following letter (No 1,111-10 F.B.) was read from Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction:-

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst., relative to the assistance which the Department may be able to afford the Wexford County Council in connection with the proposed improvement of Fethard Harbour; and to state that the Department hope to be shortly in a position to submit a report on the matter to the Council."

Under date 4<sup>th</sup> April 1910 the following letter was read from W. C. D. Oliver, Engineer to the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

With regard to the reports which I have been asked to prepare, I hope before long to be able to pay another visit to Fethard.



Before doing so I would be glad to know whether it would be worth considering as an alternative the construction of a Harbour at Bag-in-Bun point. On the chart it looks as if this might be feasible.

It is, of course, possible or probable that the cost might be prohibitive, but if it would serve it might be worth considering the project.

It would be well, however, to have the opinion of your Committee as to whether there is any likelihood that a harbour at this point would be made use of by the fishermen which I confess I doubt. It is clearly not desirable to construct a work which would be derelict however great might be its intrinsic merits."

"The Secretary stated that in order to elicit local opinion with regard to Mr. Oliver's suggestion he had sent a copy of this letter to Father Lyne, and Mr. Cummins, Co. Councillor for the division."

The following was read from Rev. D. J. Lyne C.C. Poulfur, in reference to Mr. Oliver's suggestion:-

"I have consulted several of the fishermen on the subject. They unanimously came to the conclusion, viz.- To stick to what they asked for all along, to improve the existing pier at Fethard.

To make a Harbour at Bag-in-Bun is altogether out of question as not either probable or even possible without a tremendous outlay of several thousands of pounds.

And even if a pier was constructed at Bag-in-Bun the fishermen's boats would be exposed to a South West wind, and their boats will be broken up. It would be all very well if a line of steamers were to call to call to Bag-in-Bun in connection with



a railway and some traffic or probable traffic to feed both."

Proposed by Mr Ennis, Seconded by Mr. Hearn, and passed:-

"That the County Council agree with the views expressed by Father Lyne in his letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> April 1910."

— Dredging River Slaney —

Under date 3<sup>rd</sup> March (letter N<sup>o</sup> 1610-10. F.B.) the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote, that in the opinion of Messrs. Davis the 1<sup>st</sup> May would be a suitable date to commence dredging of the River Slaney, and they would, if the Co. Council had no objection, endeavour to make their arrangements fall in with this view.

Proposed by Mr Ennis, Seconded by Mr. Hearn, and passed:-

"That the Department be informed that the Council have no objection to the Department commencing dredging operations about 1<sup>st</sup> May; the sooner the Department begins the better the Council will be pleased."

— Provision of Dredging Plant. —

Under date 9<sup>th</sup> February 1910, the following letter (N<sup>o</sup> 895-10 F.B.) was read from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction:-

"Arising out of communication received by the Department on the subject of the necessity that exists for dredging certain harbours on the coast of Ireland, the Department are considering the possibility of adding to the dredging plant which they at present possess - and which enables them to deal with sand - so as to be in a position for dealing with all classes of material.

Before coming to any definite conclusion in the matter, the Department would like to be in possession of information as to the extent



to which their plant might be utilised.

Any scheme that may be formulated for rendering effective assistance to Harbour Authorities would necessarily, owing to the limit of the Department's funds, involve throwing the major portion of the working expenses of dredging plant on the local bodies who are responsible for maintenance, but it seems possible that such expenses could, under economical administration, be arranged on a scale that would prove acceptable to local bodies and would afford prospects for effecting improvements at present considered impossible.

The Department would be glad if you would lay this matter before the Wexford County Council and let me know, as soon as may be convenient, whether such co-operative scheme would be likely to commend itself to your Council, and, if so, to what extent participation therein might be looked for."

Proposed by Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Peacocke, and passed:—

"That the Wexford County Council are prepared to co-operate with the Department of Agriculture with regard to the provision of suitable dredging plant for small harbours, and would be glad to consider the terms of any scheme the Department may submit, provided steps are taken to put such Scheme into immediate operation as several of the Wexford Harbours, notably Kilmore and Courtown are urgently in need of dredging at present."

— Dredging Kilmore Harbour —

Under date 16<sup>th</sup> February, the Department wrote (Letter No 1114-10 J. B.) as follows:—

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your



your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> instant, on the subject of dredging of Kilmore Harbour; and, in reply, to state, for the information of the Wexford County Council, that the matter is having attention and will be dealt with as soon as the Department can, without undue expenditure, arrange for the necessary plant."

— Removal of Wrecks. —

Under date 14<sup>th</sup> February 1910 (letter No 1113-10. F.B.) the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, wrote:-

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst., embodying a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Wexford County Council on the 9<sup>th</sup> instant, on the subject of the removal of wrecks off the Wexford coast; and to state that the Department can only suggest that the sum necessary to carry out ~~the work~~ the work might be raised by subscriptions from those interested in the matter."

Proposed by W. Ennis, Seconded by W. Rose; and passed:-

"That we direct our Secretary to ascertain from the Department of Agriculture, whether this County Council are to take their letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> February (1113) as seriously contemplating the contribution by the wretchedly poor Fishermen of the coast of Wexford, of the sum of £800 which is <sup>the</sup> estimated amount necessary to remove these wrecks."

— Bovine Tuberculosis Order —

Under date 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1910 the following letter (No 726-10) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-



"I have to transmit for the information of the Local Authority copies of an Order recently made by this Department under the Diseases of Animals Acts, entitled,

The Bovine Tuberculosis Notification (Ireland) Order of 1910

This Order requires that every person having in his possession or under his charge,

(i) any cow which is, or appears to be, suffering from tuberculosis of the udder, indurated udder, or either chronic disease of the udder, or

(ii) any bovine animal (i.e. any bull, cow, ox, heifer, or calf, which is, or appears to be emaciated from tuberculosis, shall, without avoidable delay, give information of the fact to a constable of the Police Force for the area wherein the animal is.

The object of the Order is to secure particulars as to the extent to which tuberculosis udder disease and emaciation resulting from tuberculosis occur among cattle in Ireland, before it is decided to issue any general Order under the Diseases of Animals Acts providing for the slaughter of cattle so affected and the payment of compensation in respect thereof.

With the view of giving all necessary publicity to the Order, the Department will be glad to forward, in due course, for posting throughout the district of the Local Authority a supply, when printed, of a placard similar to the draft sent herewith, if you will kindly say how many copies will be required for the purpose in your County.

Arrangements are being made separately for posting of the placard at Police Stations."

The Secretary stated that he had advertised the Order and had distributed 50 posters relating to it."



— Inebriates Act. —

Under date 7<sup>th</sup> February 1910, the following circular letter was read from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle:-

"Adverting to the circular addressed to you on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1908, on the subject of the Inebriates Act 1898, I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to state, for the information of the County Council, that a certified Inebriates Reformatory for Roman Catholic Females has been opened at Wexford under the name St. Brigid's Inebriate Home.

The Reformatory is certified for 66 inmates. It is open for the reception of Roman Catholic Females from any part of Ireland, and is intended principally for cases committed under Section 2 of the Act, but cases under Section 1 can also be received.

The authorities of the institution have requested that the attention of the County and County Borough Councils should be called to the fact that, after the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1911, no Government Grant will be given in respect of any inmate under Section 2 of the Act, unless the local authority make a contribution towards the maintenance of the inmate of at least 5/6 per week, and it is hoped that the County Council will agree to give a contribution of this amount for each patient committed from the Courts within their administrative area."

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, Seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That this County Council of the County of Wexford do hereby resolve to contribute the sum of 5/6 (five shillings and sixpence) per week towards the maintenance of each woman sent from this County to St. Brigid's Home for



Inebriate women, in Wexford."

### Waterford Bridge

Under date 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1910 the following letter (N<sup>o</sup> 4279) was read from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle:-

"I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to transmit to you to be laid before the Wexford County Council, copy of an Order made by His Excellency in Council on the 29<sup>th</sup> ultimo on the appeals in the matter of the Report made by the Waterford Bridge Commissioners together with a copy of the new specification referred to in the order.

As regards the plans approved by the Privy Council and referred to in the Order, there is only one set available and this will be forwarded in due course to the Committee which it is assumed will be constituted by the County Councils to carry out the work of building the new bridge.

I am also to enclose a copy of the Order made by His Excellency directing that new bridge should be built."

"The Order made in the matter of the erection of the bridge fixed the cost of the bridge at £71,000 and the share of Wexford County at 15 per cent.

The Second Order provided for the payment of £2577-16-9 expenses of bridge Commissioners, and of the Waterford Corporation of which Wexford has to contribute 15 per cent or £386-13-6."

The Secretary stated he had written the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, asking if the share of Wexford for expenses of Bridge Commission was to be paid direct to the gentlemen named in the Schedule to the Order. He had received



the following reply under date 9<sup>th</sup> April:-

"I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst, and to inform you that it is understood that the Corporation of Waterford have under consideration the question of settling in advance the claims of the gentlemen who formed the Waterford Bridge Commission for fees and expenses. It is accordingly suggested that you should communicate with the Town Clerk, Waterford."

Proposed by W. Ennis, seconded by W. Kehoe, and passed:-

"That this County Council are willing to send the Waterford Corporation Paying Order for £386:13:6 being their proportion of 15% of the cost of the expenses incurred by the members of the Vice-Regal Commission as set out in the order of the Lord Lieutenant, also, a further sum of £49:5:10 being 15% of £262:10:0, and of half of £132:5:0 the cost of the services of the representatives of Messrs Baker & Hutzig, of London, in attending sittings of the Privy Council, as we consider this Council to be responsible only for the attendance at the sitting of the Privy Council in April 1909."

Proposed by the Chairman, and Passed:-

"That the following members of the Wexford C<sup>y</sup> Council be nominated on the joint Committee required to be appointed under Section 15. of the Bridges (Ireland) Act 1867: Messrs Hearn, Stafford, Peacocke, and J. Bolger."

That the Secretary and County Surveyor be requested to accompany the Committee to any meetings at which their attendance is considered desirable."

Proposed by W. Peacocke, seconded by W. Ennis and passed:-



"That this Council adopt differential Rating for the expenses and annual Instalment of the new bridge at Waterford. The question of a Scheme of differential rating was referred to the following Committee:- Messrs Browne, Cammins, Stafford, Fanning, Ennis, Kehoe, O'Neill, Kinsella, John Bolger, with the Chairman and Vice Chairman ex-officio members."

— Roads Maintenance Committee —

The following report of the Roads Maintenance Committee was laid before the Meeting:-

"On the 9<sup>th</sup> February 1910 the following Committee was appointed to consider the question of road maintenance, and the method of "deferring" and "striking off" money.

Enniscorthy:- Messrs P. O'Neill, John Bolger, J. Bolger,  
 Gorey:- Messrs A. Kinsella, P. J. Fanning, and P. J. Fanning,  
 New Ross:- Messrs W. Forrestal, W. Hickey, and J. S. Hearne,  
 Wexford:- Messrs James Codd, G. Walsh, and J. J. Stafford.

A Meeting of the Committee was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1910 in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, when the following was present:- Mr. E. Hore, (Presiding). Other Councillors:- Messrs P. J. Fanning, John Bolger, E. H. Peacocke, Jas. Codd, and J. J. Stafford.

Messrs T. Asple, and W. H. Ennis, Co. Councillors, were also present.

The Secretary, and the Co. Surveyor were in attendance.

— Assistant Surveyor's Diaries. —

The following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That the County Surveyor transmit to the Secretary of the Council, the monthly diaries of the Assistant Surveyors, and that the Secretary be instructed to produce these diaries at the succeeding meeting of the Council."



— Striking Off Money, etc. —

The following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That the County Surveyor be recommended, after he has ascertained the approximate cost of metalling for each road, to strike off from the Contractors who are short in their material, (when shortage in all cases does not exceed 15 per cent of the total amount of metalling to be provided), the value of the shortage with 50 per cent added as a penalty.

That as regards contractors who are short over 15 per cent of the specified quantity of metalling, the County Surveyor exercise his discretion as to serving a ten days notice, or prosecute at petty sessions or quarter sessions."

— Kerlogue Quarry —

The following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That the matter of Kerlogue Quarry be referred to the Finance Committee. That our Secretary ask W. Kegee to inform him when the Vendor (W. E. Davis) has made title, and that as soon as possible thereafter, possession of the quarry be taken over by the Council."

Adopted on the motion of W. Ennis, seconded by the Chairman.

The Enniscorthy District Council, forwarded the following resolutions in connection with the matter:-

"That this Council will not approve of any new works or roads that are not shown to be unavoidably necessary and of absolute utility to the general travelling public."

"That the County Surveyor or his Assistants do not certify for any payments to contractors until all the material has been put out on the road and spread, and if necessary that the present form of Specification



be amended accordingly."

Proposed by W<sup>r</sup>. Peacocke, seconded by W<sup>r</sup>. Fanning and passed:-

"That a copy of the recommendation of the Roads Maintenance Committee as regards the striking off money from Road Contractors be sent to the Enniscorthy R. & B. Council."

— Resignation of W<sup>r</sup>. H. J. Poole, Rate collector —

Under date 15<sup>th</sup> March, W<sup>r</sup>. H. J. Poole, Rate collector for N<sup>o</sup> 13 district, wrote that as he did not consider himself capable of collecting the poor rates any longer he would ask the County Council to accept his immediate resignation. He also asked for an extension of time to close his collection for the half-year as he was confined to bed."

"The Secretary stated that in reply to this communication he had written W<sup>r</sup>. Poole that he would bring his resignation before the Finance Committee, but he could not hold out any hope to W<sup>r</sup>. Poole that the Committee would recommend the County Council to accept his resignation until he had closed his collection."

The Finance Committee had adopted the following recommendation

"That in the event of W<sup>r</sup>. Poole closing his collection satisfactorily we recommend the Co<sup>o</sup> Council to accept his resignation at the meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> April, and advertise for a new collector for N<sup>o</sup> 13, collection district at a poundage of 7<sup>d</sup> in the £. security to be by approved guarantee society."

Under date 18<sup>th</sup> March, W<sup>r</sup>. Poole forwarded certificate from D<sup>r</sup>. Nolan that he was suffering from Bronchial Catarrh and would not be fit for duty for a week or ten days."

The following letter as regards the proposed resignation of W<sup>r</sup>. Poole was read from the Local.



Government Board:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland direct me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> instant, enclosing a copy of a communication received by you from W. H. J. Poole, Poor Rate collector in the County Wexford, in which he asks the County Council to accept his immediate resignation of his Office.

In reference thereto, I am desired to point out that the Local Government Board observe from the Abstract of rate collected to that date that out of a total rate of £1125, included in his warrant, W. Poole had then lodged a sum of only £663 leaving rates outstanding in his district to the amount of £462; and I am to state that the Council would do well not to accept the resignation of the collector and thus release him and his sureties from the obligation imposed upon them by their bond."

"The Secretary also mentioned that the Finance Committee had requested W. Poole to proceed to close his collection as soon as his Medical Officer had reported him fit to carry out his duties."

Proposed by W. Peacocke, seconded by W. Kehoe, and passed:-

"That the question of the resignation of W. Poole be referred to the Finance Committee, and that they be empowered to accept same on the behalf of the County Council in the event of his satisfactorily closing his collection. That the Finance Committee advertise for a new Collector at a poundage fee of 7<sup>d</sup>, and the statutory emoluments under the Voters and Jurors Acts, the Security to be by a Guarantee Society approved by the



County Council and Local Government Board, amount of security to be £900."

Proposed by Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and passed:-

"That Mr. Poole and his sureties be requested to close the collection without further delay."

The following notice of motion by Councillor O'Neill, was then read:-

"That in consequence of the resignation of Mr. H. J. Poole, Rate collector, of No 13 Collection District, owing to old age and infirmity of body, I give notice of my intention to move at the meeting of the County Council on the 4<sup>th</sup> May that the question of granting a superannuation allowance to Mr. Poole be considered at said meeting, and if the Council agree to same that the amount of superannuation be fixed."

Mr. O'Neill said he had given the notice of motion to comply with the Act of Parliament, and to have the question of the consideration of allowing Mr. Poole a superannuation allowance in order for discussion at this meeting.

"The Secretary referred to correspondence from Mr. Poole from which it appeared that he was 66 years of age and had been in the service of the Grand jury and County Council for 23 years."

He had received the following certificate from Dr. Nolan relating to the illness of Mr. Poole:-

"I certify that Mr. Henry Poole is suffering from nervous debility and will be able to resume his collection in a fortnight, but in my opinion will not be able to perform his duties as collector for any length of time."

The Notice of Motion was adjourned till the meeting of the Council in May.



— The position of Mr. John Walsh, Rate collector —

The Secretary stated that at the meeting of the Finance Committee on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1909, the following recommendation had been agreed to as regards the position of Mr. John Walsh, Rate collector:—

"That we recommend the County Council to call on Mr. Walsh for his resignation as Rate collector as from 31<sup>st</sup> March 1910.

That a copy of the letter of Mr. Walsh under date 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1909 stating that he would resign if he would not perform his duties—to the satisfaction of the Council be furnished his sureties, and that they be requested to inform the Secretary if they are satisfied he should collect the current moiety of the rate."

At a subsequent meeting of the Finance Committee letters were received from the sureties of Mr. Walsh that they were satisfied to remain security for Mr. Walsh during the collection of the Rate.

The Secretary stated that Mr. Walsh had satisfactorily closed his collection for the past half year.

Mr. Bolger gave the following notice of motion for May meeting:—

"That the resolution regarding the resignation of Mr. John Walsh, Rate collector, be rescinded. That Mr. Walsh be given his warrant for the incoming collection, on the distinct understanding that if there is any complaint against him in the future in neglecting to carry out the terms of his bond the County Council will call for his immediate resignation."



## Ferry carrig Bridge

The following agreement between the Finance Committee of the County Council, and a joint Committee of Wexford Harbour Commissioners was read:-

"Agreement made on the second day of March 1910; between the Finance Committee of the above County Council and a Committee of the Wexford Harbour Commissioners in respect of the plans of the proposed bridge at Ferry carrig.

Thirty feet clear is to be provided in the second span from the castle side with at least eight feet head room on ordinary high-water spring tides.

The opening span as originally proposed is to have at least a clear space of thirty feet in width. If it be found practicable the Harbour Commissioners prefer the opening span to be placed at the castle side; if not, they are satisfied with it in its present position.

Should the opening span be shifted to the castle side, the span at the Wexford side on which it is shown on plans will not require to be more than 25 feet in width.

In consideration of the County Council agreeing to carry out these recommendations, the Harbour Commissioners are prepared to inform the Board of Trade that they have no further objection to make to the proposed plans.

Signed. Edmond Gore. Chairman. Co. Council.

" James J. Stafford. Wexford Harbour Commissioners.  
Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 1910.

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

"That the agreement between the Finance Committee and the Committee of Wexford Harbour



Commissioners re. Ferry carrig Bridge be approved."

"The Secretary stated that he had been informed by the Secretary of the Wexford Harbour Commissioners, that the agreement had been forwarded the Board of Trade on 2<sup>nd</sup> March."

In connection with the appointment of a Resident Engineer for Ferry carrig Bridge the following under date 11<sup>th</sup> March was read from the County Surveyor:-

"It is absolutely essential that there should be a Resident Engineer to supervise the construction of Ferry carrig Bridge.

I thought at first the cost could have been provided for in the sum provisionally passed for the work, but this course seems to be somewhat doubtful procedure.

Besides I do not want to encroach on the amount, as the balance I allowed for may only be reasonably sufficient to provide for alterations in the original design.

The work will probably take a year to complete and an efficient man can be obtained for £3 a week."

The letter came before the Finance Committee, when the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That the communication from Mr. Gaffney be postponed until next meeting of the Finance Committee and in the meantime that our Secretary communicate with Mr. de Vesian (Mouchel & Partners, London) and ask him if he intends, on the part of his Company to have appointed a permanent Engineer to superintend the construction of new bridge at Ferry carrig from start to finish, as the Finance Committee are about to consider the advisability of appointing a Resident Engineer on behalf of the County Council, and previous to taking



action in this direction they wish to have some information as to what Messrs. Mouchel & Partners intend doing as regards the question of supervision."

In reply to this letter the following under date 16<sup>th</sup> March was read from Mr. de Vesian:-

"I should have replied before to your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst., but was away the latter part of last week in the North. Mr. Gaffney has informed me of the position of affairs.

With reference to the appointment of a Clerk of Works or Resident Engineer. This is a matter for your Council's consideration, as my firm do not consider it necessary in their interests to appoint such a man in view of the fact that the contractors who carry out our work are all under stringent agreement to us, and are reliable and experienced people with whom we feel our reputation would be safe, especially if Thompson gets the job.

From your point of view, as it is so close to Wexford, and as Mr. Gaffney will no doubt be taking considerable interest in the matter and as it is to be a lump sum contract, I should think the supervision that he will be able to give it would be everything that is necessary for your Council's point of view.

The Kilkenny County Council have appointed a Clerk of Works for the Kilkenny Bridge, which is of course an equally important engineering structure, and he is a young man in whom we have every confidence, and he knows his work well.

It is quite possible that you could make some advantageous arrangement with him to overlook the work, if the Kilkenny Co. Council would allow him, as the bridge at Kilkenny should be nearly completed by the time the work is started at Ferrycarrig, and you could not have a better



man should your Council think his services desirable.

Personally, I hope to be on the work from time to time and Mr. Gaffney would always have the benefit of my advice of course on any point about which he wished to have information."

The following recommendation was agreed to by the Meeting of the Finance Committee:

"We recommend the County Council to advertise for a qualified Resident Engineer in connection with the construction of Ferryarrig Bridge at a salary to be calculated at the rate of £3 per week, the person to be appointed to be in a position to prove that he has had personal experience in carrying out ferro-concrete work."

Proposed by Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Bolger and passed:-

"That the recommendation of the Finance Committee with reference to the appointment of a Resident Engineer be approved."

### — Poisons & Pharmacy Act —

Mr. Bryan Henessy, South Street, New Ross, applied for a license under Poisons and Pharmacy Act, and applications for renewals were received from Messrs. Joshua Roberts, Newtownbarry; E. L. Keating, Ballycanew; Mr. Johanna Hogan, Enniscorthy; J. N. Greene, do, Israel Wallis, Athurstown; James. M. Redmond, 51 Main Street, Gorey.

Mr. Kehoe proposed, Mr. Stafford seconded, and it was adopted:-

"That the applications for a new license, and for renewals under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act as submitted by our Secretary be granted."



— Delegates to Parliamentary Conventions —

In view of the probability of a dissolution of Parliament taking place almost immediately, Mr. Joseph Devlin, Sec. United Irish League, wrote asking the County Council to appoint four delegates each for North and South Wexford for selection of candidates.

On the motion of Mr. Lanning, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following delegates were appointed:-

North Wexford:- Messrs. T. Bolger, H. Kinsella, Michael Doyle, and Mark Codd.

South Wexford:- Messrs. E. Hore, James Codd, M. Hickey, and John J. Kehoe."

— Experiment Direct Labour —

Under date 5<sup>th</sup> February the following letter was received from Enniscorthy Rural District Council:-

"That having regard to the unsatisfactory state of the County Roads in many districts under the contract system, we, the Rural District Council of Enniscorthy, respectfully request the County Council to make an experiment of Direct Labour on the main Roads of the County as they fall out of contract for a period of not less than five years."

In connection with this matter the following letter under date 18<sup>th</sup> February was read from the Clerk Enniscorthy District Council:-

"Referring to yours of the 8<sup>th</sup> inst, re. Direct Labour on the Roads, I beg to inform you in reply to your queries that:-

(1) There was a month's notice given of the resolution re. direct labour.

(2) The resolution standing on the books was not rescinded the notice of motion read as follows:-

Notice of Motion

"Take notice that I will move on this day



four weeks, Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 1910, that having regard to the unsatisfactory state of the County Roads in many districts under the Contract System, We, the Rural District Council of Enniscorthy, respectfully request the County Council to make an experiment of Direct Labour on the Main Roads of the County, as they fall out of contract, for a period of not less than five years."

Signed. James Murphy.

Dated 5<sup>th</sup> January 1910

(3) I am aware that there is now no Main Road scheme, I presume what was meant was the Old Main Roads, as they are still looked upon here as Main Roads, I cannot say what roads are meant but will write Mr. Murphy, as I am sure he will be able to name them, (I expected him in yesterday but he did not turn up."

Proposed by Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Stafford, and passed:-

"That the Co. Council inform the Enniscorthy Rural District Council that as the resolution of the District Council against adopting a system of direct labour has not been rescinded, their resolution of the 5<sup>th</sup> February in favour of such a system cannot be considered in order."

— Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act —  
Under date 24<sup>th</sup> March the following resolution was received from Mr. M. J. Finn, Town Clerk, New Ross:-

"That Part I of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act 1908, be adopted by this Council subject to the approval of the County Council, and I am to request that your Council will kindly approve



of the adoption of that Part of the Act."

Proposed by Mr Stafford, seconded by W. Fanning, and passed:-

"That we have no objection to Part I of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act being adopted by the New Ross Urban Council."

### — Irish Road Congress —

Circular letter from Messrs R. H. Dorman, and H. Keogh-Nolan, Hon Secs of the Irish Road Congress giving the programme of the Congress which is to be held on 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup> Inst, was read.

Marked "Read"

### — Old Age Pensions —

The following circular letter from the Irish Co. Councils General Council was read:-

"The Irish County Councils General Council desire to direct the attentions of Pensions Committees throughout Ireland to the fact that grave doubt exists as to legality of the extensive cancellations of pensions recently made, and which continue to be made, by the Local Government Board for Ireland, and, in some isolated cases, by Pensions Committees themselves, on the ground that certain census records purport to show that the age of the pensioner, fixed by the decision of the committee at the time of his application as fulfilling the statutory qualification of 70 years or upwards, was so fixed in error, and is open to re-consideration at any time. The Council strongly hold that the decision of the Pension Committee upon this unchangeable qualification not having been appealed against within the statutory period by either the Pensions Officer or the applicant, is, in the words of the Act "final



and conclusive," and cannot be reopened either by the Committee themselves or by any other person or authority; and this view is fortified by the recent decision of the Court of appeal in the Pawley case. The Council intend to seek a decision of the High Court upon this important question with as little delay as possible, and pending this decision, they suggest that Pensions Committees should resist any efforts on the part of Pensions officers to induce them to reopen, or reconsider in anyway, cases of the type above indicated."

The Waterford Co. Council forwarded the following resolution on the same subject:-  
 "That owing to the complaints that prevail all over this County as well as every other County in Ireland concerning the unjust administration of the Pensions Act by the Local Government Board, Pension Authority to the Poor, we, the Waterford Co. Council, call upon the Government to remedy the Pensions Act, by an amending Act declaring that all appeals by the Pensions Officer shall be void if not finally decided by the Local Government Board within one month from the date of appeal. And also that in every case a pension claimant may appeal <sup>from</sup> the decision of the Local Government Board to the County Court Judge of the County in which he lives who shall finally determine said appeal at the next Court, and that in hearing evidence the Judge may have regard not only to strictly legal evidence, but to any such evidence as is in his opinion sufficient for the purpose and as the best information which it is reasonably possible for the claimant to obtain, and that no Court fees or stamps be imposed."

"On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, recorded by



Mr. Asple, it was decided to refer the matter to Mr. Ennis."

### Rates on Labourers Cottages.

The Secretary laid before the meeting proposed Labourers Bill, forwarded by the Irish Co. Councils General Council, providing for Rural District Councils paying rates on labourers' cottages and collecting the amounts subsequently by instalments.

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

"That we approve of the provisions of the Labourers Bill, drafted by the Irish County Councils General Council."

### Damage Ferry carrig Bridge.

Under date 24<sup>th</sup> March, the following letter was read from Slaney Steamboat Co:-

"We have received an application from Mr. R. W. Egan, Solicitor, on behalf of your Council for payment of £8: 7: 2, cost of repairing Ferry-carrig Bridge owing to damage alleged to be done by our steam barge on the 17<sup>th</sup> February last.

Our barge has been plying on the river for many years in charge of competent men and on the date mentioned the hands employed in steering and driving were capable and steady; all total abstainers. On their way to Wexford they took care as usual not to approach Ferry-carrig till low water. They reached there at 6.30 p.m., low water at Wexford Quay being 6.23 p.m., and in attempting to pass under the draw arch the bow of the barge struck the bridge. The men state, the barge would have got through safely were it not that the south side of the arch was lower by some inches than the north side. This is borne



out by the fact that the barge entered the arch without touching it.

Immediately after the occurrence our representative informed the Co. Surveyor, and although he came to Tullycarraig, he was unable to have the draw arch raised, indicating, we consider, the defectiveness of the structure.

It is unnecessary to point out the decaying state of the bridge; how it has for years hampered the traffic on the Slaney, and how, impeded as we have been by this out-of-date structure, and in the teeth of powerful opposition, our small company has maintained a goods service on the river between Wexford and Enniscorthy in the commercial interests of both places and kept down excessive rates, even when deprived of much of our revenue and at the entire loss of our net income.

The accident of the 14<sup>th</sup> ult., was unavoidable notwithstanding all precautions on our part and it is well known that there are times when barges passing through the bridge at low water have only headway sufficient to barely get through. Considering that your Council have decided to erect a new bridge in place of the present structure, which has outlived its day, we think in all fairness it is an injustice to penalise us owing to an occurrence entirely unavoidable by us, and at a time when you have already decided that the bridge is no longer fit for road or river traffic.

We would respectfully ask that a representative of our company be allowed to appear before a meeting or committee of your Council when the matter in dispute could be discussed and the necessity of incurring expensive legal proceedings avoided.

"The Secretary stated that at a meeting of



the Finance Committee two representatives of the company appeared and the Committee having heard them, and the County Surveyor, and being advised by their Solicitor, who was in attendance, adopted the following recommendation:-

"That we recommend the Co. Council to accept £5. from the Slaney Steamboat Co., in liquidation of cost of repairs to Ferryarrig Bridge as the damage caused the bridge on the 17<sup>th</sup> ult., might not have occurred but for the storm which prevailed on that evening. If the company accepts this offer we recommend the Co. Council to withdraw legal proceedings."

"Under date 4<sup>th</sup> April a letter was read from Mr. Irwin on behalf of the Steamboat Co., agreeing to the payment of the £5."

Proposed by Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Asple, and passed:-

"That the recommendation of the Finance Committee agreeing to accept £5 as compensation for damage caused Ferryarrig bridge by the Steamboat of Slaney Steamboat Co., be confirmed."

#### Encroachment on Road.

Under date 24<sup>th</sup> February, the following letter was read from Mr. Patrick Sutton, Ballynahoun, Wells, Gorey:-

"I have recently erected a new entrance to my place, I find now I should have had permission from the Co. Council for same, I now respectfully ask permission for the erection of a new entrance, and beg to state it was totally in ignorance of the regulations, that I acted as I have done. I apologize for same and say I am very sorry. I have to add I have been absent in England and the West



India for about 26 years, as a Revenue officer. Trusting your Council will under the circumstances favourably consider my application."

On the motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Fortune, the following resolution was adopted:—"That in view of Mr. Sutton's explanation that he acted in ignorance in making a slight encroachment on the road at his residence the Council agree to take no action."

— Alleged Tree Cutting —

Under date 12<sup>th</sup> February, the following letter was read from Messrs M. J. O'Connor, Solicitors, Wexford:-

"We are instructed by Mr. Nicholas Doyle of Rahendarrig, Boolavogue, that within the last fortnight, the contractor, David Breen, cut down 200 yards of a hedge, which is the fence between our client's land and the public road at Rahendarrig. This is a great injury to our client, because his land is about five feet higher than the road and the hedge is the only fence. It did no damage whatever to the road because it was kept regularly trimmed. Our client will have to put up a paling or other fence, besides losing the shelter of the hedge, part of which will never grow again. No notice of any description was given about cutting the hedge.

We shall thank you to let us know what the Council and the contractor propose to do about compensating Mr. Doyle for his loss."

"On the motion of the Chairman (Mr. Peacocky) it was decided that the letter be marked "Read."

— Bad Condition of a Road —

Under date 7<sup>th</sup> March the following letter was read from Mr. Owen Doyle, Boradorragh, Templehambo,



Terns:-

"Re my contract between Shambo and Kiltalee. about a mile of it on the Kiltalee end is in such a wretched condition that the public can hardly travel it, especially at night time.

I put out the tonnage specified in my contract but you could scarcely see it now. Two engines were employed all last summer drawing heavy waggons of timber, and five carmen worked most of the past winter drawing timber too. Between them all they cut up the road in such a bad way that 10 times the tonnage I put on it would be required to restore it to its former condition. a great deal of repairs have to be done to make this portion of my contract fit for public use, and I positively want to know, will the Co. Council allow me compensation if I do extra work that is now necessary."

Proposed by the Chairman, and adopted:-  
"That the letter of Mr. Owen Doyle, relative to his road contract be referred to the County Surveyor."

— Enniscorthy School Attendance Committee. —

Under date 3<sup>rd</sup> March, the Secretary, National Education Office; wrote pointing out that the period of service for Enniscorthy Rural District School Attendance Committee would expire on 31<sup>st</sup> and asking for the names of the persons appointed by the Co. Council to form a new committee as soon as possible.

"The Secretary stated that the Enniscorthy Rural District Council, recommended the following for appointment:- Messrs Shaddus Bolger, Thomas Cleary, Philip J. Bowe, Patrick Doyle, Jas. Lynch."

Proposed by Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Aspley and passed:- "That the following be appointed



as the representatives of the Co Council (as local authority) on the Enniscorthy Rural District School attendance committee: - messrs J. Bolger, Thomas Cleary, P. J. Bowe, Patrick Doyle, and James Lynch."

— Loss of a Boat - Courtown Harbour. —

Under date 4<sup>th</sup> February, the following letter was read from Thomas Davis, Courtown Harbour, relative to the loss of his Boat: -

"As I lost my boat and nets at Courtown Harbour, on the morning of the 18<sup>th</sup> January, and as I was solely depending on same, and as I have a large family I would respectfully ask the Co. Council to give me any assistance in their power towards the procuring of a new boat, for which I will be for ever grateful."

Proposed by the Chairman, and adopted: -  
"That Mr. Davis, be informed that the Co Council regret they have no power to make any grant to help to compensate him for the loss of his boat at Courtown Harbour."

— Discharging Boats - Courtown Harbour. —

The Secretary submitted correspondence with the Courtown Harbour Committee and minutes of Finance Committee relative to providing two new discharging boats for Courtown Harbour.

"The Finance Committee recommended that the old boats should be repaired at a cost not exceeding £3.; that the tender of the Wexford Dockyard Co., be rejected, and that the new boats be re-advertised, to be delivered on or before March 1<sup>st</sup> 1911."

Proposed by Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Fanning, and passed: - "That the action of the Finance Committee in re-advertising for the supply of two discharging boats for Courtown Harbour, be approved."



Confirmation of minutes

On the motion of Mr. Asple, seconded by Mr. James Codd, the minutes of the various committees since last meeting of the Council, were confirmed.

Leave of absence

On the motion of Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor, and Co. Secretary be granted leave of absence for 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup> inst."

Supply of coals - Co. Courthouse.

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Fanning, the Secretary was instructed to advertise for a supply of coals for Co. Courthouse as from 1<sup>st</sup> May.

Way Leave

Under date 20<sup>th</sup> March, Mr. Roberts, Superintending Engineer of the Post Office, applied for the consent of the Council to the erection of an overhead telegraphic line along the side of the public road from the existing telegraphic lines at Mucurry Cross Roads, via Mucurry Bridge to the Post Office at Kiltcally.

The Chairman proposed, Mr. Asple, seconded and it was passed:- "That the way-leave requested by the Post Office be granted."

creamery managers, and the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

Under date 25<sup>th</sup> November 1909, a lengthy communication was received from the Secretary of the Irish Creamery Managers' Association complaining that the Department of Agriculture had in 1904 appointed as Creamery Instructor - "an individual who had no experience of the working of creameries in any capacity whatever"



while the Department refuses to give certificates to creamery managers, unless they have twelve-months experience as managers, and pass an examination in Physical Science, Dairy, Technology, Bacteriology, Engineering, and Business methods.

The Department had refused to consider representations from the Irish creamery managers' association as to future appointments of instructors, and the latter asked the County Council to pass a resolution demanding that all subordinate positions should be filled by competitive examination from among qualified candidates.

"It was decided to postpone the matter till next meeting of the Council."

#### Catholics and Department of Agriculture + Technical Instruction.

Under date 1<sup>st</sup> December 1909, Mr. P. J. Lawrence, Hon Sec., Catholic Defence Society, 16 Rutland Sq., Dublin, wrote as follows:-

"I beg to enclose particulars regarding the unfair treatment accorded to the Catholic officials serving in the Veterinary Branch of the Irish Agriculture Department.

The Cork Co. Council, at their meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 1909, directed their Secretary to write to the Vice-President of the Department, and ask for an explanation in connection with this matter.

Might I ask you to be good enough to lay the particulars before your Council as soon as possible for such action as may be deemed necessary.

If your Council would follow the lead given by Cork, and write, too, to Mr. Russell for an explanation, good results would no doubt follow."



Proposed by Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Ennis, and adopted:-

"That the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, be requested to furnish this Council with their observations as to the public allegations which have been made regarding the unjust treatment of Catholics in the Veterinary Branch."

— Wanting Road Inspection —

Under date 8<sup>th</sup> February, the following letter was read from Mr. W. J. Tomkins, Seaview, Cloneman, Gorey:-

"As I understand your Council are to meet on 9<sup>th</sup> inst., I would like very much if you would ask them to state in what part of the district the roads are improving. As far as I can see they were never as bad as they are at present, and I could not expect anything else, that is if the system of making or repairing them is carried on, as round here, namely, the specified material in this district with very few exceptions, were to be sea stones, broken so as to pass freely through an inch and a half ring, but I regret to say instead of broken sea stones it is sea gravel of most irregular sizes is used. To verify this I would feel most grateful if your Roads Committee would kindly visit this district to see for themselves. I am afraid there is someone in fault.

Hoping you will excuse me for taking up so much of your valuable time."

marked "Read."

— Appointment of Inspector Food & Drugs Act. —

Mr. Fanning proposed, Mr. Aspley seconded and it was adopted:-

"That we hereby appoint Sergeant John A. Beatty, R. I. C., Gorey; as Inspector of the Wexford



Co. Council, as local authority, under the Food & Drugs acts, with power to do all things necessary for the purpose of carrying the provisions of these acts into effect."

— Complaint of Road Contractor. —

The following letter under date 13<sup>th</sup> April, was read from Daniel Kelly, Road Contractor, Knockmore, Cain :-

"I beg to lay my complaint before you. I am contractor for Road No. 226 from the bounds of the Barony at Cain to Castleboro, for the last five years. I was never deferred or struck off. I was considered a good contractor, by the late Co. Surveyor and his Assistant, by Councillors and Ratepayers. On the 1<sup>st</sup> April I received a note from the Assistant Surveyor, Mr. Hassett - saying I was £2 deferred for uncut hedges and rough surface of road. That was bad enough, but at Enniscorthy half-yearly meeting the 15<sup>th</sup> April, I was read out £2 struck off.

This is too bad for a poor labouring man who did his work honestly and well, I can see no way to get redress, so I respectfully ask you to send the Roads Committee on this road, that they may see and report am I wronged or not."

— Alleged Interference with a Road. —

Mr. Walter Dooley, Gurrawn, Blackwater, Road Contractor, wrote protesting against £3 being deferred on foot of contract No. 164. (Enniscorthy District) for having allowed his road to be interfered with. Mr. Dooley, and the District Councillors for the division, pointed out that the interference consisted in a fence having been erected at a dangerous



gupe four years ago; and they contended that this fence was quite necessary for the protection of the public, and was really a benefit, rather than an obstruction to the road."

Proposed by Mr. Keacocke, seconded by Mr. Kehoe and passed :-

"That the contractors who complain as to amount deferred or struck off, be informed that the Co. Council have been advised by the Local Government Board, by letter dated 8th February 1909, that they have no power to interfere with payments deferred or struck off by the County Surveyor."

admission of Press to meetings -

Board of Agriculture.

under date 19th October, the following resolution (postponed from last meeting of the Co. Council) was read from Kilkenny Co. Council :-

"That in the opinion of this Council, the proceedings of every Body administering or controlling public funds, should be open to the public and the Press; the ratepayers having an inherent right to know how their money is being disbursed; that the transactions of the Board of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, are of especial interest to the members of every Council who join in the administration of the Local Government Act, and that we call on the Board of Agriculture to comply with this resolution."

Adopted on the motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Aspley."

Queenstown & Bunard Line.

under date 5th April, a circular letter was



read from the Lord Mayor of Dublin, asking the Co. Council to appoint two delegates to attend an all Ireland meeting of public bodies, and members of Parliament, to be held in the Mansion House, Dublin; on 20<sup>th</sup> April for the purpose of considering what steps should be taken to safeguard the interests of the whole of Ireland now being adversely affected by the regrettable action of the Cunard Steamship Co., in abandoning Queenstown as the Irish Port of call for their fast steamers on the east bound passages from New York."

Mr. Stafford proposed, Mr. Fanning seconded, and it was passed:-

"That Messrs Peacocke, and J. J. Kehoe, be appointed representatives to the all Ireland meeting re the Cunard Co., and Irish Interests."

#### English Irish Dictionary.

The following under date 19<sup>th</sup> February 1910, was read from Mr. O'Neill Lane.

"I beg to enclose a prospectus of the new edition of my English-Irish Dictionary, in connection with which I have made exhaustive searches throughout Ireland for material establishing the usage in the four provinces. The manuscript dictionaries and other documents discovered by me, and enumerated in the prospectus, practically cover the whole dialectic field and will enable me to bring out a full and accurate work.

I enclose a rough specimen proof to give you some idea of the scope of the book, and I trust you will allow me to add your name to the list of subscribers"

marked "Read."



Poundage & Irrecoverable Rates.

The following resolutions were adopted :-  
On the motion of Mr. Asple, seconded by Mr. Codd :-

"That the lists of Irrecoverable Rates as submitted by our Secretary, be forwarded to the Local Government Board for their approval."

On the motion of Mr. Asple.

Seconded by Mr. James Codd :-

"That the collectors who completed their collection by 31st March, be paid the amount of Poundage as set out in Schedule submitted by our Secretary."

House of Lords.

The following resolution from Wicklow Harbour Commissioners, which was postponed from last meeting of the Council, was read :-

"That the House of Lords having proved the implacable and hereditary enemies of Ireland, by upholding all injustice to the Irish Nation; we hereby endorse to the fullest extent the indictments against it by the Right Hon Joseph Chamberlain in 1884, and the impeachments of Lloyd George and Winston Churchill, in their Bristol speeches, and we hereby call on the people of England to end the Lords' irresponsible power by abolishing it for ever: a House which has trampled on the people and the people's rights."

Proposed by Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and passed :- "That the Wicklow Harbour Commissioners be informed that we have every confidence in the manner in which the Irish Party will deal with the House of Lords."



Advertising

A letter was read from the manager of the newspaper "An Claidheamh Soluis" asking for a share of the advertising of the Co. Council.

marked 'Read.'

Analyst's Report.

The following was read for the meeting:-

City Laboratory  
17 Castle St. Dublin.  
17<sup>th</sup> February 1910.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, B. Sc., M. D., Public Analyst for the County Wexford, on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 1909.

102 articles were received from the Food Inspector R. J. G., as follows...

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number.</u>
milk	88
whiskey	29
Butter	28
Buttermilk	6
Rum	2
margarine	2
Port Wine	2
cheese	1
Total	<u>102.</u>

One certificate sent to acting Sergeant Donagh Wexford, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 18 per cent of added water, and one certificate for specimen of buttermilk adulterated with at least 35 per cent of added water exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes, and one certificate for specimen of whiskey which was 48 degrees under proof, and was therefore adulterated with 24 per cent of water.

One certificate sent to constable White, Gorey; for specimen of whiskey which was 30 degrees under



proof and was therefore adulterated with 6.67 per cent of water.

One certificate sent to Sergeant Groves, Enniscorthy; for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 39 per cent of added water, and was also deprived of at least 30 per cent of its fats.

There were twelve specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for Ireland, Uppermerion St., Dublin; which were taken up in the Co. Wexford. They were pure.

Three specimens of water analysed for the Guardians of Wexford Union had the following compositions.

One imperial gallon contained in grains...

	<u>No. 1.</u>	<u>No. 2.</u>	<u>No. 3.</u>
Total solid matters	25.900	16.800	34.300
Including			
albuminoid ammonia	0.021	0.009	0.039
saline ammonia	0.0025	0.0045	0.029
nitric acid	3.560	Trace	4.000
chlorine	4.970	2.585	3.379

No. 3 was much polluted and dangerous to drink, No. 2. was pure. No. 1. was slightly inferior.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union fifteen drugs were analysed. Two were incorrect.

One specimen of water analysed for Gorey Rural District Council, had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains...

Total solid matters	12.600
Including	
albuminoid ammonia	0.058
saline ammonia	0.017
nitric acid	Trace
chlorine	2.186

A. bad water.



Two specimens of water analysed for Enniscorthy Rural District Council had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains..

	<u>No. 1.</u>	<u>No. 2.</u>
Total solid matters.	18.900.	21.000

Including

albuminoid ammonia	0.006	0.0075
saline ammonia	0.006	0.006
nitric acid	1.810	1.800
chlorine	2.087	2.380

Good waters.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union, eighteen drugs and four specimens of tea were analysed. One of the drugs was incorrect.

One specimen of jelly was analysed for Messrs Buttle, Bros. Ltd, Enniscorthy.

There were two specimens of feeding stuffs analysed for J. Lambert Esq. Bellfield Farm, Enniscorthy.

For Shillelagh Union, which is partly situated in the County Wexford, three drugs were analysed and were correct.

Total analyses.. 163.

Adulterated and defective articles.. 8.

C. A. Cameron.

#### Automobile Club.

Proposed by Mr Hearn, seconded by Mr. Stafford and passed:-

"That as we understand the automobile club of Great Britain intend holding demonstrations of aeroplanes this year, we desire to call their attention to the suitability of the North and South Slob Lands, Wexford, where excellent facilities are available."

Edmund Hore,



Half yearly meeting - 4<sup>th</sup> May 1910.

The Half-yearly meeting of the County Council was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 4<sup>th</sup> May 1910.

Present:- Mr. E. Hore, (Chairman) presiding.

Other members:- Messrs Thomas Asple, Brown, John Bolger, J. Bolger, J. Cummins, Mark Codd, James Codd, Michael Doyle, J. A. Doyle, Mr. A. Ennis, Patrick Fortune, W. Forrestal, P. J. Fanning, J. S. Hearn, Michael Hickey, A. Kinsella, J. J. Kehoe, P. O'Neill, G. H. Peacocke, J. J. Stafford, and G. Walsh.

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

— Confirmation of minutes —

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

— Road Locomotive —

Proposed by Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Hearn and passed:- "That our County Surveyor be requested to communicate with makers or vendors of Road Waggon with a view to procuring same and that he be empowered to purchase a waggon if he deem it necessary. The cost to be defrayed out of the amount of the proposal passed for purchase of Road Locomotive and waggon."

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Stafford and passed:-

"That in the event of our County Surveyor having to go to England in connection with the purchase of a Road Waggon, the Co. Council defray his expenses."

— Rate collector John Walsh —

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



"That the resolution regarding the resignation of Mr. John Walsh, Rate Collector be rescinded. That Mr. Walsh be given his warrant for the incoming collection on the distinct understanding that if there is any complaint against him in the future in neglecting to carry out the terms of his bond the Co. Council will call for his immediate resignation."

Mr. A. Kinsella seconded.

Passed.

#### Direction Posts.

Mr. Ennis proposed, Mr. Peacock seconded and it was passed. :-

"That we call the attention of the Local Government Board for Ireland to the fact that the limited expenditure under the act is totally insufficient to erect anything in the nature of efficient or permanent direction posts or depots. That we suggest that a provision be inserted in any amending measure to the Local Government act giving Co. Councils power to exercise their discretion in these matters."

#### Rate Collector Poole.

The following notice of motion standing in the name of Mr. P. O'Neill, was moved by him :-

"That in consequence of the resignation of Mr. H. J. Poole, Poor Rate Collector for No. 13 Collection District owing to old age and infirmity of body I give notice of my intention to move at the meeting of the County Council on 4<sup>th</sup> May that the question of granting a superannuation allowance to Mr. Poole be considered at said meeting, and if the Council agree to same that the amount of superannuation be fixed."

The Secretary stated that at last meeting of the Council a resolution was adopted giving the Finance Committee power to deal with the question



of advertising for a new collector for appointment at the present meeting. As, however, he did not hear from Mr. Brighton till the 25<sup>th</sup> April that Mr. Poole had satisfactorily closed his collection the Finance Committee were not summoned as one publication only of the advertisement for a new collector could then have been given in the newspapers and the Council would not have considered this adequate."

Mr. Asple seconded notice of motion, which was passed.

On the motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Asple, it was decided that Mr. Poole be allowed a superannuation allowance of £20. per annum, as from 31<sup>st</sup> March 1910.

Mr. Peacocke proposed, Mr. Kinsella seconded and it was adopted:-

"That the vacant appointment for Rate Collector be filled at the annual meeting of the Council at a salary of 7<sup>th</sup> poundage fees, and the statutory fees under Voters & Jurors Acts. Security to be in the sum of £900 by a Guarantee Society, approved of by the Council, and Local Government Board."

#### Sheep Dipping - Autumn Order.

The following resolution from special meeting of the Council held on 31<sup>st</sup> August 1909, came up for consideration:-

"That we agree to carry out the autumn Sheep Dipping Order for this year, but recommend to the Co. Council meeting which considers the matter next year to steadfastly refuse to put the Order for a second dipping in force in future."

In connection with this matter the following resolution was read from North Wexford Farmers Society:-

"That we beg to thank the Wexford Co. Council



for their opposition to the enforcement of the autumn Dipping of sheep Order of 1909, and we trust they will use their influence with the Department of Agriculture to have compulsory dipping in autumn discontinued as useless and inconvenient to sheep owners."

under date 29<sup>th</sup> April, the following letter was read from the County Inspector, R. J. C.:-

"With reference to the resolutions passed by your Council on the 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. '10, relative to the Co. Inspector of R. J. C., to obtain the sanction of the Co. Council before taking proceedings against persons for breaches of the sheep dipping Orders, etc., I wish to point out that having regard to sec 43 of the Diseases of animals acts 1894, the police can institute proceedings in their own names, without directions from the Co. Council."

The Secretary said that the section referred to was as follows:-

"The police force of each police area shall execute and enforce this act and every Order of the Board of Agriculture."

The Sheep Dipping Order, clause 18, stated:-  
"The provisions of this Order shall be executed and enforced by the local authority who shall also provide all forms necessary in connection with such execution and enforcement."

It would appear from this that the constabulary had equal power with the Co. Council to enforce and execute the Order, or they were bound as respects this particular Order to get instructions from the Council. It was purely a legal question.

Mr. Browne proposed:- "That we refuse to put the autumn Sheep Dipping Order in force for the future, except in District Electoral Divisions



where sheep scab is found to exist."

Mr. Kinsella seconded.

Passed.

### Sub-letting Road Contracts.

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

"That the application of the County Surveyor to break the contracts of the following owing to their having sub-let their contracts be acceded to:- Aidan Cahill no 5 and 116 (Gorey District) Bernard Maguire no 26. (Enniscorthy District) Joseph Bullen no 307. (Enniscorthy District)."

### Waterford Bridge.

Under date 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1910, the following letter No. 6749 from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, was read:-

"With reference to your letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> instant on the subject of the proposed new Waterford Bridge, I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to inform you that His Excellency is advised that under section 15 of the Act 30 and 31 Vict., cap 50 it appears to rest with the contributory bodies collectively to determine whether the work shall be carried out by a Committee.

The Lord Lieutenant does not appear to possess any functions in regard to that Committee.

I am to suggest that you should communicate with the Town Clerk, Waterford, in the matter."

marked "Read."

### Dredging Kilmore

Under date 27<sup>th</sup> April 1910, the following letter No. 3097-10, F.B., was received from the Fisheries Branch of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction:-

"Adverting to previous correspondence on the subject of the improvement of Kilmore Harbour,



I have to state, for the information of the Wexford Co. Council, that the Department, having satisfied themselves that it would be impracticable to carry out the necessary work by means of a suction dredger, have further considered the question of the best method of dealing with the existing state of affairs. It has been stated that some attempts which were unsuccessful, have already been made with a grab dredger, but that the use of the Wexford Harbour Board's ladder dredger gave good results.

While it is not impossible that a suitable grab dredger worked under proper supervision would deal effectively with the Harbour, the Department are of opinion that, in view of the statement above referred to, the work should be undertaken in the first instance with a ladder dredger; and it is obvious that, from the point of view of propinquity, the employment of the engine belonging to the Wexford Harbour Board would prove economical. The draught of the ladder dredger in question is somewhat excessive for Kilmore Harbour; but it is estimated that she could execute a reasonable amount of work on long days - as she can at neap tides remain almost constantly afloat - while the fact that she must stop for five or six hours at some spring tides would not be sufficient to prevent her from giving a full day's work on such occasions.

If the Wexford Co. Council are prepared to contribute a sum of £125 towards the scheme, the Department would make an offer for the hire of this vessel. They would propose to dredge the area bordered in red colour on the accompanying map to a depth of four feet at low water of spring tides. This would involve the removal of about 12,000 tons of material. A good deal of sand in



the upper part of the Harbour will, it is assumed, run into the cutting thus made, and it is possible that the flattening of the slopes will entail some additional work. It may, therefore, be taken that the total quantity of material to be removed will be about 18,000 tons. Calculated at three loads per day the work would thus occupy 24 days. In fine weather the output would probably be greater than that estimated, so that the entire undertaking could be effected within, say, one month.

The cost of the dredger, for that period would probably be about £300, which sum would be reduced if it were found possible to secure a favourable insurance, and if no breakages should occur.

The presence of a resident Engineer while the work is in progress would be necessary. This would involve an additional outlay of £15.

Any further clearing required in the upper part of the harbour may have to be effected by other methods, but this part of the case had better be postponed until the effect of the work done by the dredger shall have been seen. It is to be clearly understood however, that no part of this further work could be proceeded with by the Department unless additional funds were provided.

The area indicated on the map as lying between the dotted red line and the quay would appear to be that next requiring attention.

"In a further letter (no. 3409-10 J. B.) the Department wrote stating that they would hold themselves responsible for the payment of the £15 for Resident Engineer."

Mr. Ennis proposed, Mr. Browne seconded, and it was passed: - "That we accept the offer of the



Department of agriculture, to have the dredging at Kilmore Harbour carried out, and we agree to contribute the sum of £125 towards the cost of same."

— audit of accounts. —

The Local Government Board wrote forwarding copy of report of their auditor in respect to his audit of the accounts of Gorey union for half year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 1909, with attested abstracts for same; and Co. Committee of agriculture & Technical Instruction, with respect to period ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1910."

marked "Read."

— Superannuation of Prison Official. —

Under date 20<sup>th</sup> April 1910, the Secretary to the Prisons Board wrote that the Treasury had awarded Mr. R. E. Walsh, late Assistant Clerk and Schoolmaster, as from 1<sup>st</sup> April 1910, a superannuation allowance amounting to £91 : 4 : 8, of which £3 : 18 : 10 was payable by the Co. Council, as successors to the late Prison authority.

An extract of a Treasury letter showed that if the Co. Council desired to commute their portion of the superannuation they could do so by payment of £48 : 14 : 3."

Mr. Ennis proposed :- "That we refuse to commute the portion of the pension payable by this Co. Council viz :- £3 : 18 : 10."

Mr. Kehoe seconded.

Passed.

— Poisons & Pharmacy Act —

Applications for renewals of licenses under the Poisons & Pharmacy Act 1908 were received from the following :-

Patrick J. Doran, 26 Main St. Gorey.  
Joseph J. Haughton, Ferns.



John Bullen, Wellingtonbridge  
 Kate Colfer, Ballymitty.

John Lambert, main st & new st Enniscorthy.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the applications for Renewals of Licences under the Poisons & Pharmacy Act, as submitted by the Secretary, be granted."

#### Alleged Damage to Roads.

Under date 14<sup>th</sup> April 1910 the following letter was read from Mr. N. Kehoe, Clerk Rural District Council of Wexford:-

"I am directed by my Council to draw the attention of your Council to the great havoc caused the roads in the Inghinon, Glynn, and Killurin districts by the engines of Messrs Davis, Enniscorthy; with the result that much increased prices - in one case up to 50% more - have had to be allowed to keep these roads in decent order.

I am to suggest to your Council that, if there is legal provision made for it, Messrs Davis and any other parties placing unusual and detrimental traffic on roads should be compelled to contribute towards the expense of repairing the damage done to them by such exceptional and heavy traffic, in the same manner as the Railway Company was required to pay under similar circumstances in the past. By bringing this matter under the notice of your next meeting, you will oblige."

Mr. Ennis proposed, Mr. Kinella seconded and it was passed:- "That no action be taken on the letter received from the Wexford District Council."

#### Brogan Lane.

Under date 13<sup>th</sup> April 1910, the following was



read from Mr. S. Wilson, Chief Inspector, Estates Commissioners Office:-

"I enclose an Order for £150 being the Estates Commissioners contribution towards the construction of a road in the townland of Broghan middle and Barrackcroghan on the above estate."

marked "Read"

— Forestry- Report of Departmental Committee. —

Under date 30<sup>th</sup> April 1910, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote, (letter no. 8058-10) calling the attention of the Co. Council to the portion of the report of their Committee on Irish Forestry, which referred to the action that might be taken by County Councils in promoting afforestation.

The Department pointed out that in addition to the rate under the Agriculture & Technical Instruction Act 1899, the Co. Council could strike an additional rate not exceeding one penny in the £ under the Technical Instruction Acts of 1889 and 1891, and in accordance with the provisions of Section 19 (2) of the 1899 Act, applying the proceeds to forestry work.

The Department recommended the Council to assign the produce of a special rate of one half penny in the £ for one year to this purpose.

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Keacocke, the letter of the Department and Report were referred to the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction.

— Slievebawn Quarry. —

Mr. Elger reported that Thomas Cullen, Slievebawn who had sold a quarry at Slievebawn to the Co. Council for £30 would not conclude his agreement to hand over the quarry, unless the Council



agree to pay the necessary expenses.

"It was decided that the matter be postponed to the annual meeting of the Council."

— Half-yearly abstracts of Proposals etc. —

The following resolution from Gorey Rural District Council relative to Abstract of Proposals and Resolutions, was read :-

"That a copy of the abstract of Proposals and Resolutions considered and passed each half year by the County Council be supplied to each District Councillor; and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the County Council and to every District Council in the County Wexford."

This resolution was considered at the meeting of the Finance Committee on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, when the following recommendation was adopted :-

"That the Gorey District Council be informed that the Proposal Committee had approved of an application that 72 copies be supplied each half-year for the use of County Councillors, County and Assistant Surveyors; and Clerks of District Councils, and that tenders have been invited accordingly. That the functions of a County Council in considering proposals of a Proposal Committee were limited to the approval or rejection of a proposal, but in order to meet the views of the District Council, a clause will be inserted in the specification that the contractor will be bound to supply the public with copies of the abstract at a reasonable cost."

"On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Keacocke, the recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed."



Proposals for Works.

Proposed by Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Aspley and passed:-

"That we hereby approve of the several contracts as appearing on Forms 20 for the Rural Districts of the County, and Proposal Committee of the County at Large, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

Proposals for Payments.

Proposed by Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Aspley and passed:-

"That we approve of payments as recommended by the County Surveyor to the Rural District Councils of the County, and to the Proposal Committee for the half-year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1910, and as appearing on forms 22; also the transfers to Public Bodies and payments for matters other than public works, and recommended by the Proposal Committee and Finance Committee, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

Kerlogue Quarry.

On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Fanning the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the expenses in connection with Kerlogue Quarry, be a County at Large charge from which Urban Districts are exempt."

Courtown Harbour Boats.

The following tenders for supplying two boats for Courtown Harbour were received:-

Simon Lambert, Wexford.	£ 110.
Andrew Byrne, Courtown	75
Lockyard & Co., Wexford	110
John Tyrrell & Son, Arklow.	95.



Mr. Peacocke proposed, Mr. Tanning seconded :-  
 "That the tender of Mr. Andrew Byrne, for supplying two boats for use of Courtown Harbour Committee at £75 be accepted."

———— Polling Districts. ————

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

"That Scheme for alteration of polling districts and Registration of voters (Ireland) Act 1908 be received and adjourned to next half-yearly meeting. That in the meantime our Secretary consult with the Clerk of Crown & Peace as regards the details."

———— Confirmation of minutes. ————

On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Ennis, the recommendations of the various committees of the Council since last meeting were confirmed. These included a recommendation from the Finance Committee that the salary of the accountant (Mr. P. Donohoe) be fixed at £3 per week as from Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> inst."

———— Roads. ————

The following under date 25<sup>th</sup> April was read from Mr. A. A. Connolly, Clerk District Council of Enniscorthy :-

"At the last meeting of the Council your communication relative to the recommendation from your County Council to the Co. Surveyor as to the method to be adopted in striking off was considered; and the following resolution was adopted :-

"That Contractors, who, at the time of measurement, have not the whole quantity out, get twenty one days notice, at the expiration of which time the recommendation of the County Council



if necessary, to be applied.

Proposed by Mr Fanning, seconded by Mr. James Codd, and passed:-

"That the Enniscorthy R.D. Council be informed that as their proposal would involve a second measurement the Co. Council do not consider it feasible."

Mr Wm McCormick, Gollough, Kilmore; wrote as follows under date 20<sup>th</sup> April:-

"Would you kindly bring under the notice of the Co. Council how unfairly I was treated by not giving me the contract of the road from Ballyhealy cross to the cross near Whitty's forge, No. 159-999 perches. The tender against me was what I consider informal and unfairly filled, with two amounts in the one tender one higher and the other lower than mine. The same thing occurred a few moments later and the Council considered it informal, therefore I consider myself wronged with regard to that tender."

Mr. Brennan, Solicitor for Mr. McCormick, having heard, read a letter from Mr. Batterton, Post Office, Bridgetown; who filled Keeling's tender, with a few opposition.

A letter was read from Mr. John Dempsey, Ballygilliestown, Davidstown; that with regard to his roads in Enniscorthy District he was to spread 50 cubic yards on one and 76 on the other. He claims according to the Return he spread 60 and 98, or 24 more than was required, and that he had did this, on account of sudden damage which occurred in December last owing to floods. He wants to be paid for this extra tonnage.

No Order.



The following under date 13<sup>th</sup> April, was read from Mr. Joseph Cullen, Glenbrien, Enniscorthy:-  
 "I would be very thankful if you would instruct the Roads Committee to inspect my roads."  
 No. Order."

Foreman Tara Hill Quarry.

"Mr. John Lannon, Foreman Tara Hill Quarry, wrote informing the Council of the death of one of his sureties. Mr. Philip Kelly, Camblin, - and submitting instead the name of Mr. John Stafford Assegart, Foulksmills. Mr. Lannon wrote that he thought it would be rather hard on him to bear the expense of the preparation of a second bond, and he hoped the Council would not ask him to do so."

Proposed by Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and passed :-

"That the Co. Council accept the name of Mr. John Stafford, Assegart, Foulksmills; vice Philip Kelly, Camblin; deceased, as one of Mr. Lannon's sureties, and decide that the cost of preparation of new bond be borne by the Council."

Approval of appointment - Assistant Co. Surveyor.

Under date 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1910, letter No. 33,549-1910, was read from the Local Government Board, approving of the appointment of Mr. Michael Howlin, as Assistant County Surveyor.

marked "Read".

Checkers of Rate Collectors Accounts.

On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Asple, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That we appoint Messrs N. Kehoe, M. J. Finn; R. Brighton; and D. McDonald; as checkers of the accounts of the Rate Collectors for the districts of Wexford, New Ross, Gorey, and Enniscorthy, at



a salary to be calculated at the rate of 5/- per 100 ratings in each of the districts."

— Dates of meetings. —

On the motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Kinsella, the following dates of meetings were fixed :-

New Ross Rural District Council	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov.	11 am.
Wexford " " "	Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	" 10.30. "
Enniscorthy " " "	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	" 11 "
Gorey " " "	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	" 11.30 "
Proposal Committee	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	" 10.30 "
County Council	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	10.30 "

— Ferryarrig Bridge —

Under date 27<sup>th</sup> April 1910, the following letter was read from Mr. S. Gaffney, Co. Surveyor:-

"I cannot say yet that I will have the Drawings and Specification for Ferryarrig Bridge ready for the meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> prox.

In view, however, of the fact that in all works of this size alterations are bound to be made, I think it very desirable that the Council should appoint a committee with which I could confer, and which should have power to authorise such alterations.

I shall be glad if you will bring this before the Council."

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

That tenders for the erection of new bridge at Ferryarrig be invited for annual meeting and that immediately the plans and specification are ready, advertisement be inserted in 'Engineering'

— Coals for Arthurstown Courthouse. —

Mr. J. B. Wallis, Clerk Arthurstown Petty Sessions district wrote asking for a grant of usual coal supply viz:- one ton.



Proposed by Mr. Asple, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and passed: "That the clerk of Athurstown Petty Sessions be empowered to procure one ton of coal for use of Petty Sessions House."

— Entomological Society of London. —

The Chairman of the Entomological Society of London, wrote asking the County Council to appoint a delegate to the first International Congress which is open at Brussels on August 1<sup>st</sup>.  
No Order.

— Essential Irish in National University —

The following resolution was received from the Gaelic League, Dublin:—

"The Boirde Gnotha of the Gaelic League wish it to be clearly understood that the recommendations of the Board of Studies regarding Irish in the University as reported are unsatisfactory, and will not at all meet the demands of the country, which can only be satisfied by making Irish an essential subject for matriculation, and during that part of the undergraduate course which precedes specialisation."

On the same subject the following resolution was read from Waterford Co. Council:—

"That in view of the lukewarm attitude of the Board of Studies towards the National Demand, that a knowledge of the Irish language be made essential for matriculation in the New University, this Council desires to again most emphatically endorse their unanimous resolution dated 25<sup>th</sup> January 1909, and to add that they will decline to consider the levying of any rate as provided by the Act towards supporting the New University unless and until the Senate gives effect to the will of the Irish people."

A resolution framed on similar lines, and passed at a public meeting held in Lippinry on



Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March 1910, was also received.

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

"That the minimum concession with regard to the status of Irish in the National University which in our opinion would justify this Council in striking a rate in aid of education therein is that the Irish language should be made an essential subject for matriculation and that this provision should come into operation during the lifetime of the present Senate, exemption from the regulation to be granted to non-Irish born students domiciled outside Ireland during a period of three years preceding matriculation.

And in the event of the Senate of the University agreeing to make this concession we undertake to strike a rate of one half-penny in the £ at the next February meeting of the Council to be applied to the provision of scholarships or such other purpose in connection with University education as the Council may later determine, the funds provided by such levy of one halfpenny in the £ to be placed in a suspense account until one year prior to the date fixed by the Senate after which Irish becomes an essential subject for matriculation."

— Resignation. Very Rev Canon Sheil P. P. —

The following letter under date 28<sup>th</sup> April 1910, was read from Very Rev Canon Sheil P. P. Bru:-

"On account of my duties I have to resign my position on the Asylum Board. Will you kindly when notifying same to your Council convey to them my sincere thanks for my appointment."

Mr. Piacocke proposed, Mr. Ennis seconded



and it was passed :-

"That our Secretary communicate with Canon  
Sheil, P. P., Bree; and request him to reconsider  
his resignation as member of the District  
Asylum Board."

Edmund Gore

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Annual Meeting - 14<sup>th</sup> June 1910.

The annual meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Council Chamber Courthouse, Wexford. on 14<sup>th</sup> June 1910.

Present :- Mr. E. Hore (Chairman) presiding  
Other members :- Messrs J. Asple, Mr. Browne, John Bolger, J. Bolger, J. Cummins, Mr. Codd, James Codd, Mr. Doyle, Mr. A. Ennis, P. Fortune, P. J. Fanning, Mr. Hickey, A. Kinsella, J. J. Kehoe, P. Creane, P. O'Neill, C. H. Peacocke, J. J. Stafford, G. Walsh, and Sir J. H. G. Esmonde.

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

— The Chairmanship —

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Sir J. H. G. Esmonde. - Mr. E. Hore was re-elected Chairman of the Council."

Mr. Hore returned thanks; and subscribed the usual declaration of office."

— Vice Chairmanship —

On the motion of Sir Thomas Esmonde seconded by Mr. Ennis, Mr. C. H. Peacocke, was re-elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing year. Mr. Peacocke returned thanks, and subscribed the usual declaration of office."

— Coronation Oath —

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Sir J. Esmonde, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That the Declaration of the King of England as made by the late and former Kings is so offensive to Catholics and others in Ireland,



that we urge the ministers of the Crown to remove those words which are so insulting to the vast majority of the inhabitants of Ireland.

A copy of this resolution to be sent to the Prime Minister, to the Chief Secretary, and to the Irish members of Parliament."

— Chairmen &c., of Rural District Councils. —

The Secretary stated he had received communications from the clerks of the Rural District Councils, that representatives on the County Council had been appointed as follows:—

Ennisconchy - Thaddeus Bolger.

Forry - P. J. Fanning (under sec 3. of L. S. (I) act.)

New Ross - Michael Hickey.

Wexford - Gregory Walsh.

The usual declarations of office were made by these councillors.

— Committees —

On the motion of Sir J. Esmonde

Seconded by Mr. Kehoe;

the full Council was appointed the Proposal Committee.

On the motion of Sir J. Esmonde

Seconded by Mr. Fanning.

the following were appointed members of the Finance Committee:— Messrs E. Hore, J. E. Mayler, Mr. Browne, P. O'Neill, John Bolger, A. Kinsella, T. Asple, J. S. Hearn, C. H. Peacocke, J. J. Stafford, J. J. Kehoe, G. Walsh, Mr. A. Ennis, James Codd, and Sir J. Esmonde.

— Diseases of animals act, committee. —

On the motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Cummins, the following resolution was adopted:— "That the business of the Diseases of animals act, committee, be carried out by the Co. committee"



of Agriculture & Technical Instruction."

— Vacancies on Asylum Committee —

The Secretary said he had received a letter from Very Rev Canon Shiel P. P. Bree; stating that he was sorry he could not comply with the kind request of the Council to reconsider his resignation as member of the Asylum Committee, as it was not without much consideration, and much regret he severed his connection with the Board.

The Secretary also said that there was another vacancy on the Asylum Committee, owing to the death of Mr John Bullin.

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. J. Dolger, the following were appointed members of the Asylum Committee: Messrs P. J. Fanning and P. Fortune."

— General Purposes Committee —

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:—"That the Finance Committee be appointed as a committee for dealing with all urgent matters arising from the County Surveyor's department."

— Revision of Valuation —

On the motion of the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:—"That the date of meeting for consideration of applications for revision of valuation be fixed by our Secretary."

— Motor Car Examination —

Under date 2<sup>nd</sup> June the Local Government Board wrote (letter no 28528-1910 mis) forwarding copies of an Order authorising the



Irish automobile club for a period of six months to perform the duties as regards Ireland, specified in article 1 (1) of the motor car (International Circulation) Order 1910, in connection with the examination of motor cars and drivers travelling in foreign countries."

marked "Read."

### Road Direction Posts.

Under date 3<sup>rd</sup> June the following letter No. 35306-1910, re sign posts on roads, was read from the Local Government Board :-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to acknowledge the receipt of the resolution of the County Council of Wexford of the 4<sup>th</sup> ultimo, relative to the statutory limit of expenditure in connection with the erection of sign posts on roads, and I am to state that the Board have noted the Council's request, and they will endeavour to have a clause inserted in any amending legislation to remedy the existing state of affairs."

marked "Read."

### Assistant Surveyor.

Mr. John Bolger moved the following of which he had given previous notice :-

"That an additional Assistant County Surveyor be appointed at a salary to be fixed at the Co. Council meeting which considers this motion. That all Deputy Surveyors in future be whole-time officers and that they give at least 220 days in the year to the inspection of roads, quarries, fences, spreading of stones, etc."

Mr. Ennis seconded.

In connection with this matter a resolution was read from Gorey Rural District Council opposing the appointment, as the Council believed the present number of Assistant Surveyors was sufficient for the amount of work to be done.



Mr. N. Kehoe, Clerk Wexford Rural District Council, wrote that his Council are strongly and unanimously opposed to the proposal to appoint an additional Assistant Surveyor. The Council were of opinion that the present Assistant Surveyors could very well devote more of their time to supervising the work on the roads, and that if they did so, there would be no justification for the making of a new appointment.

As an amendment Mr. J. Bolger proposed, and Mr. Fanning seconded:-

"That the matter be postponed for the appointment of a committee to make a recommendation to the Co. Council."

Mr. J. Bolger subsequently withdrew his amendment.

A poll was taken on Mr. John Bolger's resolution with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Browne, O'Neill, J. Bolger, Ennis, Creane, J. Bolger, Doyle, and the Chairman:- 8  
 Against:- Messrs Walsh, Kinsella, Stafford, Placocks, Sir J. Esmonde, Kehoe, Fanning, J. Codd, Asple, Cummins, M. Codd, Fortune, and Hickey. - 13.

The Chairman declared the resolution lost.

#### Rate collector No. 13. District.

There were three candidates for Rate collectorship of No. 13. District, vacant by the resignation of Mr. Henry J. Poole; - viz:-

Michael Sheehan, Main Street, Gorey.  
 James Kavanagh, Ballygarrett up? "  
 Aidan Leary, Rahunaska, Oulart.

Mr. Kinsella proposed, - Mr. Michael Sheehan -  
 Mr. Fanning seconded.

Mr. Creane proposed - Mr. James Kavanagh -



Mr Asple, seconded.

Mr. Liary withdrew his application.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For Sheehan:- Messrs Browne, Walsh, Kinsella, Stafford, O'Neill, J. Bolger, Ennis, Peacocke, Kehoe, Fanning, J. Codd, Creane, Asple, Doyle, M. Codd, Cummins, Hickey, Sir J. Cernonde, P. Fortune, and J. Bolger.- 20.

For Kavanagh:- The Chairman.

The Chairman declared Mr. Sheehan elected.

Mr. Sheehan returned thanks.

#### Superannuation of Mr. H. J. Poole.

Under date 24<sup>th</sup> May 1910, the Local Government Board, wrote forwarding Sealed Order No. 37088-1910, agreeing to the payment of a superannuation allowance of £20 per annum to Mr. Henry J. Poole, late Rate Collector for No. 13 Collection District.

marked "Read."

#### River Slaney Bridges.

Under date 9<sup>th</sup> May 1910, the following letter (No. H. 5940) was read, from the Harbour Department, Board of Trade, London:-

"I am directed by the Board of Trade, to transmit herewith, to be laid before the Wexford Co. Council, copy of two letters which they have received from the Enniscorthy Co-operative Agricultural Society Ltd, relative to the closing of certain bridges over the River Slaney, and I am to request that you will favour the Board with the observations of the Council thereon."

The correspondence included the following:-  
Letter from Mr. Barron, manager Enniscorthy Co-operative Society, under date 18<sup>th</sup> April, enclosing copy of letter from County Surveyor in reply to a



request of the Society to have the Slaney Bridges opened to allow "The Irish co-operator" (motor barge) to proceed to Enniscorthy. Mr. Barron asked to have the matter brought before the proper authorities with a view to having the Wexford bridge opened at once and pointed out that the opening span of the several bridges had been neglected for years."

In the letter of the County Surveyor to Mr. Barron, the former pointed out that until the proposed repairs were carried out to the opening span of the Wexford Bridge, it would be impossible to open it.

In a letter under date 29<sup>th</sup> April, Mr. Barron in reply to a communication from the Board of Trade stated that the new bridge at Wexford and the three bridges below Enniscorthy, viz. Ferryarrig, Kilbrin, and Cadmine, were the bridges they complained of."

The Secretary was directed to forward the following statement to the Harbour Department of the Board of Trade:-

"As soon as the state of the Wexford Bridge was brought to the notice of the Co. Surveyor, he took measures to bring in a proposal to have the opening span put in order, and at the April meeting of the Co. Council, a proposal to spend £400 was passed, and he is endeavouring to have the work carried out at present.

It is 15 years since any application was made to have the draw arch of Wexford Bridge opened.

We also desire to point out to the Harbour Department of the Board of Trade that the Co. Council have accepted at this day's meeting of the Co. Council, a contract for the erection of a new ferro concrete Bridge at Ferryarrig. Since the matter was called to their attention



they have done all they could to take steps to have the necessary work at Wexford Bridge carried out.

The opening spans of the bridges at Ferrycarrig, The Deep, and Edmunt, are in working order.

### Ferrycarrig Bridge

Proposed by Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. J. Bolger and adopted:-

"That the recommendations of the Proposal Committee at their adjourned meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June with regard to the acceptance of contract for Ferrycarrig Bridge be approved.

That subject to enquires being made by our solicitor as to the sureties offered by Mr. Colhoun, being found satisfactory that they be accepted, and the Bond entered into, and perfected within a fortnight from this date.

The Sureties offered are - John R. Hastings & Co., Ltd. Sea merchants, Londonderry; Austin & Co., Drapers; and Firm of Crockett & Guy; Hardware merchants."

### Resident Engineer

Proposed by Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Ennis; That the following recommendation of the Finance Committee be confirmed:-

"We recommend the Co. Council to advertise for a qualified Resident Engineer in connection with the construction of Ferrycarrig Bridge at a salary to be calculated at the rate of £3 per week; the person to be appointed to be in a position to prove that he had had personal experience in carrying out Ferro-concrete work.

The Secretary and the County Surveyor to draft the necessary advertisement, and that the appointment be made at meeting of the



Finance Committee on 9<sup>th</sup> July."

Payments.

Proposed by the Chairman, and adopted:-  
"That the payments recommended by the Finance Committee and amounting to £3,289:15:6, be agreed to."

Dredging Kilmore Harbour.

Proposed by Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. Ennis:-  
"That the Department of Agriculture be requested to carry out the dredging at Kilmore at once, and that our Secretary communicate the reasons why the dredging should be completed without delay."

Passed.

Working of discharging boats at Courtown.

The Secretary reported that the master of vessel Isabel at Courtown had wired on 11<sup>th</sup> inst., that the Boatmen had refused working his vessel in Bay, and that he would claim demurrage if work not resumed immediately.

He (Secretary) had wired Harbour master for an explanation, and the Harbour master replied that under the terms of a resolution of the Co. Council dated 13<sup>th</sup> June 1908, he had appointed a man named Thomas Davis, to work in one of the boats as successor of an old man now in receipt of Old Age Pension. The other men refused to work with Davis, and wanted a man named Callaghan employed. The Harbour master would not consent to this arrangement; hence the dispute in question.

On 13<sup>th</sup> June the Secretary and County Surveyor attended at Courtown Harbour; and submitted the following report:-

"In view of the dispute at Courtown Harbour we went there on 13<sup>th</sup> inst., and interviewed



the Harbour master and Mr. Redmond, merchant.

We found that the custom which has prevailed up to the present as to the manning of the boats was, that the crew claimed a prescriptive right to nominate their successors.

This meant that while nominally the crew are employed by the Harbour master they are in reality independent. It seems a ridiculous arrangement that the merchants have to pay the crews and insure them but have yet nothing to say to their employment.

It appears to us unnecessary to go into the merits of the dispute on the present occasion tho' we would point out that in nominating a man for the boats, the Harbour master was entirely within his rights, as defined by the resolution of the Co. Council passed at the annual meeting in June 1908.

To obviate any further trouble and annoyance either to the Co. Council or the Harbour master, we suggest that for the future the merchants who are responsible for the wages of the boats crews and for their insurance, should select the persons of whom they are to be composed.

The arrangement obtaining at present is likely to lead to continued friction. It is the business of merchants to have vessels consigned to them, discharged; and we believe it is unwise and injudicious that this work should be imposed on the Harbour master.

For the future it would be well if the Co. Council hired the boats to the merchants, and let the latter provide crews.

(Signed) Stafford Gaffney  
Co. Surveyor.

N. J. Fuzilli  
Co. Secretary

14<sup>th</sup> June 1910.

On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr.



Peacocke, the following resolution was adopted:-  
 "That the report of the Secretary and County Surveyor, be adopted, and that Mr. Elger be requested to draw up a form of agreement between the parties concerned for use whenever the boats are utilized for discharging purposes."

Holidays

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

"That the usual holidays be granted to the Co. Council Staff."

Prosecutions Road Contractors.

The County Surveyor asked for permission to prosecute the following:- No. 167 Walter Dooly, Ennisconchy Rural District  
 No. 250 - Edward Gillen. " "

No. 220 - Patrick Nolan - New Ross " "

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the necessary permission was granted."

Boats. Co. Courthouse.

The tender of Mrs. Johanna Byrne, for supply of boats, for Courthouse, at 2/9 per ton was accepted on the motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Fanning.

Food & Drugs Act.

Under date 1<sup>st</sup> June 1910, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote that three samples of butter taken by one of their inspectors at Courtown Harbour, and three samples taken at Loughmor, proved to be pure on examination by the Public Analyst.

marked "Read."



### Sheep Dipping.

In connection with the resolution of the Co. Council passed on 4<sup>th</sup> May, and refusing to put into force the autumn Sheep Dipping Order, except in district Electoral divisions in which sheep scab was found to exist.

The following resolutions adopted at the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> June of the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction as the Executive Committee under the Diseases of Animals Act, were read for the meeting.

"That we request the Co. Council to put the autumn Sheep Dipping Order into force, and would point out to the Department that practically the only objection made by the Co. Council to the enforcement of this Order was to the unsuitability of the dates selected for dipping. This meeting suggests to the County Council to request that the dates of dipping should be changed as follows :-

Summer Dipping from 1<sup>st</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> August.

Autumn Dipping from 1<sup>st</sup> August to 1<sup>st</sup> October.

If possible, we request the Department to allow these dates to come into force for this year. That the Department be requested to direct Mr. Norris, V.S., of the Department to attend the County Council meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> inst."

"That the attention of the Department be drawn to the fact that it is believed that most cases of sheep scab existing in North Wexford are imported from the mountainous parts of the County Wicklow. We consider that the Department should make every effort to stamp out the disease in those places."

Under date 4<sup>th</sup> May, the following letter (No 1973-10) from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction was read :-

"The Department of Agriculture & Technical



Instruction desire to transmit herewith, for the information of your local authority copies of a further Order on the above subject, entitled the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order of 1910, which has been made recently by the Department under the Diseases of animals acts.

This Order consolidates with certain modifications, the provisions previously in force under Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order of 1909 and the autumn Dipping of Sheep (Ireland) (Temporary) Order of 1909. at the same time it revokes both of these Orders together with the Sheep Scab (Local Regulations authorities) (Ireland) Order of 1905, and all Regulations made by local authorities under the latter Order.

The principal alterations in former procedure resulting from the new Order will be -

- (i) the shortening by fifteen days of the duration of the autumn Dipping period, which is now prescribed as terminating on 15<sup>th</sup> November instead of, as previously on 30<sup>th</sup> November.
- (ii) the reduction by a month of the time during which market Regulations will operate in the summer Dipping period. The period will commence as before on 10<sup>th</sup> June but the need for sheep exposed for sale being accompanied by a Declaration as to their having been dipped during such period will not begin to apply until 10<sup>th</sup> July.
- (iii) the extension of uniform requirements as regards the autumn period to the entire country. In certain counties in 1909 the second dipping was carried out under local Regulations. These will now be superseded by the provisions of the new Order.
- (iv) the introduction of more precise provisions - viz article 4 of the Order - on the subject of exemptions.



from dipping.

These changes will, the Department believe, be found to be generally advantageous.

Cordial co-operation on the part of the different local authorities in giving effect to the Order is hoped for by the Department. Sheep dipping continues to receive marked attention in Great Britain and it is essential that this country, which has to rely so much on access to the British markets for opportunities for the sale of its sheep, should be not less solicitous in endeavouring, by all suitable means, to preserve its flocks from disease, more especially as sheep scab, while diminishing in Great Britain, is unfortunately still rather prevalent in Ireland.

The Department wish in these circumstances to bring to the special notice of your Local authority the duties and powers imposed and conferred on them under articles 18, 14, and 19, of the Order respectively.

A further communication respecting the publication of the Order the provision of forms and other details in relation to the working of the Order will be addressed to your Local authority as soon as possible."

Under date 6<sup>th</sup> May 1910, the following letter (No. 1944-10 V. B.) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"With reference to the resolution adopted at a meeting of the Wexford Co. Council on the 15<sup>th</sup> ultimo setting forth some reasons which have been urged against the enforcement of an autumn dipping, I have to state that the Department, while regretting to differ from the views expressed by your Council, are satisfied that it is at present desirable to require more than one dipping annually of sheep in Ireland.



One of the chief grounds for this conclusion is that in those parts of Great Britain to which the bulk of the Irish sheep exports go, two dippings yearly are carried out under the Order of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries issued in pursuance of the Diseases of Animals Act; and it is important in the interests of the export trade in sheep, and unrestricted continuance of which is so vital to sheep farming in this country, that dipping should not receive less attention here, more especially as Sheep Scab, while apparently diminishing in Great Britain is, unfortunately, still prevalent in Ireland.

Furthermore, it is to be remembered that the Council of Agriculture which comprises representatives from all parts of Ireland, unanimously recommended some years ago that sheep in Ireland should be dipped twice annually. To this recommendation the Department considered themselves bound to give effect as soon as practicable; and, when the practice of a summer dipping had become well established, it was felt that the general application of the further requirement of an autumn dipping, which various local authorities were already voluntarily enforcing, should not be longer delayed. The requisite Order was accordingly issued last year, with the result that nearly two millions of sheep appear to have received an autumn dipping in 1909, and so far as the Department are aware no injurious effects of the nature apprehended by your Council were experienced from such dipping.

Under date 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1910, the following letter (No 2456-10 D.B.) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-



With reference to the final paragraph of this Department's Circular No. 1973/10, of 4<sup>th</sup> ultimo, respecting the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order of 1910, it is now desired to state for the information of your Local Authority, that the Department are arranging for the transmission this year, to sheepowners throughout Ireland of envelopes similar to the enclosed containing Notices and Forms in relation to the Order. But it is advisable that the Local Authority should, in addition, cause to be printed a moderate supply of the B(I); B(II); C(I); and C(II); Forms for distribution to the different Police Stations as a reserve to meet possible further requirements.

The Department have also had a Placard prepared respecting this Order, and will forward you the customary number of copies thereof with a view to the usual arrangements for having such posted throughout the district of your Local Authority. A specimen of the Placard is enclosed.

Any Inspectors engaged, or to be engaged under the Local Authority in supervising dipping might be furnished anew with copies (supply herewith) of the Circular No. 4507/07, of the 12<sup>th</sup> September 1907, on the subject of the prevention of pollution with dip either of streams etc., containing fish or of any water used for drinking or other domestic purposes.

A Revised list of sheep dips approved for use for sheep scab and sheep dipping in Ireland is now in the hands of the Printer, and copies, when available, will be sent for the use of such Inspectors.

The Constabulary, though they cannot act as Inspectors will assist in the following ways, in the carrying out of the Order:-

(a) receiving and transmitting to the clerk of the Local Authority or to such other person as the Local



authority may desire notices of intended dipping given by sheep owners under article 5 of the Order, and any Declarations as to dipping given under article 9;

(b) by satisfying themselves while on patrol that the dipping is being carried out, and by reporting to the Local authority any cases of neglect or failure to comply with the Order which come under their notice. The Police will not be required to superintend the actual process with the view of seeing that it is properly performed;

(c) by reporting to the Local authority any cases which may come under their notice of movements of sheep in contravention of the Order.

(d) by furnishing to the Local authority prior to the commencement of each sheep dipping period, a list, by townlands, of the names and addresses of persons having sheep in each constabulary sub-district;

(e) by keeping at the Police Barracks stocks of Forms (which the Local authority should provide) for purposes of Declaration under articles 6 and 9 of the Order respectively, and issuing such Forms to persons calling to obtain them;

(f) by instituting legal proceedings; where requested to do so by the Local authority, against persons guilty of breaches of the Order."

Mr. J. Bolger proposed, and Mr. James Coad, seconded:— That we agree to put the autumn sheep Dipping Order into force, and would point out to the Department that practically the only objection made by the County Council to the enforcement of this Order was to the unsuitability of the dates selected for dipping. This meeting suggests that the dates of dipping should



be changed as follows:-

Summer dipping from 1<sup>st</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> August.

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If possible we request the Department to allow these dates to come into force for this year. That the <sup>attention of the</sup> Department be drawn to the fact that it is believed that most cases of sheep scab existing in North Wexford, are imported from the mountainous parts of County Wicklow. We consider that the Department should make every effort to stamp out the disease in those places."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Walsh, Stafford, J. Bolger, Ennis, Peacocke, Kehoe, J. Codd, Creane, J. Bolger, M. Doyle, Cummins, M. Codd, P. Fortune, and the Chairman.- 14.

Against:- Messrs Browne, Kinsella, Fanning, and Asple.- 4.

M<sup>r</sup>. Browne proposed, and M<sup>r</sup>. Fanning seconded the following resolution:- "That the Sheep Dipping Inspectors be given the same instructions with regard to the autumn dipping period as they were given last year by the County Council."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For:- Messrs Browne, Walsh, Kinsella, Stafford, J. Bolger, Peacocke, Fanning, Cummins, M. Codd, Hickey, and the Chairman.- 11.

Against:- Messrs Kehoe, J. Codd, Creane, J. Bolger, and Fortune.- 6.

Did not vote:- Messrs Ennis, Asple, and Doyle.- 3.

#### — appointment of Sheep Dipping Inspectors. —

With reference to the re-appointment of sheep dipping Inspectors letters were read from Messrs R. M. Donald, Innahack, Oylegate, John J. Egan, Boley, Ballycullane; W<sup>m</sup>. Stafford, Ballyboker, Tomhaggard; and Aidan Leary, Rahenackea, Culart; that they were prepared to act as Inspectors for Summer



Sheep dipping at a salary of £14 each, being the same amount as they were paid for this work in previous years."

"Mr. Stafford proposed the re-appointment of Messrs R. McDonald, A. Leary, J. J. Egan, and W. Stafford, as Sheep Dipping Inspectors on the same terms and conditions as last year."

Mr. J. Bolger seconded.

Passed.

#### Duncannon Pier.

Under date 12<sup>th</sup> May the following letter No. 8953-10. was read from the Board of Works, Dublin:-

"I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works to state that they are informed that the masonry of the North wall of Duncannon Pier required extensive repairs; also that stones are being displaced in the north corner of the Southern arm of the pier and that the steps require to be repaired. I am to ask you to bring this matter under the notice of the Wexford County Council with a view to directions being given for the execution, early this season, of the necessary works."

"Referred to the County Surveyor, on the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Cummins."

#### St. Brigid's Inebriate's Home.

The following letter under date 11<sup>th</sup> June 1910, was read from Rev Mother, St. Brigid's Inebriate's Home:

"In reply to your kind communication of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst., I regret to say that we had no patient in St. Brigid's on the 1<sup>st</sup> January last, nor did we get any patients until the end of March.

Up to the present date we have only two patients for whom we are receiving full payment. These two women are from Co. Galway. The other women (5) were sent from the Ennis Reformatory and we are only getting the Government Grant for these.



I hope the Co. Council will be good enough to let us have the premises free of rent for this year also, as we are deeply in debt owing to the amount of money we have had to expend on the altering etc., of the old prison, namely £2,350.

I shall feel deeply grateful if you will have the goodness to bring the matter under the notice of the Committee at their next meeting.

Proposed by Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Keacocke, and passed :-

"That in view of the fact that the Sisters of St. John of God Convent, have had to expend in repairs and alterations the sum of £2,350 instead of the estimated amount of £1,800 we will allow them to hold the premises for one year from 1<sup>st</sup> January 1910, to 1<sup>st</sup> January 1911, at the nominal rent of 1/-"

— Telegraphic Line, etc. —

Under date 6<sup>th</sup> May, an application was read from Mr. G. B. Roberts, Superintending Engineer, Post Office; for permission, to the erection of an overhead telegraphic line from the existing telegraphic line in William Street, Gorey; to the Gorey Workhouse.

On the motion of Mr. Ennis  
seconded by Mr. Kinsella,  
the application of Mr. Roberts was agreed to."

Under date 10<sup>th</sup> May, Mr. R. Sharpe, Postmaster, Ferns; wrote asking for permission to erect a pillar box at the top of Market Square, Newtownbarry; about three feet from the first tree on the mall.

On the motion of Mr. J. Bolger.  
Seconded by Mr. Kehoe  
the application of Mr. Sharpe was acceded to.



Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

applications for renewals of licenses under the Poisons & Pharmacy Act 1908 were received from the following:-

James Sinnott, The Ballagh, Enniscorthy.  
Alexander Kinsella, Gorey; (trading as M. Kinsella & Sons)  
John S. Hearn, New Ross.

John J. Purcell, Broadway.

Edmund Doyle Jr., do

Brien & Keating, 9 St. Main St., Wexford.

and applications for new licenses were received from:-

M<sup>rs</sup> Margaret Roche, Ballyanne, New Ross;

Matthew Harpur, N<sup>th</sup> Main St. Wexford; and

Edward Brennan, Laghmore.

On the motion of Mr. Kehoe.

Seconded by Mr. Fortune; the following resolution was adopted:-

"That licenses under Poisons & Pharmacy Act be issued to the persons whose names have been submitted to this meeting by our Secretary."

Irish in National University

Under date 24<sup>th</sup> May the following letter was read:-

"We the members of the deputation appointed by the Irish Co. Councils General Council, to place before the Senate of the National University the views of the county councils of Ireland on the subject of Irish as an essential subject for matriculation, consider it is our duty to direct through you the attention of the Wexford Co. Council to a mis-statement contained in paragraph 2 of a resolution forwarded for the consideration of your Council by the Dublin Coisde Bannair."

However well intentioned this resolution may be, <sup>it is</sup> based upon an evident misconception of facts and the language in which it is couched, and



which we strongly deprecate, has drawn a well merited rebuke from His Grace the archbishop of Dublin, Chancellor of the University.

Your deputation was received with the utmost courtesy by the Senate of the National University. The representations which we had the honour to make on your behalf obtained careful and patient attention and the Senate have further recognised the claim of the County Councils to be heard on this important subject by agreeing to accord a further interview to your deputation, prior to their final decision, on a date approximately fixed as June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

In these circumstances injudicious action or intemperate language would seriously impair our chance of success in the delicate and difficult negotiations in progress to the outcome of which we look forward with considerable confidence, whilst on the other hand the general adoption by the County Councils of a resolution similar to that already passed by the Councils of Wexford and Galway would strengthen our hands by enabling us to offer the Senate definite guarantees of liberal financial support from the County Councils in the event of Irish being made an essential subject for matriculation.

(Signed) M. A. Ennis (Wexford C. Council)

J. A. Glynn (Galway	ss	)
J. J. Dolan (Louth	ss	)
Wm. Field (Dublin	ss	)
J. J. O'Riyan (S. R. Tipperary	ss	)
J. P. McKenna (Barrow	ss	)
Tho. Power (Waterford	ss	)

Ballon School attendance Committee

Under date 10<sup>th</sup> May the following letter from Mr. D. Murphy, Secretary, Ballon, (or Barlow) School attendance Committee, was read :-



"I am directed by the Ballon School attendance committee, to inform you that with reference to the resolution passed by the Enniscorthy Rural School attendance committee, regarding children attending Clongat School from Co. Wexford, no move has been made in this matter yet, though I supplied the names etc., of defaulting children long ago.

Kindly see to this, as it is unfair that those children should be pulling down the percentage of the above named schools."

In reply, Mr P. O'Connor, Secretary, Enniscorthy R. D. School attendance committee, wrote :-

"I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst., containing copy of letter from Mr D. Murphy, Secretary Ballon School attendance committee. I shall bring it before next meeting; and I may remark that as there was no meeting of the school attendance committee held in March, the school attendance officer could take no action in the cases referred to by Mr Murphy."

"Referred to Enniscorthy R. D. School attendance committee, on the motion of the chairman."

— Enniscorthy R. D. School attendance committee.  
Under date 5<sup>th</sup> June the Secretary, Office of National Education, wrote that the entire School attendance committee for the Rural District of Enniscorthy will consist of the following :-

appointed by local authority :-

Shaddus Bolger, J. P., Ferns.

Thomas Cleary, Ballyvake, Glenbrien.

Philip J. Bowe, Kiltialy, Enniscorthy.

Patrick Doyle, Carrig, Bree.



James Lynch, Templecooly, Enniscorthy.  
 appointed by Commissioners of National Education.  
 Rev Sean Gibson, M. A., Ferns.

Rev W. R. B. Fry, M. A., Newtownbarry.

Rev A. Forristal, B. C., Blackwater.

Rev D. A. Kavanagh, B. C., Kiltaly.

Rev J. N. Sinnott, B. C., Galbally, Brel.

marked "Read."

### Kerlogue Quarry.

In connection with the working of Kerlogue Quarry, the special committee appointed to deal with the matter recommended the Council to advertise for raising and breaking 1,000 cubic yards of road metalling.

In reply to advertisement tenders were received from John Power, and Moses Power, Kerlogue; and Daniel Fenelon, Christown, Killinick.

The two former would not guarantee to raise the quantity required, but Fenelon agreed to have the quantity broken by the end of July or first week in August, at the rate of 3/- per cubic yard.

"The Finance Committee recommended the acceptance of Fenelon's tender; and also that Moses Power, Kerlogue; be appointed caretaker of quarry at 1/- per week. Power to have liberty to utilize the grazing of the quarry."

"On the motion of Mr. Asple, seconded by Mr. Fanning, the recommendations of the Finance Committee were adopted."

### Hours of Work at Tara Hill Quarry.

Under date 30<sup>th</sup> April, the following letter, signed by John Davis, John Spencer, George Costello, Thomas Cannon, Robert Murphy, and Patrick Byrne; was read:-

"We the undersigned Employers of the above quarries ask you to kindly consider at your



next meeting, the advantage of shorter hours of a Saturday; say two o'clock as comparison with the other works - Arklow Rock; and other quarries. We had it before in Mr. Webster's time. We ask if you kindly grant it to not alter our other working hours."

This communication had been sent to the Foreman, Tara Hill Quarry, for his observations, and he wrote under date 3<sup>rd</sup> May as follows:-

"I think that the men have not much reason to complain about their hours. we want them as bad on Saturday as Monday. I would think if they got off at 4.30 it would not be too bad as contractors will be busy drawing material we would want to measure them."

Mr. J. Bolger proposed, Mr. Fanning seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That in view of the proposed changes in connection with the working of Tara Hill Quarry, no action be taken as to the application from the men employed there."

#### Cancellation of Proposals.

Proposed by Mr. Kehol.

Seconded by Mr. Peacocke.

"That the following Proposals for Roads given in charge of Co. Surveyor be broken as from 31<sup>st</sup> March:- Roads No. 257, 258, 260, 263, 263<sup>a</sup>, 267, 270, 320 Enniscorthy Rural District; No. 128<sup>a</sup>, and 132 Gorey Rural District; and No. 193, and 15<sup>a</sup>, New Ross Rural District."

Passed.

#### Brogan Lane

Proposed by Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. Ennis and adopted:-

"That we agree to the payment to John Harte,



of the Estates Commissioners grant of £50 (in accordance with the terms of his contract) the County Surveyor having certified that the work was properly carried out."

— Slievebawn Quarry. —

Proposed by Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. Kehoe; "that Mr. Elger be requested to arrange for the payment of the costs with regard to Slievebawn Quarry."

Passed.

— Confirmation of minutes. —

Proposed by Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. Kinsella and adopted :-

"That the minutes of Finance, Proposal, and Diseases of Animals Acts, Committees, as submitted by our Secretary be approved."

— Complaint as to Road material. —

Mr. J. Bolger, brought before the meeting a letter he had received from Mr. Michael Fitzpatrick, the cottager, Ballycarney; that as he could not, owing to an order of the magistrates at Newtownbarry petty sessions, obtain the necessary amount of gravel from a pit on the holding of Major Eustace; it was utterly impossible for him to maintain his roads in a proper manner. Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the Co. Council to help him in the matter.

"No order was made as it was stated that Mr. Fitzpatrick's solicitor and the solicitor of Major Eustace had made an agreement as to the portion of the gravel pit which was to be worked."

— Analyst's Report. —

The following was read for the meeting :-

City Laboratory.

14th Castle St. Dublin

20th May 1910.



Report of Sir Charles Cameron, B. Sc., M. D.,  
Public Analyst; for the County Wexford, on  
articles submitted to him for analysis during  
the quarter ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1910.

89 articles were received from the Food  
Inspectors, R. I. C., as follows...

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number</u>
milk	32
Butter	22
whiskey	17
Buttermilk	7
Port wine	5
Brandy	2
margarine	2
claret	1
Ginger Wine	1
Total	89.

Three certificates sent to acting Sergeant  
Donaghy, Wexford; for specimens of milk  
adulterated with at least 11; 14; and 14; per  
cent of added water respectively.

One certificate sent to Sergeant Consideine,  
Killinick; for specimen of milk adulterated  
with at least 10 per cent of added water and  
was also deficient of at least 16 per cent of its  
fat.

There were eight specimens of butter analysed  
by directions from the Department of Agricult-  
ure & Technical Instruction for Ireland, Upper  
merion Street, Dublin; which were taken up  
in the County Wexford. One contained an  
excess of water, namely 27 per cent.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union three drugs  
were analysed and were correct.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union, twelve  
drugs, eleven specimens of port wine, and three  
of tea were analysed. Two of the drugs were  
defective.



One specimen of water analysed for Enniscorthy Rural District Council, had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matters	28.000
Including	
albuminoid ammonia	0.017
saline ammonia	0.0035
Nitric acid	6.660
chlorine	4.370.

A rather inferior water.

Two specimens of water analysed for New Ross Urban District Council had the following compositions.

One imperial gallon contained in grains...

	<u>No. 1</u>	<u>No. 2.</u>
Total solid matters	2.100	1.820
Including		
albuminoid ammonia	0.006	0.007.
saline ammonia	0.0035	0.0055
Nitric acid	Trace	Trace
chlorine	0.890	0.990

Good Waters.

One specimen of water analysed for Lt Col. Moseley High; Enniscorthy; had the following composition:

One imperial gallon contained in grains...

Total solid matters	14.000
Including	
albuminoid ammonia	0.005
saline ammonia	0.001
Nitric acid	4.020
chlorine	2.480

A very pure water.

Two fertilizers analysed for W. Armstrong, Esq Enniscorthy; were up to guarantee.

For Shillagh Union, which is partly situated in the County Wexford, nine drags were



analysed.

One was defective.

Total analyses 120

articles found defective 7

C. A. Cameron.

— Workmen's Compensation Insurance Policy —

With reference to the renewal of insurance policy under Workmen's Compensation Act, the following letter under date 10<sup>th</sup> June was read from Messrs Kehoe & Sullivan, Agents:-

"We beg leave to inform you that the Essex & Suffolk Fire & Accident office, is prepared to take over the <sup>above</sup> insurance policy as from the 31<sup>st</sup> instant, at the rate of 4/6 per cent all round which your Council were paying the International Co.,

We have represented this office for several years, and we must say that they have given us every satisfaction in the settlement of claims, some of which have been heavy ones.

As to its financial stability we beg to refer you to a report made by Mr George King, Consulting Actuary, London, - given at page 11 of the enclosed pamphlet - as the result of an investigation conducted by him at the instance of the Land Agents' Society of England.

Trusting to be favoured with a continuance of the business and assuring you of our best attention at all times."

Proposed by Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Peacocke and adopted:-

"That the quotation of Messrs Kehoe & Sullivan for Renewal of Insurance under the Workman's Compensation Act, be accepted, viz:- at the rate of 4/6 per cent, with the Essex & Suffolk Fire & Accident office."



Ballyhack Pier.

on the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Hickey, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the attention of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction be drawn to the fact that some years ago a committee of this Council recommended that the Council should provide two hulks at Ballyhack for the protection of the fishermen's boats. Immediately before the Council decided upon procuring these hulks, their attention was directed to the fact that the pier at Ballyhack was vested in the Waterford Harbour Commissioners, and that therefore, no expense could be legally incurred upon its improvement.

We respectfully request the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction to enter into negotiations with the Waterford Harbour Commissioners with a view to the purchase of a couple of hulks to provide shelter for the fishermen's boats. The Department to contribute two-thirds of the cost, provided the Waterford Harbour Commissioners are satisfied to contribute one-third. The County Council were quite willing to provide the hulks at their own expense if they had legal power to do so, seeing that it is impossible for the fishermen to follow their calling unless some means of shelter is provided for their craft. That Mr. Ennis be requested to lay the circumstances before the Department and to use his influence with them for the purpose of obtaining the necessary grant for the purchase of the hulks."

Development Act.

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke, seconded by the Chairman, and adopted:-

"That the attention of our County members of Parliament be drawn to clause 17 (3) of the



Development and Road Improvement Funds Act 1909, and that it be pointed out to them that a main Road in England is different to a main Road in Ireland, the latter being maintained half cost off the district and half cost off the county. It would appear that such a road is not included in clause 17.(3) and this would prevent any grant being obtained for the development of roads in Ireland. We request our members of Parliament to take whatever steps are necessary to have this clause amended, so as to include what is known as a "main road" in Ireland."

— approaches to Overbridges. —

The County Surveyor laid the following letter before the meeting, from Mr. A. Gordon, Engineer's office, Inchicore, Dublin :-

"I am obliged for your letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> inst., and beg to say that I agree on behalf of this company to your Council maintaining these approaches for 10 years for an annual payment of £20."

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

"That the recommendation of the County Surveyor to accept £20 per annum for ten years as from 1<sup>st</sup> October 1910 for the maintenance of overline Bridges and approaches thereto, be agreed to, and that Mr. Elgie be instructed to have the necessary agreement prepared."

— By-Laws Slaney Bridges. —

Mr. Gaffney, County Surveyor, submitted the following by-laws, for adoption :-

Opening the Bridges over the River Slaney.

Proposed By-Laws.

1. The bridges will not be opened for any sailing



vessel to pass through except during the period from two hours before to two hours after high or low water of neap tides, and for spring tides the period from one and a half hours before to one and a half hours after high or low water.

2.- Such vessel shall not be towed through, neither shall it pass through under sail.

3.- The bridges will be opened for steamers at any state of the tide during the hours mentioned below and they must pass through at the lowest rate of speed consistent with steering way.

4.- The bridges will be opened during daylight and not earlier than 8 a.m., and not later than 8 p.m. with the exception of ferry-carrs they must be kept closed for thirty minutes before the departure and after the arrival of any regular train from or at Wexford, Stillurin, and Edmuntine stations.

5.- Twentyfour hours must be given to the caretakers of the hour at which it is desired each bridge should be open.

6.- No vessel shall make fast to any part of the bridges either for the purpose of mooring or warping through.

7.- The penalty for the breach of any of the foregoing by-laws is a fine not less than £5. and not exceeding £20.

"Referred to Mr. Elger, on the motion of Mr. Tanning, seconded by Mr. Ennis."

#### — National University —

The following resolution was read from the Executive Committee of the Gaelic League:-  
Resolved:- "That we welcome the recognition on the part of the Senate of the University of the principle that Irish is an essential element in Irish education by their making courses in the Irish language, history, and literature compulsory on all students who do not take Irish



at matriculation during the years 1911 and 1912, and we earnestly request the Senate, in the interests of harmony and of the success of the university in which the nation is so deeply interested, to accept Dr. Hyde's proposal which, we understand from the Press, is to come before the Senate at the end of June, to make Irish compulsory for matriculation in 1913. If this be done and Irish be made compulsory in 1913 we have no shadow of doubt that the country will do everything in its power, as we shall do, to make the University a success."

"adopted on the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Stafford.

—Dublin United Trades' Council & Labour League.—

The following resolution was received from Dublin United Trades' Council & Labour League:

"That this meeting of the Trades' Council, whose interests have been directly or indirectly injuriously affected by the imposition of increased duties in the distilling and brewing industries of an exceptionally penal character, request Mr. John Redmond, M. P., and all the Irish representatives to take such steps as may be necessary to prevent any possibility of its re-imposition in the forthcoming Budget of 1910-1911.

"That, as a boycott of Irish whiskey has been recommended by some of the members of the English Licensed Vintners' Association, because of the vote given by the Irish Parliamentary Party in favour of the Budget of 1909-1910 which was essentially a Finance Bill, having the support of the democracies of the United Kingdom, we call on the Liberal and Labour members of Parliament to use every effort and take such practical steps as shall prevent any such unjust action on the part of the



English Licensed Trade."

marked "Read."

— Galway County Council. —

"That this Council disapproves of the Proposal of the Committee of the Irish Medical Association to create a national or state medical service in Ireland as calculated to remove all control of the medical officers from the Representatives of the Ratepayers.

That the claim of the medical officers to promotion and pensions would best be met by the adoption of a bounty service under the direct control of the County Council."

marked "Read."

— Irish National Teachers Organisation. —

(1) "That we, the Teachers of Ireland, hereby declare that in our opinion the present unsatisfactory system of Irish Primary Education is mainly due to the parsimony of the British Treasury, which, while overtaxing this country to the extent of some millions yearly, has for a number of years, in defiance of justice and constitutional right, withheld from this country an average annual grant of nearly half a million sterling."

(2) "That as for the efficiency of Irish Primary Education - an essential element of national progress - it is absolutely necessary that adequate financial provision should be made for schools pupils, and teachers. We hold that as an instalment of justice to this country which has hitherto been, in comparison with England and Scotland, educationally starved, the Treasury should immediately provide for Irish Education increased grants on as liberal a scale as are given for the education of the people of Scotland."

(3) "That the increased grants should be allocated for the following purposes:- (a) to improve the



Teachers' Pension Scheme, which to put it mildly is a disgrace to the British Government; (b) to provide for the proper equipment, sanitation, heating, and staffing of the National Schools, and free supplies of books and requisites to scholars; (c) to provide the small sum required to give security of tenure to assistant teachers by allowing a margin between the averages which warrant their appointment and those which compel their dismissal; (d) to abolish the standard numbers which debar from promotion to the higher grades hundreds of teachers who are eminently entitled to it by long and efficient service; (e) to make provision for the promotion of all undergraded teachers to the grade corresponding to their classification; (f) to provide for a generous system of scholarships which will enable pupils of industry and ability in Primary Schools to go forward to the Secondary Schools and thence to the Universities, thus allowing to the children of the masses equality of opportunity and placing at the disposal of the nation the best available talent."

"Passed unanimously at Teachers' Congress."  
 "adopted on the motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. John Bolger."

Edmond Hove,

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James A. ...



Quarterly meeting- 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1910.

The Quarterly meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford; on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1910.

Present:- Mr. E. Hore, Chairman, (presided)  
Other members:- Messrs John Bolger, John Cummins; Mark Codd, James Codd, J. A. Doyle, Mr. A. Ennis; P. Fortune; W. Forrestal; P. J. Fanning, John S. Hearn, P. O'Neill, C. H. Peacocke, G. Walsh.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, and Mr. R. W. Elger, Solicitor to the Council; were also in attendance.

— Confirmation of minutes. —

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

— Notice of motion: Quarterly meetings. —

The following notice of motion had been given by Councillor Cummins:-

"I hereby give notice that I will move at the next meeting of the Co. Council, that the Order of the Co. Council, authorising half-yearly instead of Quarterly meetings be rescinded, and that the Council revert to quarterly meetings for the purpose of paying the Road Contractors."

Mr. Cummins moved his Notice of motion. Mr. P. Fortune seconded.

On a poll the following was the result:-  
For Messrs Cummins, and Fortune. - 2.

Against:- Messrs Forrestal, Hearn, J. Bolger, O'Neill, Walsh, Ennis, Peacocke, James Codd, Mr. Codd, J. A. Doyle, and the Chairman. - 11.

Mr. Fanning did not vote.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.



Works untendered for at Proposal Committee meeting.  
 "On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Peacocke, the proposals for works for which no tenders were received, were given in charge of the County Surveyor."

— Proposals for Payment. —

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Peacocke:— "That the Proposals for Payments and transfers to Public Bodies as recommended by the Proposal Committee, and Finance Committee be agreed to."

"Passed."

— Rate collector Sheehan. —

Under date 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1910, the Local Government Board wrote (letter no. 4,337-1910) approving of the appointment of Mr. M. J. Sheehan, as Rate collector for No. 13 Collection District."

marked "Read."

— audit of accounts. —

The Local Government Board forwarded (letters no. 42,358; 48,816; 48,817; 45,830; 45,831; 44,175; 44,176; 48,188) relative to audit of accounts for the half year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1910, of the following public bodies. Ennisceorthy district lunatic asylum; Gory union, Gory Rural District; New Ross union; New Ross Rural District; Wexford union; Wexford Rural District; and Ennisceorthy union.

marked "Read."

— Sealed Orders. Water supply. —

The Local Government Board, forwarded sealed orders:— No. 44,012 Supply of water at Connalosseet, and No. 39781 Supply of water at Ballyvaloo, the Rural District of Ennisceorthy being the area of charge in each case.

marked "Read."



Trades Board Act 1909.

under date 25<sup>th</sup> July, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 48,365 mis) calling the attention of the Council to the provisions of the Trade Boards Act 1909, for their guidance in giving contracts which involve employment in certain scheduled trades. The Local Government Board pointed out that in any case in which there is reason to believe that a contract comes within the act, the local authority should before entering into it, ascertain definitely whether it involves employment to which a minimum rate is applicable, and if so, whether the employer to whom it is proposed to give the contract is registered by the Trade Board under section 7 of the act.

marked "Read."

Rate collectors duties.

Under date 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1910. (letter No. 48,866-1910) the Local Government Board wrote forwarding copy of a letter received from Mr. Anthony Ryan, Rahem, Strahart, Terns; and their reply.

Mr. Ryan asked the Local Government Board if it was compulsory for a rate collector to leave franchise forms at each house to be filled in by voters, and if a rate collector is bound to call at a ratepayer's house for rates, or is the ratepayer bound to go a distance of four miles to oblige the Rate collector.

In their reply the Local Government Board stated that any complaints that Mr. Ryan had to make should in the first instance be made to the County Council whose officer the Rate collector is.

Under date 23<sup>rd</sup> June, the Secretary of the Co. Council, wrote Mr. Ryan asking him if he would formulate a complaint against a particular collector, it would be brought before the succeeding



meeting of the Council. The Secretary asked Mr. Ryan if his statement re voters list was pro bono publico, as Mr. Ryan's name was on voters list - Donbrack Registration Unit - Polling District of Newtownbarry.

In a letter under date 1<sup>st</sup> July, Mr. Ryan wrote that his object in writing to the Local Government Board, was not to make a complaint, but to ascertain the duties of a rate collector.

In reply the Secretary of the Co. Council wrote that as Mr. Ryan had no complaint, there was nothing for the Council to discuss.

marked "Read."

### The Road Board.

Under date July 1910, a circular letter was read from Mr. W. H. Jefferys, Secretary to the Road Board, calling attention to the provisions in the Development and Road Improvement Funds Act 1909, and pointing out how applications for advances by way of grant or loan should be made by Highway authorities to the Road Board.

Letters were read from Sir Thomas Gannon M.P., and Mr. Peter French M.P., giving replies to questions in Parliament, stating that the Road Board had power to make grants or loans in respect of the construction of a new road or the improvement of an existing road, even tho, the latter was not a "main" road.

Mr. Peacocke proposed, Mr. Ennis seconded and it was passed:-

"That we request the General Council of Irish Co. Councils to call a special meeting at the earliest possible date to consider the advisability of drafting a joint Irish Road Scheme for all Ireland for submission to the Road Board.

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Irish Co. Councils, and the Secretary of the Irish Co. Councils General Council, and also



to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Chief Secretary for Ireland; Mr. J. E. Redmond, M.P., Mr. Lonsdale M.P. and the Parliamentary Representatives of Wexford County."

— Report of Vice Regal Commission on Railways.  
Proposed by Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Cummins and adopted :-

"We welcome the recommendations contained in the majority Report of the Vice Regal Commission on Irish Railways as a satisfactory and practical scheme calculated if adopted to effectively remove the adverse conditions detrimentally affecting agriculture, commerce, and industry in Ireland, and to stimulate the general prosperity of the country, and we earnestly request H. M. Government to take immediate steps to carry these recommendations into effect."

— Sheep Dipping Orders. —

Under date 1<sup>st</sup> July 1910, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction (letter no. 3030-10) wrote approving of the temporary re-appointment for the summer dipping of this year, of the following sheep inspectors in the County Wexford :-

Randal McDonald, Sinnahack, Cyllegati, Enniscorthy.  
Aidan Leary, Raheenaska, Dular.

John J. Egari, Boley, Ballycullane, Co. Wexford.

William Stafford, Ballyboker, Somhaggard.

with remuneration at the rate of £14 to each Inspector in regard to such period.

In connection with this matter the following letter under date 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1910 (No. 3029.10. 2. B) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction :-

"With reference to your letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> inst, I have to state that the Department are glad to note the decision of the County Council, as conveyed therein,



on the subject of the carrying out of the dipping requirements in the autumn Dipping Period. It would not however, be practicable now, so far as the present year is concerned, to modify the limits of that Period. Should any change in the matter be deemed expedient next year - a point on which no expression of opinion is possible at this stage - the Council will be duly apprised.

The representations by the Council as to the introduction of Scab in North Wexford by sheep from County Wicklow shall have the Department's attention."

Under date 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1910, a letter was read from Mr. John Byrne, Secretary Co. Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, referring to the resolution of the Wexford County Council, stating that it was believed that most cases of Sheep Scab existing in North Wexford, were imported from the mountainous parts of Co. Wicklow, wrote that his Committee wished for particulars of cases.

Proposed by Mr. Bolger, seconded by Mr. Hearn and adopted :-

"That a copy of the letter from Mr. James Malone, V.S., be forwarded to the Wicklow County Committee of Agriculture, and that we intimate to the Secretary of that Committee, that the Wexford Co. Council are sorry they were misinformed as to the introduction of sheep scab from Co. Wicklow."

#### — Appointment autumn Sheep Dipping Inspectors. —

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke, seconded by the Chairman and adopted :-

"That the existing Sheep Dipping Inspectors - Messrs McDonald, Leary, Egan, and Stafford, be appointed as Inspectors for the autumn Sheep Dipping period at a salary of £12 each."

#### — Food & Drugs Act. —

Under date 18<sup>th</sup> July 1910, the Department of



Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote that one of their officers had on 12<sup>th</sup> May obtained three samples of butter for analysis - at New Ross - and which had been found by the Public Analyst to be pure.

marked "Read."

— Kilmore Harbour. —

The Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, writing under date 17<sup>th</sup> June 1910, (Letter No 4886-10 J. B.) stating they were in communication with the Wexford Harbour Commissioners, as to the hire of the dredger "Slaney" for the purposes of dredging Kilmore Harbour.

The Secretary stated that the dredger "Slaney" had been hired by the Gt Southern & Western Railway Co.,

— Southern Harbours. —

Under date 4<sup>th</sup> July 1910, the Board of Works (Letter No 7896-10) wrote asking if the repairs to Duncannon Pier mentioned in a previous communication had been carried out.

The Secretary stated that he had written the Board of Works, that since the date of their letter, the County Surveyor had carefully inspected the pier on three occasions, and could not find that the structure required any repairs.

Under date 15<sup>th</sup> June 1910 (Letter No 7557-10) the Board of Works wrote that they had been advised that several small repairs were required at Fethard pier, and suggesting that the Co. Council should instruct the Co. Surveyor to inspect the pier with a view to having the necessary work executed.

The Secretary stated he had written the Board of Works that the County Surveyor had



inspected the structure and could not find anything of urgency. The Co. Surveyor would bring up an application at next half yearly meeting to carry out the small repairs needed.

Under date 21<sup>st</sup> July 1910, the Board of Works wrote (letter No. 7955-10) asking what further action had been taken as regards carrying out the necessary repairs to Kilmore pier.

The Secretary stated he had informed the Board of Works that the repairs had been effected.

— Water Supply. New Ross Workhouse. —

Notification was received from the Secretary Board of Works, that a loan of £2,500 had been advanced to the Guardians of New Ross Union for the purpose of providing a water supply and erecting a kitchen, and annex to the fever hospital.

marked "Read."

— Diseases of Animals Act 1909. —

The Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction under date 21<sup>st</sup> June 1910, forwarded with letter D. B., 2665-10, the Diseases of Animals Act and Order thereunder requiring the notification by Veterinary Surgeons of any cases of contagious or infectious disease of certain specified kinds which might come under their observation in private practice, and which provided for the payment of a fee of 2/6 by the Co. Council in respect of each notification.

marked "Read."

— Foot & Mouth Diseases in England. —

Under date 25<sup>th</sup> July (letter No. 3642-10 D. B.) the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote, that owing to outbreak of foot & mouth disease in Great Britain all importations of cattle, sheep, goats, or other ruminating animals



and swine into Ireland, from Great Britain were prohibited for the time being.

Mr. Peacocke proposed, seconded by the Chairman and adopted:-

"That in view of the Foot and mouth Disease in Great Britain; that the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for Ireland, be requested to prohibit the importation of fodder and bedding material from affected areas."

— Labour Exchange - Waterford. —

Circular letter was read from Mr. J. W. M. Fuge, calling attention to the Labour Exchange, which had been established by the Board of Trade at Waterford, and inviting the Council to give notice to the manager of the Exchange of any work people that the Council might require.

marked "Read"

— Coroners & Telegrams. —

Mr. Peter French, M. P., coroner for South Wexford presented a claim for 18/2 for telegrams, enclosing envelopes as vouchers. He submitted an opinion from Mr. McFadden, Solicitor and coroner, Co. Donegal that he was entitled to payment for these telegrams under section 14 (6) of the Local Government Act.

The Secretary stated it appeared that up to quite recently the police always delivered telegrams in connection with inquests to the coroners and sent the answers for him. Therefore the coroner was at no expense by the matter. Sometime after the appointment of the present County Inspector R. S. B. to Wexford County, the police refused to take the telegrams from the coroner, and stated they were acting under orders. The matter was submitted to Mr. Elger, Solicitor to the Council; who wrote as follows, under date 12<sup>th</sup> July:-

"Referring to our interview to-day, I have now considered Mr. French's application, as coroner, for



payment for Telegrams sent in connection with Inquests, and also the letters from the Solicitor, which he sent you, but I cannot advise you to make the payment as I do not consider that Mr. French is entitled to it.

I have also considered the 14<sup>th</sup> Sec (Sub sec 6) of the Local Government Act, and Schedule "6" to the Coroner's Act 1846, and I can find no provision in them for any such payment.

Under date 14<sup>th</sup> July, the following was read from Mr. French:-

"I am in receipt of yours of the 13<sup>th</sup> inst. with Mr. Elger's letter, and I beg to say that as lawyers differ with regard to payment for coroners telegrams, I think, perhaps the Wexford County Council might be guided by the practice of the other Co. Councils in this respect, bearing in mind that no Auditor has ever questioned the right of a coroner to repayment for telegrams sent with reference to inquests. To me, Sec 14 Sub sec 6 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act seems to meet the case. "Nothing shall deprive the coroner of the right to be repaid expenses and disbursements lawfully paid by him on the holding of any inquest."

Dr. Lawler, coroner for North Wexford wrote that he also intended claiming for telegrams sent in connection with inquests.

Mr. Peacocke proposed, Mr. Fanning seconded the adoption of the following recommendation from the Finance Committee:-

"That a copy of Mr. Elger's opinion be forwarded to Mr. French; that our Secretary point out to the latter that the difficulty in this case appears to have arisen from the refusal of the Police authorities to continue the system of sending the coroners telegrams in reference to Inquests which prevailed heretofore, under the circumstances Mr.



French might elucidate by a question in Parliament what has been the cause of the change."

Passed.

Bourtown Harbour.

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee at meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> July 1910, was laid before the meeting:-

"That Mr. Redmond be informed that he is bound to pay harbour dues to the harbour master, and cannot pay them to any other person. That Mr. Redmond must show his Bill of Lading to the Harbour master.

We also recommend the Co. Council to discontinue the practice of supplying boats for the discharge of cargoes, and that they fix the ordinary dues for coal at 6<sup>d</sup> per ton. That the merchants have the use of the winches etc."

Mr. Hearn proposed and Mr. Cummins seconded:-  
"That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be adopted, and that the new and old boats be sold."

As an amendment Mr. Fanning proposed:-  
"That the dues for coals be fixed at 6<sup>d</sup> per ton, and that merchants who sign the agreement be given the use of the boats free of charge."  
Mr. O'Neill seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-  
For the amendment:- Messrs O'Neill, Peacocke, Fanning, J. Codd, M. Codd, P. Fortune, and the Chairman. - 7.

Against:- Messrs Forrestal, Hearn, Walsh, J. A. Doyle and J. Cummins. 5.

Did not vote:- Messrs J. Bolger, and M. A. Ennis.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

Mr. Fanning proposed, and Mr. Fortune seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That Mr. Elger be given directions to have the new scale of dues in connection with Bourtown



Harbour promulgated."

Ferry carrig Bridge.

under date 20<sup>th</sup> June the following letter was read from Mr. Robert Colhoun, 22 Strand Road, Londonderry, contractor for erection of Ferry carrig Bridge.

"With reference to your letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> June, regarding resolution of the Council that - "where possible Irish material should be given the preference." In carrying out my works, I always use Irish material where practicable and possible, consistent with the nature of the works, etc."

The following minute was submitted from Finance Committee meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> July:-

"That we hereby appoint Mr. Gower B. R. Pimm, 36 St. John's Road, East Ham, London, E. as Resident Engineer for the construction of Ferry carrig Bridge at a salary of £3 per week, a fortnight's notice at either side to determine the agreement, and the Secretary to inform Mr. Pimm when he should take up duty. That in the event of Mr. Pimm declining the position that it be offered on the same terms to Mr. J. Bryden Christie, Dundee Harbour Trust, (General manager & Engineer's office) and should the services of Mr. Christie not be available we agree to the appointment of Mr. L. J. Conyers, Friary Street, Kilkenny, at a salary of £2: 15/- per week, subject to a fortnight's notice on either side to determine the agreement."

"On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Peacocke, the foregoing recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted."

Under date 17<sup>th</sup> July, Mr. Pimm wrote that he would be ready to take up duty anytime after the 18<sup>th</sup> August; which the County Surveyor considered satisfactory.

From the meeting of the Finance Committee of 20<sup>th</sup> July, the following minute was submitted:-



Ordered :- "That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the contract of Mr. Robert Colclough, for the building of Tullycarrig Bridge, and his bond, for completion of same, and also to specification and plans of the work."

Approved on the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Fanning."

— Poisons & Pharmacy Act. —

Mr. George Stafford, Merchant, John Street Wexford; applied for a license under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act.

Renewals of licenses under same act were sought by Messrs John Doyle, North Street, and Quay Street, New Ross; Anastasia Lett, Ferns; Margaret Conran, Rathnure; and Thomas Bogley, Cornwall, Killurinn.

"Mr. Peacocke proposed, Mr. Ennis seconded:— that the Licenses and Renewals be granted."  
Passed.

— Bee Pest Prevention Act 1908. —

The Secretary read the following letter under date 16<sup>th</sup> July and No. 15078-10 from the Secretary Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction in connection with the administration of the Bee Pest Prevention Act :-

"With reference to your letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> inst., I have to state that in view of the facts disclosed in your report the Department are of opinion that proceedings should now be instituted against Mr. P. Doyle and Mr. Stephenson under section 2 (2) of the above act.

I have to inform you that in this connection that the Department are advised that proceedings must be taken by the Co. Council who are the local authority for the purposes of the act. It is, therefore, suggested that your Committee should without delay submit a recommendation to the



council to take action in the matter.

I have to add that the Department regard the matter as most important. If prompt and decisive action is not taken in these instances the enforcement of the provisions of the Act in your County will be seriously affected."

The Secretary stated that Mr. P. Doyle, and Mr. M. J. Stephenson had written that their reason for objecting to have their bees examined was because such examination would put them back, by a week, in their work. Both were satisfied that their bees should be examined as soon as the honey season was over.

Proposed by Mr. Ennis, seconded by the Chairman and adopted:-

"That Messrs M. J. Stephenson, Adamstown, and Patrick Doyle, Kellystown, be prosecuted for a breach of the Bee Pest Prevention (Ireland) Act 1908, and that our Solicitor Mr. Elger be given instructions to institute proceedings."

— Roads &c., in charge of County Surveyor. —

The County Surveyor submitted terms of contract for roads and works in his charge, and which had received the approval of Mr. Elger, Solicitor to the Co. Council.

Approved, on the motion of the Chairman!

— Suretyship of John Walsh. —

Messrs Matthew Gahan, sobergal, Ferno, and Aidan Walsh, Efferogue, Ferno, Sureties for John Walsh Rate collector; wrote asking to be relieved of their Suretyship; as Mr. Walsh had ceased to reside in the locality.

Mr. John Walsh wrote that he was in negotiation with a Guarantor Society.

Proposed by Mr. Bolger, seconded by Mr. Fanning and adopted:- "That the present Sureties of Mr.



John Walsh, Rate collector; be relieved from their Bond as soon as the new fidelity bond has been perfected."

#### Repairs of a Siver.

Under date 20<sup>th</sup> June, Rev J. Codd B. C., Boolavogue, wrote asking for permission to re-open and repair a siver that ran across the road opposite Boolavogue Chapel gate.

The Secretary stated that the Co. Surveyor had no objection to this work being done.

On the motion of the Chairman the following was adopted:-

"That we agree to Father Codd's application as it meets with the approval of our Co. Surveyor."

#### Widening a Road.

Under date 11<sup>th</sup> July, the following letter was read from Mrs Lillie Richards, D. C., Ardamine, Gorey:-

"I believe a memorial has been sent on to the County Council in connection with removing a plot of grass in the middle of Courtown Harbour, so as to widen the road as it takes a sharp turn coming round here by Coastguard Station. I hope it will be done as it is very dangerous, the road only being wide enough for one conveyance. The corner is very sharp with a high bank and hedge, we drive it everytime we go to Gorey in the motor and have had many close shaves of what might have been bad accidents for want of room to get past."

Mrs Boyan, D. C., Railway Hotel, Gorey; wrote calling attention to the same matter.

Proposed by Mr Bolger, seconded by Mr. Peacock and adopted:-

"That the communication from Mrs Richards D. C. be referred to the Co. Surveyor, and that Mr Gaffney



have the work carried out if he considers it necessary."

— Margarine Bill. —

Under date 10<sup>th</sup> June letter was read from Mr. D. Kilbride; that he was again introducing into the House of Commons the margarine Bill, which has for its object the prevention of margarine being coloured in imitation of butter.

Mr. Kilbride asked for the support of the Council by passing a resolution in favour of the Bill.

Proposed by Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. Peacocke and adopted :-

"That we heartily approve of the re-introduction of the margarine Bill, by Mr. D. Kilbride, M.P., and trust that the Irish members of Parliament will do all in their power to have this measure passed into law."

— Enniscorthy School Attendance Committee —

In connection with resolutions considered at previous meetings of the Co. Council, the following resolution was received from the Enniscorthy Rural District School Attendance Committee.

"That our Secretary is hereby directed to write to Mr. D. Murphy, Secretary Ballin School Attendance Committee asking him to fix a day to meet our School Attendance Officer, Mr. Meyler, in Newtownbarry to arrange with him as regards prosecutions etc., of those defaulting children."  
marked "Read."

— Wexford Board of Guardians & National University —  
The following resolution forwarded by the Wexford Board of Guardians, was read :-

"That we, the Wexford Board of Guardians congratulate the Senate of the National University on the wise course they have adopted in yielding to the national demand, re the question of essential Irish for matriculation in the year 1912,



and such being the case, we are confident all classes will work unitedly to make our first National Educational Institution a real and lasting success, and we respectfully request the Co. Council to send students (where available) as soon as possible to the new University."

marked "Read."

By-Laws County Roads.

The following By-Laws with reference to County Roads were approved on the motion of Mr. Ennis seconded by Mr. Fortune:-

Wexford County Council  
By-Laws.

made by the County Council of Wexford for Regulating the use of Locomotive Engines on Public Roads, Highways, and Bridges, under its control in the County of Wexford, by virtue of their powers under "the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898" section VI. of "The Public Health (Ireland) Amendment Act 1899", and "The Locomotives on Highways Act 1896."

- 1.- Every locomotive propelled by steam, or by other than animal power traversing any public road or highway under the control of the Co. Council of Wexford shall, during the period between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise, have affixed conspicuously thereto in front two efficient bright white lights and in the rear one green light. In case waggons are being drawn by the locomotive the green light shall be affixed to the rear of hindmost waggon.
- 2.- No such locomotive shall be propelled at a pace greater than that at which the person who shall precede it as hereinafter provided for in By-law no. 3. can conveniently walk.
- 3.- Every such locomotive whilst in motion shall be preceded by a person at least 100 yards in advance of the locomotive, who, during the periods when lights are required to be displayed,



shall carry and display an efficient red light, and, during all other periods, shall, at the like distance, carry and display a red flag.

4.- The weight of every such locomotive shall be affixed clearly and legibly in some conspicuous place thereon with letters 1" in height, and shall have the name and address of the owner affixed thereon in a similar manner and so as to be visible from each side of the locomotive.

5.- The weight of each waggon as well as the weight it is to carry, shall be affixed clearly and legibly on either side thereof with letters one inch in height.

6.- and whereas the County Council of Wexford is satisfied that such use would be attended with danger to the public, the use of any such locomotive is hereby prohibited upon Wexford; Deeps; Edermine; Hodges mill; and Mountgarrett Bridges.

7.- when such locomotive drawing a waggon or waggons comes to any bridge at which the Council has placed a notice to the effect that such bridge is weak or of doubtful strength, the locomotive shall first pass over by itself, and then shall draw each waggon over separately by means of a wire rope or otherwise; the locomotive itself not going again on the bridge.

8.- No such locomotive nor any loaded waggon attached thereto, shall be allowed to remain at rest so that any wheel of the locomotive or waggon be on any bridge, arch, or culvert, or within ten feet of the face of any abutment thereof, except when such locomotive must be instantly stopped according to statutory provision or when the stoppage is due to accident or other unavoidable cause.

9.- No such locomotive when under steam shall be allowed to remain on any part of a



highway unless one of the persons in charge remains with it.

10.- Nothing in these By-laws shall apply to a steam roller for the time being employed by the County Council.

11.- Every person who shall offend against any of the foregoing By-laws shall be liable for every such offence to a penalty not exceeding five pounds; to be recovered in a summary manner.

Note:- The attention of owners and users of locomotives on highways is directed to the provisions of the Locomotives Act, 1861 and 1865, which further regulates their use.

Light Locomotives are exempted from the above By-laws their use being regulated by the motor car act 1896, and 1903, and the Heavy motor car act (Ireland) Order of the Local Government Board, 1905, but the following By-law shall apply to them:-

No light locomotive shall come on to, or pass over Wiscford, Dupps, Edernine, Hodges mill, or Mountgarrett Bridges; except in an unladen condition, and any trailer attached to such locomotive must also be unladen."

#### By-laws - Bridges.

The consideration of By-laws with reference to County Bridges was adjourned till next meeting.

#### Recommendations of Committees.

Recommendations of the various committees as follows were agreed to on the motion of Mr. Ennis seconded by Mr. Fanning:-

"That the County Surveyor be given permission to prosecute Messrs John Lawless, Killenagh, Gorey; Gregory English; Rathkyle, Foulkermills; and Myles Baillie, Waterford; should he consider this necessary."

"That Mr. James L. Doyle, Rate Collector, be summoned



to attend the meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> prox., for the purpose of explaining how it is that although he got his books and warrants six weeks ago, he has collected up to the present only a sum of £ 14 : 3 : 4."

"That Mr. James L. Doyle, Rate collector, for no. 20. collection District, be called on to resign, unless he lodges half the amount of his warrant for this moiety of Rate within a month from this date. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded Mr. Doyle."

"That Mr. Elger, Solicitor, be instructed to prosecute Michael Esmonde, master of the schooner "Edward" for a breach of the by-laws of New Ross Bridge."

"That Mr. Gaffney, County Surveyor, having reported to the Co. Council, that an apparently heavy motor supposed to be the property of John Doyle, Garnavahy, The Rower, had crossed over Mountgarrett Bridge, and refused to pay any attention to the instructions of the caretaker of the bridge. That the matter be referred to Mr. Elger, and that he inform the Kilkenny Co. Council of the name and address of the owner of the motor engine with a view to Kilkenny Co. Council prosecuting as they have adopted by-laws with regard to their bridges."

"That the Co. Surveyor be given instructions to take the necessary steps to obtain leave from the magistrates to enter the quarry of Mr. Michael Farrell, Brownswood, Enniscorthy, in order to procure metalling for the road in his own hands."

"That Mr. J. L. Doyle, be informed that the Finance Committee had before them the state of the Rate collection and that they are sorry to observe that he is making practically no effort to comply with the instructions of the last meeting of the Finance Committee, to have half the amount of his warrant lodged



by the 9<sup>th</sup> August 1910."

"Refusing application of Mr. G. Richards, Courtkeeper; for increase of salary."

### Resolutions.

Resolution received from the Kerry Co. Council:-  
 "Resolved:- That we have learned with considerable alarm of the great reduction in the income of the Intermediate Board this year owing to the decrease of what is known as the whiskey money; that as this serious reduction threatens to cripple Secondary Education very seriously, we urge on the Chief Secretary for Ireland the necessity for immediately securing a grant for this year in substitution for the amount lost, till there is time to consider the whole of the very unsatisfactory and inadequate finances of this Board.

Copies to be sent to the Chief Secretary, Chancellor of Exchequer, Mr. J. E. Redmond, Kerry M.P.'s, and other Co. Councils."

"Resolved:- That we consider it unjust as well as injurious to Irish Education to give to England, Scotland, and Wales, large grants for the Imperial Exchequer for the purpose of Secondary Education, while Ireland gets no grant whatever; that while England has, from all sources, for this most important branch of Education nearly £4,000,000 per annum, Ireland has only £80,000, not one penny of which is contributed from the Imperial Exchequer. We urge the Treasury to remedy this financial injustice, and to make an annual grant to Ireland such as will enable her to set her secondary system on a proper basis.

Copies to be sent to Chief Secretary, Chancellor of Exchequer, Kerry M.P.'s. Mr. J. Redmond and the other County Councils in Ireland."

"No Order"



From Irish medical Association :-

That, owing to the anti-vaccination literature being circulated throughout Ireland, the Irish medical Association deem it necessary to record its marked disapproval of this retrograde movement, and to request the members of the Association to combat this attempt to injure the public health of our country by every means in their power, especially by pointing out, on all possible occasions the fact that vaccination has been proved to be the only thoroughly reliable means of preventing the spread of small pox."

No. Order.

From Irish Brewers' Association :-

Mr. Cummins proposed, Mr. Fortune seconded :-

"That inasmuch as many of the smaller Irish Breweries in face of mammoth competition have to struggle to continue their business, the increased taxation of last year sought to be re-imposed by the Budget introduced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer for 1910-11 is a real hardship, and will undoubtedly be the means of breaking up some of these firms, and still further reducing the number of small Breweries in Ireland which give so much employment, encourage tillage, and are a distinct benefit to the district in which they are situated in many ways, as for instance, in providing food-stuffs such as grain and malt comblings for cattle feeding, and in keeping alive a healthy competition in the purchase of barley fodder, etc.,

The increased whiskey tax has, unfortunately, seriously affected the Irish Distilleries, causing thereby a distinct loss to farmers and agriculture generally, as well as loss of employment, and if, in addition to this, Breweries are closed down, the future prospects of tillage in Ireland must be seriously injured.



In face of these circumstances, this Council urgently requests the Irish members of Parliament to insist that the smaller Irish Breweries be relieved of the extra and excessive burdens imposed by last year's Budget."

A poll was taken with the following result:-  
For Messrs Walsh, Bolger, Doyle, Fortune, Cummins &  
against:- Messrs Ennis, Keacocke, Fanning, J. Codd,  
Mr. Codd, and the Chairman:- 6.

The Chairman declared the resolution lost.

From Queen's Co. County Council:-

Resolved:- That this Council protest against the action of the majority of the Waterford Bridge Committee, who attended at the meetings of the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of June last, as illegal opposed to precedent and fair and open competition, and we request our delegates and the delegates of other Councils to have these illegal proceedings rescinded, and the business done in a proper manner, and if the present illegal procedure be persevered in, this Council will invite the other Councils concerned to consider what legal steps should be taken to have the illegal action of the Committee quashed, and the business done in a legal and proper manner."

No Order.

From Irish Trades Union Congress (Parliamentary Committee) on the following matters:-

(1) Dublin Brushmakers' Dispute; (2) Irish Primary Education; (3) National Education; (4) Technical Education; (5) Technical Instruction; (6) Apprenticeship and Technical Training; (7) The National University; (8) Public Libraries; (9) The Housing Question; (10) Home Manufacture; (11) Fair Wages Resolution; (12) Importations; (13) Public Contracts; (14) Hackney Carriage Inspectorship.

No Order.



Special meeting - 12<sup>th</sup> October 1910.

a special meeting of the County Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford; on 12<sup>th</sup> October 1910.

Present :: Mr. E. Hore, Chairman, (presiding)  
Other members :: Messrs M. Browne, J. Asple, John Bolger, J. Cummins, Mark Codd, James Codd, J. A. Doyle, M. A. Ennis, P. Fortune, W. Forrestal, P. J. Fanning, J. S. Hearn, M. Hickey, J. J. Kehoe, Patrick O'Neill, C. H. Peacocke, J. J. Stafford, G. Walsh.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, and Mr. R. W. Elgie, Solicitor to the Council, were also in attendance.

———— Road Bridges. ————

The Chairman proposed :- "That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the agreement with the Gt. S. & W. Railway Co., as to the keeping in repair of Road Bridges over the Railway."  
Passed.

———— Solicitor's Costs. ————

Proposed by Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Fanning and passed :- "That the costs of our Solicitor for the past year be referred for taxation, and that the necessary requisition to tax be sealed and that Mr. Thomas J. Healy, Solicitor, be appointed to represent the Council on the taxation."

———— Meetings of Finance Committee. ————

Mr. J. Bolger moved the following of which he had given previous notice :-

"That the meetings of the Finance Committee be held on every alternate Wednesday in future, vice every alternate Saturday."  
Mr. Hearn seconded. "Passed."



It was agreed that meetings be held at 2.30 p.m.

—— Loan for Waterford Bridge. ——

Proposed by Mr. Keacocke,

Seconded by Mr. Ennis :-

"I hereby give Notice of my intention to move at next meeting of the Wexford County Council that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction to a loan of £11,000 for the purpose of paying off the indebtedness of the Wexford Co. Council for the building of the New Bridge at Waterford or such other sum as may be found necessary for the purpose when accurate particulars of outlay for incidental expenses have been furnished by the Secretary of the joint Bridge Committee."

Passed.

—— audit of accounts. ——

Under date 6<sup>th</sup> September 1910, the Local Government Board, wrote (N<sup>o</sup>. 54.416 - 1910) forwarding the following report of Mr. C. D. Barry, B. L., their auditor on his audit of the accounts of the Wexford Co. Council for the half-year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1910 :-

"I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of the County Council of Wexford for the half-year ended March last and I forward, herewith, a certified abstract thereof in pursuance of your Order.

The accounts were prepared and submitted for audit in a very satisfactory manner and no item of expenditure calls for any remark on my part.

marked "Read."

Under date 5<sup>th</sup> August 1910, the Local Government Board (Letter N<sup>o</sup>. 52,135 Enniscorthy Rural District) wrote forwarding report of their auditor on his audit of the accounts of Enniscorthy Rural



District for half-year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1910.  
marked "Read."

— Sealed Orders from Local Government Board. —

The Local Government Board forwarded sealed orders as regards the following:-  
water supply, Graiguemore. (area of charge-  
Enniscorthy Rural District) water supply-Kilthomas  
(Enniscorthy Rural District) Sewerage of Kilrane  
(Wexford Rural District).

marked "Read."

— Deductions from Government Grants. —

Under date 19<sup>th</sup> September 1910, the following letter was read from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle:-

"I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to transmit to you herewith an Order for payment of the sum of £1004 : 19 : 8 in respect of the cost of maintenance of pauper lunatics for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1910, in the Enniscorthy District Lunatic Asylum.

I am to state that owing to the insufficiency of the amount paid under Section 58 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, to the Local Taxation (Ireland) account in the current financial year, to meet the sums payable thereout in the same period under the Section, as amended by the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1902, His Excellency has deemed it necessary, in pursuance of the provisions of Sub-section (5) of Section 58, to direct a proportionate abatement of the sums so payable having regard to the said insufficiency.

The money available in the account at the present date is insufficient to pay a larger proportion than 68 per cent of the estimated charges falling to be met from the account, and the amount included in the accompanying Order represents the proportion calculated on this



basis, of the amount certified by the auditor to be payable to the asylum, less the sum of £2570 already advanced.

I am to add that with the payment into the account early in 1911, of the sum of £49,000 mentioned in sub-section (1) (b) of Section 58 His Excellency expects to be in a position to make a further payment from the account to local authorities, but the measure of the additional relief that may be thus afforded cannot be definitely stated until the precise amount of all the charges falling to be met under the act of 1898, and the amending act of 1902 shall have been ascertained towards the close of the present financial year."

Under date 28<sup>th</sup> September 1910, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 144M) transmitting an Order for £752 : 14 : 7. in respect of medical and Educational Expenditure by Boards of Guardians for the half-year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1910, and stated that owing to the insufficiency of the amount paid into the Local Assistance (Ireland) account, 68 per cent only of the charges to be met by the account could be paid.

A similar statement was made by the Local Government Board in their letter No. 143M (under date 30<sup>th</sup> September 1910) as regards payment of salaries to Sanitary Officers, the amount forwarded £89 : 7 : 11d representing only 68 per cent of the expenditure.

The Secretary mentioned that comparing the Government Grants (exclusive of the Agricultural Grant) received this year to 30<sup>th</sup> September with the corresponding period last year, there was a decrease of £2969 or practically 2<sup>d</sup> in the £.

The following minute of the Finance Committee was laid before the meeting:-



"That we protest against the deductions of Government Grants for the current financial half-year. We consider these amounts should be paid on a fixed basis and from Imperial funds. By the present method of calculation it would appear that the more improvement there is in the county the less the amount of these Grants and the heavier the burden on the ratepayers.

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded the Chief Secretary for Ireland, and the members of Parliament for Wexford County, and that a special meeting of the Co. Council be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> inst., at 10.30 a.m., to consider these deductions."

Mr. Peacocke proposed and Mr. Ennis seconded the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Passed.

#### Waterford Bridge Committee

The following report was read :-

A meeting of the Special Committee of the County Council to consider the question of recommending to the Co. Council the areas on which the repayment of loan for Waterford proportion of Waterford Bridge should be levied, was held on 1<sup>st</sup> October in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse Wexford.

Present :- Messrs C. H. Peacocke, (Vice Chairman Co. Council) presiding; P. J. Fanning, J. J. Stafford, John Bolger, and J. Cummins.

The Secretary, and Mr R. W. Elgu, Solicitor, were also in attendance.

A letter apologising for non-attendance was received from Mr. M. Browne. He was in favour of having the tax put on the county-at-large.

The following Scheme for differential rating was laid before the Committee for the purposes of discussion.



Assuming that the figures supplied by the Town Clerk, Waterford are correct it would require a loan of £10,497 to wipe off Wexford's indebtedness. The National Bank had agreed to this loan being granted at 3 per cent, and as the Finance Committee recommended that the loan be obtained for 45 years, the instalment of principal and interest to be repaid annually would come to £428:2:4.

Taking the areas on a system of units it is proposed that one unit should be levied on the following areas:-

One Unit Each.

Gorey Rural District	£1580
Enniscorthy "	106704
" Town	<u>8720</u>

£197004

County E. Divisions of:-

Rosslare - D. E. Divisions of

Drinagh	£3271
Killinick	3973
Kilsconan	3205
Ladys Island	2751
Rosslare	2780
St. Helens	4061
Tacumshane	3292
Donnagard	<u>3128</u>

26461

Taghmon:-

Adamstown	£1740
Carrick	2672
Forth	2064
Glynn	1967
Kilbride	1412
Kilgarvan	1219
Taghmon	3664
Wexford Rural	5283
Whitchurch	<u>1951</u>

21977.



Killurin (in Wexford District)

Atramon £2814

Killurin 1978

Kilpatrick 3433

£ 8225

Wexford urban..

18408

Ballyhustard (Wexford)

aracolm £2309

aracavan 38466155

One unit total £278230

Two units EachBridgetown Co.

aughwilliam £1952

Bridgetown 2422

Kilcavan 2329

Killaq 2340

Kilmore 5591

mayglass 2329

Newcastle 943

Rathaspuck 3290

Total £ 21194

Three units Each.Bannow Co. (in Wexford)

Ballymitty £2503

Harperstown 2238

Duncormack 2499

Bannow 4812

Harristown 2159

£14211

Old Ross Co. (part of)

Barrack village £562

Templindigan 2213

blonleigh 1998

Barronstown 2192

Carighyne 20308990

Total £23206.



Four units each.Bannow Co. (New Ross portion)

Newbawn £2588

Horetown 2887

Blonguen 2761

£8236

Old Ross Co. (Part of)

Ballyanne £3212

Whitemoor 3254

Old Ross 1728

8194

Total £16430Six units each

New Ross urban..

£8709

New Ross Rural..

4611

Tintern Co.

Barnagh £2444

Dunmain 1650

Inch 1937

Killesh 3012

Oldcourt 3058

Rochestown 1388

Tintern 5165

Whitechurch 3196

£21850

Fethard Co.

Ballyhack £3894

Fethard 2828

Kilmokea 3148

Rathroe 3258

Templetown 3697

£16825

Total £51995Units amount to payPoundage Rate

1 £155 : 2 : 3

.134

2 28 : 12 : 7

.267

3 38 : 16 : 3

.401

4 36 : 12 : 9

.535

6 178 : 18 : 6

.802.



The actual Rates would therefore be :-  
 For one unit :-  $\frac{3}{4}^d$  every second year.

" Two "  $\frac{1}{2}^d$  " " "

" Three "  $\frac{1}{2}^d$  every year, every 5<sup>th</sup> year no rate.

" Four "  $\frac{3}{4}^d$ ; every third year  $\frac{1}{4}^d$

" Six "  $1^d$ ; every fifth year no rate.

Mr. Cummins proposed, and Mr. Stafford seconded:-  
 "That the repayment of proposed loan for Waterford Bridge be a county-at-large charge."

Mr. Bolger proposed, and Mr. Fanning seconded:-  
 "That the repayment of proposed loan for Waterford Bridge be as per differential rates in Scheme submitted by our Secretary."

A poll was taken with the result that:-  
 Messrs Bolger, and Fanning voted for the amendment; and Messrs Cummins, Stafford, and the Chairman against.

The Resolution was then put and carried, the voting being the same.

The following minute of the Finance Committee was laid before the meeting:-

"That the Acting Secretary inform the Town Clerk of Waterford, that the Finance Committee have recommended the Co. Council to take the necessary steps to provide for the payment of any instalment which may become due in connection with the cost of erection of new bridge at Waterford. In the meantime that a copy of the Tender and Bond for the new bridge be furnished for the information of the County Council."

"That in accordance with the terms of the communication of the National Bank to the Chairman of the Wexford County Council, when the question of transferring the account of the County Council from the Provincial Bank to the National Bank, was under consider-



ation offering to advance any loans required by the county at 3%. We recommend the county council to apply to the National Bank for a loan of £10,497 at 3% being Wexford Co. Council proportion of the cost of erection of, and other expenses of New Bridge at Waterford; the loan to be by annuity for a term of 45 years.

That the Secretary convey the terms of this recommendation to the manager of the National Bank at Wexford, and submit the matter to the next meeting of the Co. Council."

Proposed by Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. J. Bolger:-  
"That the scheme of differential rating as submitted by our Secretary be adopted."

Mr. Cummins proposed as an amendment, that the tax be levied on the county-at-large."

Mr. Browne seconded.

On a poll being taken the following was the result:-

For the amendment:- Messrs Forrestal, Browne, Stafford, Hearn, Ennis, Peacocke, J. Bodd, Walsh, Doyle, Cummins, and Hickey. 11.

Against:- Messrs O'Neill, Bolger, Fanning, M. Bodd, Asple, Fortune, and the Chairman. 7.

The Chairman then put the amendment as the substantive motion and it was passed.

With regard to recommendations of the Finance Committee, Mr. Peacocke proposed:- That we apply to National Bank for a loan of £11,000 for 45 years at 3% per annum."

Mr. Ennis seconded.

Passed.

The following letter under date 8<sup>th</sup> October, was read from Mr. Feely, manager, National Bank Wexford:-

"Referring to your letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> ult., applying for an advance of £10,497 for the Wexford Co. Council I beg to inform you that same has been sanctioned



by my Directors, to be secured by the usual mortgage the sanction of the Local Government Board of course to be first obtained."

— The Road Board. —

Circular letter of August 1910, from Mr. Rees. Jeffreys, Secretary of the Road Board, stating that applications for grants should be sent in not later than 31st October, was read.

The Executive Committee of the General Council of Irish Co. Councils, who were asked by the Wexford Co. Council to formulate a joint trunk Road Scheme for all Ireland, wrote that in the limited time available for the preparation of the scheme, and in the absence of any information as to the amount of money available it would be impossible for them to frame a carefully planned scheme.

The Committee considered that this could be done by the Road Board in consultation with representatives of the General Council and the various road authorities. They also suggested that with the assent of the various Councils participating in the scheme 50 per cent of the total grants from the Road Board to Ireland during the coming five years should be allocated to the purpose of reconstructing strengthening and steamrolling leading roads with a view to the development of a transit service such as was contemplated by the Iveagh-Pittie scheme.

Under date 30<sup>th</sup> September 1910, the following report was read from Mr. Gaffney, Co. Surveyor:-

"This Board issued a circular letter dated July 1910 to all highway authorities inviting them to send in applications in accordance with the act. It was stated in this letter that at the outset applications should be confined to the



most important and urgent works, and that special consideration would be given to applications for:-

1. Reconstruction of important roads which are exceptionally bad and cannot be improved without reconstruction.
- 2.- Widening of important roads which are dangerously narrow.
- 3.- Surfacing with granite basalt or other suitable material treated with tar, etc., by some approved method, main roads or important district roads which already have adequate foundations especially those on or just beyond the outer fringe of large towns which have to carry a heavy traffic without aid from the rates of the towns served by the roads.
- 4.- Opening out of dangerous corners and alteration of dangerous curves.
- 5.- Alteration, where possible at reasonable cost, of steep and dangerous gradients.
- 6.- Strengthening or reconstruction of weak bridges which seriously limit the use for commercial transport of roads of first class importance.
- 7.- Construction of new by-pass roads to avoid villages on main roads or important district roads where the conditions are exceptionally dangerous.
- 8.- Acquisition in urgent cases where building is imminent of vacant land required for future widening of roads, especially in urban and sub-urban areas.

The letter stated further that proposals should represent the carefully considered views of the local authorities, and suggests that, before any applications are sent in, conferences should be held between the County Surveyor and the Surveyors of the Urban and Rural



Districts.

Directions for formulating applications and extracts from the act accompanied the letter.

Acting on the above suggestion I asked all the Surveyors to meet me at a conference. This was held on August 11<sup>th</sup> and besides your own staff the Town Surveyors of Wexford and Enniscorthy attended.

After some discussion the accompanying list of works with their probable cost was agreed to.

This by no means represent all that was considered urgent or desirable, but only some of the worst cases.

Since then the General Council of County Councils took up the matter with the view of formulating a Trunk Road Scheme but in a memorandum issued on the 17<sup>th</sup> September they stated that they were unable to do so in the time available, as applications would be considered in November, and had to be handed in before October 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Committee appointed by the General Council suggest in the memorandum that 50% of the total grants to Ireland during the coming five years should be allocated to the reconstruction, strengthening and rolling leading roads selected with a view of forming part of a complete trunk scheme which would be able to accommodate traffic on the lines of the Inagh-Pirrie scheme.

In view of this memorandum it may be necessary to modify the proposals I made at the conference.

In selecting these proposals I avoided any large scheme and only took those roads which seemed most urgent, and on which the traffic was heaviest.

I also kept in mind the desirability of



gradually improving the roads between the more remote centres of population, such as Newtownlarry, Fethard, Blackwater, with the big towns of the county such as Wexford and Enniscorthy, or with the nearest railway station such as Bridgetown and Ballycullane.

I will say no more about my own proposals, and of course I am not sufficiently intimate with the works of the Urban Districts of Wexford and Enniscorthy to presume to say anything about them.

It must be remembered that the amount of money available is limited amounting to £200,000 per annum, and that the number of road authorities is large. There are four in this county, viz:- yourselves, and three Urban Districts of Enniscorthy, New Ross, and Wexford.

I attach copies of the letter of the Road Board, of the memorandum of the General Council, and of the list of provisional proposals."

Proposals to be submitted to the Road Board. Provisionally agreed to at the conference, at Wexford, - 11<sup>th</sup> August. 1910.

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|---|--------|
| 1.- To construct a new street at Wexford.                                     | £3,500 |
| 2.- To roll Trinity Street & William St "                                     | 245    |
| 3.- To roll & surface with tar macadam Redmond Road & Redmond Place, Wexford. | 295    |
| 4.- To reconstruct Fagan's Lane Enniscorthy.                                  | 2,000  |
| 5.- To roll the Scarawalsh. St John Road. "                                   | 200    |
| 6.- To widen Enniscorthy Bridge.  | 1,000  |
| 7.- To roll the road from Wexford to Drinagh.                                 | 1,200  |
| 8.- To roll the Duncannon line.   | 3,000  |
| 9.- To roll the Castlebridge Road.  | 3,000  |
| 10.- To straighten the road from Bridgetown to Kilmoe                         | 500    |
| 11.- To roll the Gorey to Courtown road                                       | 2,050  |
| 12.- To rebuild Mountgarrett Bridge   | 3,000  |
| 13.- To straighten and roll the Camblin road New Ross.                        | 2,000  |



14.- To roll portion of the road from Wescford to New Ross. . . .	£1,500
15.- To roll the millhouse road, Enniscorthy	500
16.- To roll the Newtownbarny-blohamon road.	1500
Total	£25,490

Mr Gaffney, (County Surveyor) submitted the following alternative scheme :-

Since submitting my report and proposals of applications to the Road Board I have been informed on excellent authority, that local proposals such as these, urgent and necessary as they are, stand but little chance against more general and larger schemes. I would therefore ask your permission to suggest an alternative scheme.

- 1.- To reconstruct the roads from Arklow through Gorey, Camolin, Ferns, Enniscorthy, and Clonroche to New Ross.
- 2.- To reconstruct the roads from Rosslare Pier through Wescford and Enniscorthy to Newtownbarny.
- 3.- To reconstruct the road from Wescford through Camross to New Ross.

These are the three main roads traversing the County and leading to important places outside of it. All these roads are divided up, as you know, into a number of contracts and until the term of each contract has expired you will be unable to do anything to that portion of the road contained in such contract.

The Road Board, as a condition of advancing any money will, I am certain, stipulate that the roads shall be made up to a certain standard. In stating this I should say what I mean by a certain standard. It is this :- That these roads shall be able to stand motor traffic, and by motor traffic, I mean, not the motor car used instead of a horse and trap for pleasure



or private purposes, but the heavy motor for the conveyance of goods and passengers and running over a fixed route. - In this country this means reconstruction according to modern principles and designs, and of course rolling.

The best materials only will be good enough. There will also be the cutting and straightening of corners and sharp bends, and the improvement of gradients. Works such as gulleys and bridges will have to be strengthened and in many cases even rebuilt.

As it is only a few days ago I got this information it has been utterly impossible for me to make anything like a correct estimate but I can safely say the cost will not be less than £1,000 per mile.

In addition to this it will be necessary to purchase rollers and other necessary road machinery, and it will be advisable, indeed I might say necessary, to purchase or lease quarries and provide machinery to work them. These quarries would be a great benefit to many other roads in their vicinity. In addition, a foreman skilled in road making will be required for each roller, also quarry masters. I would suggest that you would confine yourselves at starting two rollers with the accompanying plant.

It will be necessary to apply for a loan to be spread over a number of years. In the event of a contribution by the Road Board the procedure I believe will be this: - "We apply for a loan of, say, £25,000 spread over ten years, that is £2,500 a year, then the Board will contribute a similar amount annually.

One thing seems certain we must show ourselves in earnest by contributing our share of the cost, and the more in earnest we are the better chance we have of getting good grants.



from the Board.

In this connection it should be borne in mind that the money at the disposal of the Board is not contributed by the tax-payer as such, but is the proceeds of the motor car and petrol duty, and if I may be allowed to say so, though I do not grudge the partial remission of taxation which medical men enjoy, yet if any profession be exempted, I claim that the one to which I have the honour to belong should be the first to receive preferential treatment.

Finally I must add that whichever scheme you adopt it will be necessary to provide a certain amount of road and quarry machinery and to make provision for increased supervision and assistance.

Rough Estimate for Trunk Road Scheme.

Road No. 1	46 miles @ £1,000.	£ 46,000
" No. 2.	32½ " " "	32,500
" No. 3.	23. " " "	23,000
Rolling machinery, 2 Rollers,		
2 Watercarts, 2 living Waggon, etc.		1,300
Hauling machinery, 1 engine		
1 breaker,		900
Quarries		400
Acquisition of land		1,000
Cutting corners & easing gradients		1,000
Strengthening bridges, etc.		2,000
Contingencies		2,750
		<u>£ 111,750</u>

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted; on the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Peacocke :-

"That the General Council of Irish Co. Councils be informed that Wexford Co. Council approve of a joint Trunk Road Scheme, as set out in memo received from the Secretary of the



General Council, and have adopted in connection with that scheme a plan for Trunk Road within the County Wexford, laid before them by their Co. Surveyor."

Proposed by Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Peacocke and passed:-

"That we make application to the Road Board for a Grant of a sum sufficient to carry out the scheme of Trunk Roads within the County of Wexford as set forth in the Report of the Co. Surveyor."

### Ferryarrig Bridge.

Under date 17<sup>th</sup> August 1910, the following letter (No. H. 10465) was read from the Board of Trade:-

"With reference to previous correspondence, relative to your application, on behalf of the Wexford Co. Council, for the sanction of the Board to the construction of a new bridge over the River Slaney at Ferryarrig, in substitution for the existing Ferryarrig Bridge, I am directed by the Board of Trade to inform you that they will be unable to give their consent to the proposed works until the Council have come to some arrangement with them for the acquisition of the rights and interests of the Crown in the tidal lands which will be occupied thereby.

The present case appears to the Board to be one in which the necessity and expense of a survey and valuation may, in pursuance of the 62<sup>nd</sup> section of the Crown Lands Act, 1829, be dispensed with, and I am accordingly to state that this Board, on the part of the Crown, will be prepared to grant to the Council in consideration of the sum of Five pounds, a conveyance of the rights and interests of the Crown in so much of the foreshore and bed on the River Slaney below high watermark at Ferryarrig as will be required for the purposes of the works in question.

The conveyance, a draft of which is enclosed, will be in the form in which conveyances of tidal lands



are usually made by the Board of Trade.

Upon receiving from you the draft conveyance duly approved by or on behalf of the Council (such approval being signified at the end thereof) together with a Bank draft of the above amount payable at a London Bank to the Order of the Accountant General, Board of Trade, crossed "Bank of England" and an undertaking by or on behalf of the Council to defray all the expenses of an incidental to the preparation and enrolment of the deed, as well as with a duplicate set of the enclosed map and plans, the Board will cause their formal consent to be inscribed upon both set of drawings, one of which will be retained in the Records of this office, the other being returned to you as the authority of the Council so far as the interests of navigation are concerned, for proceeding with the construction of the works without waiting for the formal completion of the deed.

I am to request that the undertaking above referred to may form the subject of a separate document and not be inscribed upon the draft deed.

I am to add that the Board assume that the Council exercise jurisdiction at both ends of the proposed bridge."

The Finance Committee had made the following recommendation:-

"We recommend that £5 be paid the Board of Trade for conveyance of the rights and interests of the Crown inasmuch of the foreshore and bed of river Slaney below high water mark at Ferryarrig, as will be required for the erection of a new bridge at Ferryarrig, also that an undertaking be given by the Co. Council to defray all expenses of and incidental to the preparation and enrolment of the deed of



conveyance."

"That Mr. Gaffney, (Co. Surveyor) be instructed to supply duplicate set of maps and plans."

"That our Secretary communicate with the Local Government Board, and ask them, if in view of the urgency of having the works proceed without delay, the payment of £5 can be made out of the Subsidiary account."

Under date 7<sup>th</sup> October 1910, the following letter (No. H. 12449) was read from the Board of Trade :-

"With reference to your application for the consent of the Board of Trade to the construction by the Wexford Co. Council of a new bridge over the River Slaney at Ferryarrig, in substitution for the existing Ferryarrig Bridge, I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying duplicate plans of the proposed works, which the formal consent of the Board of Trade has been inscribed, as the authority of the Council so far as the interests of navigation are concerned for proceeding with the works, and to request that you will inform me when the works have been completed.

No deviation from the accompanying plans should be made at anytime without the further consent of the Board of Trade.

It is also requested that the Inspecting Commander and officers of the Coastguard, or other person authorised by the Board of Trade may be permitted to inspect the plans and works, whenever they or he may deem it necessary to do so, for the conservation of navigation and the protection of public interests."

The following letter under date 7<sup>th</sup> October, from the Hon Secretary, Sinn Féin, Wexford Co. Committee was read for the meeting :-

"My Committee have directed me to forward you



the following resolution with the request that you will kindly lay it before your Council as soon as possible :-

"That we have learned with astonishment that the cement being used in the construction of the new bridge at Ferryarrig is of foreign manufacture, and we respectfully request the County Council to explain to the public why the foreign article is being used in this important County work in preference to locally manufactured cement."

"No. Order"

"On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Peacocke the resolution of Finance Committee was confirmed."

#### Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Matthew Hart, Campile, and Thomas Cullen North Main Street, Wexford; applied for licenses under Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

W. E. Reynolds, 68 Main Street, Gorey; applied for renewal of licence under same act.

"On the motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Ennis, the above applications were agreed to."

#### Telegraph Line.

The Post Office authorities wrote asking for permission to place an overhead telegraphic line along the side of the public road from Adamstown Post Office to Chapel Railway Station.

"On the motion of Mr. Fanning seconded by Mr. Peacocke, the required permission was granted."

#### By-Laws Kilmore Fowl Market.

Under date 15<sup>th</sup> September 1910, the following was read from Sergeant Moore, R. I. C. Kilmore



Quay:-

I beg to report that Constable James Reid, and myself, when on patrol on above date observed William Hynes, Fowl Buyer, of School Street, Wexford; purchasing fowl at Kilmore Fowl Market; at 5.45 a.m., and Margaret Roche, of Newtown; this sub-district selling Fowl at same time and place. Contrary to the Co. Council By-law dated 31<sup>st</sup> March 1909.

Hynes purchased 4½ pair of fowl at 3/6 per pair, and paid for them.

We will be competent witnesses to prove a purchase and sale, in these cases, should the Co. Council desire to issue summonses, and prosecute at Duncormack Petty Sessions on 21<sup>st</sup> October 1910."

The following recommendation made by the Finance Committee in the matter was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Stafford:-

"That we refer the matter to Mr. Elger to take the necessary steps with a view to prosecution."

The following letter under date 7<sup>th</sup> October 1910 was read from Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors to Mr. Hynes:-

"Mr. Hynes, School Street, Wexford; has handed us the summons served upon him at the suit of your Council for his breach of the Bye-laws in connection with Kilmore Fowl Market, he having purchased fowl at 5.45 on the morning of the 15<sup>th</sup> ult., being 15 minutes before the prescribed time. Our client admits the offence and asks us to apologise on his behalf to your Council therefor, and he hereby undertakes not to offend again, and he respectfully asks your Council to deal with him as leniently as possible under those circumstances. He will of



course submit to any small penalty that may be imposed upon him, or if your Council should be kind enough to instruct the prosecution to be withdrawn, he will pay any reasonable expenses that may have been incurred in connection therewith, as the breach was the the most but a technical one. and asking for the favorable consideration of your Council."

Mr. Ennis proposed, Mr. Stafford seconded the following resolution which was adopted:

"That as the present are the first prosecutions for infringement of bye-laws in connection with the Kilmore Fowl market. Mr. Elgee be instructed only to ask for a nominal penalty."

#### Old Age Pensions.

Mr. Cummins proposed, Mr. J. Codd seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That we protest against the breach of faith by the Liberal Government in placing an impost on the ratepayers for pensions to old age pensioners, who are in receipt of out door relief. We call on our members of Parliament to take every possible means to oblige the Government to provide these pensions from Imperial Funds."

#### Summer Sheep Dipping Order.

Under date 16<sup>th</sup> September 1910, the following letter was read from Sergeant Chambers, R. I. C., Carnar :-

"I herewith beg to forward Declarations re Sheep Dipping, also a list by townlands of sheep owners the number date of dipping and of declaration. There are but two individuals who have not fully complied with the dipping regulations namely:- Patrick Whelan, of Munny,



and Michael Bulger, of same townland, neither have yet sent their Declarations.

There may be some, perhaps one or perhaps none who has given no notice, this is a matter we are at present inquiring into. Please give directions as to whether Bulger and Whelan are to be summoned or otherwise."

District Inspector O'Neill, R. I. C., Gorey wrote as follows:-

I beg to ask your approval of two prosecutions under above Order.

1.- Against Laurence Darcy, of Monycross, near Ballycanew for failing to serve notice on the police of his intention to dip his sheep during the dipping period ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 1910.

Mr. Darcy returned the Form B. declaring that all sheep on his farm on 31<sup>st</sup> ult., were dipped. This may have been the case, but his failure to notify his intention to dip gave the police no opportunity of seeing them dipped, and if he is not prosecuted, it will be inconsistent to enforce the law in any similar case.

2.- Against Mr. Joseph Murray, of Kilpatrick, Coolgreany; for failing to dip two of his sheep during the dipping period ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 1910. When asked by the police why he did not dip his sheep, Mr. Murray said, he neglected dipping till the end of the period and that he was too busy then to do it. He said he "sprinkled them." It is obvious, in my opinion, that there should be a prosecution in this case."

#### — Autumn Order. —

Head Constable Magrath, R. I. C., Wexford, reported that ten persons had exposed sheep, at Wexford fair on 3<sup>rd</sup> inst., contrary to the Sheep Dipping Order; as declaration of dipping was required from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 15<sup>th</sup> November.



Mr. Stafford proposed, the Chairman seconded the following resolution, which was adopted:-

"That for this year prosecutions be instituted only in cases where sheep have not been dipped within the prescribed period."

Mr. Fanning moved that the Department be requested to allow the Police to accept form 6. from sheep owners anytime during the dipping period."

Mr. James Codd seconded.

"Passed."

### — Sheep Dipping Inspectors. —

Under date 6<sup>th</sup> August 1910, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, wrote approving of the re-appointment for the autumn dipping period of Messrs R. McDonald, S. Leary, J. J. Egan, and Mr. Stafford, Sheep Dipping Inspectors.

marked "Read."

### — Slaney Dredging. —

Under date 5<sup>th</sup> October 1910, the following letter (No. 7565-10, F. B.) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction relative to dredging operations on the River Slaney:-

"With reference to the agreement between the Department and the Wexford Co. Council in connection with the dredging of part of the River Slaney, I have to state, for the information of the Council, that the cost of the work carried out up to the present time is, approximately, £760. The scheme in its entirety has not yet been executed, and the work remaining to be done would probably involve an expenditure of some two hundred pounds.

The Department have been able to dispose of portion of the dredger material at 6<sup>d</sup> per ton, a rate which, after consultation between



their Engineer and the County Surveyor; it was considered advisable to accept; and an offer to take over the balance at the same rate has been accepted. Assuming that there will be 14,000 tons of dredged material available, the receipts for its sale would thus amount to £350.

Under clause 11 of the agreement one-third of this sum becomes payable to the Department who are prepared to allocate it in meeting the excess of expenditure already incurred. If the works are not to be closed down permanently it will be necessary that provision be made for the further expenditure involved and it is suggested that the Council's share of the amount arising from the sale of the dredged material should be devoted to this object.

The Department understand that the persons locally interested are fully satisfied that the work has been carried out in the most economic manner possible. The excess of actual cost over the estimate is mainly due to the failure of the Dredges to give as good results as were anticipated, the effect of her trials having been apparently, unduly favourable."

Mr. Peacocke proposed, Mr. Ennis seconded and it was passed :-

"That the Department's request as regards the Co. Council allowing their share of the proceeds of sale of dredged material to be allocated to the funds necessary to complete the dredging of the river Slaney be acceded to."

— Watch hut at Kilmore. —

Under date 5<sup>th</sup> August, Mr. J. Chichester, Divisional Officer, H. M. Coastguard, Wexford; wrote as follows :-  
"I am directed by the Board of Trade, to ascertain



on what terms they could acquire a site 20 ft x 20 ft for the purpose of erecting a watch hut, at the extremity of the western arm of Kilmore Quay. They would like to obtain it as a freehold or on a 40 years lease.

This position is required to enable a watch to be kept on the coast in bad weather, so that assistance may be promptly rendered to any vessel wrecked."

The Finance Committee at their meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> September, had made the following recommendation :-

"That we recommend the Co. Council to agree to give a lease to the Board of Trade for watch hut at Kilmore Pier, as per the terms of letter of Capt Chichester, under date 8<sup>th</sup> August at an annual rent of £-; the Board of Trade to be responsible for the maintenance of the hut and any damage caused to, or by it."

Mr Chichester wrote that the Board of Trade would accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by the Chairman, the question of hut at Kilmore Pier was adjourned to next meeting of Co. Council, in the meantime Mr. M. Browne, to obtain local opinion as to whether there is any objection to its erection. The County Surveyor was also asked to furnish his observations on the matter."

#### — Analyst's Report —

The following was read for the meeting :-

City Laboratory

17 Castle Street

Dublin. 11<sup>th</sup> August 1910.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C.B., M.D., Public



Analyst, for the County Wexford, on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 1910.

88 articles were received from the Food Inspectors R.I.C., as follows...

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number.</u>
milk	31
Butter	24
whiskey	23
Buttermilk	7
Rum	1
Ginger Wine	1
Cheese.	1
Total	<u>88</u>

They were all pure.

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

One specimen of water analysed for the Rural District Council, Gorey; had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matters	9.100
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.007
Saline ammonia	0.006
Nitric acid	1.500
Chlorine	2.480

A good water.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union, fifteen drugs four specimens of whiskey and three of port wine were analysed. Two drugs were incorrect.

One specimen of water analysed for the Enniscorthy Co-operative Society, had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matters	14,000
Including	



albuminoid ammonia	0.150
saline ammonia	0.140
Nitric acid	Trace
Chlorine	1.070.

A polluted water unfit for use.

One specimen of water analysed for Mr. Livingston Esq; Newtownbarry; had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matters, 23.800

Including

albuminoid ammonia	0.017
saline ammonia	0.226
Nitric acid	Trace
Chlorine	1.090

A polluted water.

Two specimens of butter analysed for Mr. M. Ryan, Enniscorthy, were pure.

One specimen of feeding stuff was analysed for Messrs J. Daly & Sons; Wexford.

One specimen of feeding stuff was analysed for Mr. W. Armstrong, Enniscorthy.

Three fertilizers were analysed for Mr. John Lambert, Enniscorthy.

For Shillelagh Union, which is partly situated in the County Wexford, three drugs were analysed and were correct.

Total analyses. 136.

B. A. Cameron.

marked "Read."

#### Road Contractors' application

The following memorial was received from New Ross Rural District Council, who had made the following order thereon :-

"To be forwarded to the County Council and the County Surveyor and notify them that it has the approval of this Council."

"The undersigned Road Contractors of the Barony of Shelburne, Sintern District, who repair their



roads with sea gravel, beg to state that owing to very bad weather they have not been able to get their boats to sea to obtain the material, and most respectfully ask the Council to grant them an extension of time to, say 1<sup>st</sup> October to enable them to put out the necessary material.

If the weather gets fine and calm they would be able to get the work done sooner.

Signed. Michael Roche, St. Kearns.

Patrick Dumes, Saltmills

Martin Walsh, Garrycullen

Anastasia Fitzgerald, St. Kearns.

13<sup>th</sup> August 1910.

marked "Read."

— Courtown Harbour. —

Under date 10<sup>th</sup> August, the following letter was read from Mr. P. Stapleton, Harbour master:

"I beg to apply to the Co. Council for a copy of Mr. Redmond's correspondence in reference to recent dispute at Courtown. Also for a copy or the Original of memorial sent to Co. Council on his behalf.

I feel convinced that in justice to me the Co. Council will grant my request."

Under date 17<sup>th</sup> September a letter was read from Mr. Stapleton, Harbour master, that Andrew Byrne, Contractor for the building of the two boats had one of them finished, and required an advance of money in order to enable him to go on with the other.

The Courtown Harbour Committee reported they had examined the boat and found it up to specification except as regards draught, which they had no means of testing.

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Keacocke, the following resolution of the Finance Committee was confirmed:-



"We desire to point out to the Courtown Harbour Committee that before paying for this boat and taking her over it is most desirable she should be launched and her actual draught ascertained. On receiving a Report from the Committee that the draught is in accordance with specification we are prepared to recommend payment for her construction."

Mr. O'Neill proposed, Mr. Fanning seconded and it was passed :-

"That the Draft amended Bye-Law altering the Quayage charge on landing of coal at Courtown Harbour from 2<sup>d</sup> to 6<sup>d</sup> per ton and discontinuing the charge of 4<sup>d</sup> per ton for providing Boats be approved of, and that the Bye-Law be engrossed and sealed and exhibited."

With regard to the application of the Harbour master, for copy of Mr. Redmond's correspondence, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hearn, seconded by the Chairman :-

"That as we consider it would not help to the satisfactory working of Courtown Harbour, we decline to furnish the correspondence from Mr. Redmond, Courtown Harbour to Mr. Stapleton, Harbour master."

#### Motor Licenses.

Proposed by Mr. Ennis; seconded by the Chairman and passed :-

"That we authorise our Secretary to exercise and perform the powers and duties now vested in officers of Customs and Excise as provided by Section 738, of the motor car License Duties (Ireland) Collection Order 1910."

#### Finance Committee Recommendations.

The following minutes of the Finance Committee were confirmed on the motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. John Bolger :-

"Permission to County Surveyor to prosecute anchorage



Rochi, Ballinaclear, Ballycanew; John Corrigan, Road Contractor, No 71 Road, Gorey; John Barty Moneytucker; and Mary Hennessy, Courtinacuddy, provided the County Surveyor considers it necessary.

Mrs Hennessy, under date 5<sup>th</sup> October, wrote:-  
 "On the lane known as the half hundred lane- the contractor has been instructed through the County Surveyor to request me to remove a fence which closes up an old gateway on the said contract lane. This was a gate or mouth of a lane leading to an old house about 60 yards in on my land, which I levelled some time ago. I did not know I was doing wrong by closing this gateway- to open another gateway at right angles to my farm yard 20 yards nearer to me, which is an improvement to the general people. However I don't wish the contractor to be out of his payments for me closing this gateway. If I have intruded on the Co. Council or if there is any grievance, I am willing to abide by their decision."

With reference to above letter, Mr. O'Neill proposed Mr. Bolger seconded and it was passed:-

"That the matter be left in the hands of the Co. Surveyor to take whatever steps he considers necessary."

"Approving of Mr. R. W. Elger, Solicitor to the Council, defending an action by Messrs Wallace, Bros against County Council for alleged injury to a horse their property, owing to the animal, according to their Solicitors, having put his leg into a storm sewer while being driven along the public road at Grattan Street, Gorey. There was also a claim on behalf of Michael Kinsella, Carter to Messrs Wallace, Bros, for injuries alleged to have been caused on the same occasion."



"That Mr. Elger, Solicitor, be instructed to hold a "watching Brief" in the case of Major Eustace v Michael Fitzpatrick, and Maryanne Larty. That he give defendants all the assistance he can, and that Mr. Gaffney, County Surveyor, be instructed to be present at the hearing and help the contractors as far as possible."

Poundage.

Proposed by Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Asple and passed :-

"That we agree to the payment of Poundage to Rate Collectors for half year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 1910, as per schedule submitted by the Secretary."

Edmund Hor.



meeting - 11<sup>th</sup> November 1910.

A meeting of the Co. Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 11<sup>th</sup> November 1910.

Present :- Mr. E. Hore, (Chairman) presiding.  
Other members :- Messrs T. Asple, Mr. Browne, J. Bolger, T. Bolger, J. Cummins, Mr. Codd, James Codd, P. Fortune, P. J. Fanning, J. S. Hearn, J. J. Kehoe, P. Creane, C. A. Peacocke, J. J. Stafford, G. Walsh, Sir J. A. G. Comonde.

The Secretary, Co. Surveyor, and Mr. R. W. Elger Solicitor to the Council, were also in attendance.

Confirmation of minutes.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Irrecoverable Rates.

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the lists of Irrecoverable Rates to be refunded to collectors as submitted by the Secretary were agreed to.

Change of day of Co. Council meeting.

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

"That the date of next half-yearly meeting of the Council be changed from 7<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> December, to avoid clashing with the opening day of the Winter Show of the Royal Dublin Society."

Mr. Fanning seconded.

Passed.

Sealed Order - Local Government Board.

The Local Government Board forwarded Sealed Order - sewerage of Riverchapel village, and for



which they had determined Gorey Rural District was to be the area of charge.

marked "Read."

#### Rate Collection.

The Local Government Board wrote under date 10<sup>th</sup> October, (No<sup>s</sup> 63727; 63083;) and 13<sup>th</sup> October (No 64589) assenting to extensions of time to collectors Sullivan, and J. Walsh; in the case of the former to 4<sup>th</sup> October; and in the case of Mr. Walsh to 8<sup>th</sup> October.

marked "Read."

#### Importation Hay & Straw

under date 31<sup>st</sup> August, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, forwarded an Order (No 107) revoking their Order of 24<sup>th</sup> February (No 103) which prohibited the importation of Hay & Straw into Ireland from Sweden.

marked "Read."

#### Foot & Mouth Disease.

under date 15<sup>th</sup> August, the following letter (No 3869- F. B.) from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, was read:-

"With reference to the resolution adopted by the Wexford Co. Council on the 3<sup>rd</sup> instant, I have to state that the question of prohibiting the landing in Ireland of hay and straw from Great Britain by an Order similar to those in force as regards such importations from foreign countries, had already been under the consideration of the Department.

The movement of fodder and litter from the Foot and Mouth Disease infected places is restricted by the Orders of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries. No extension of the recent Foot and Mouth Disease outbreak has occurred up to the present and it is hoped that necessity will



not now arise for the issue of an Order by the Department stopping the importation of hay and straw from Great Britain."

The Department in further reference to this matter forwarded a memorandum stating that as from 1<sup>st</sup> September 1910 the special precautions taken against the possible introduction of Foot and Mouth Disease from England has been relaxed, and cattle, sheep, goats, and other ruminating animals and swine would be again allowed into Great Britain except Yorkshire, provided they were accompanied by the necessary permit from the Department, but a permit would not be required in the case of sheep coming from Scotland provided they had been dipped at a Scottish port or at Lilloth, that they were accompanied by a Veterinary Surgeon's certificate of Health, a declaration that for the previous three months they had not been in contact with any diseased or suspected animals, and were found free from disease by a Veterinary Surgeon of the Department at the port of entry in Ireland.

marked "Read"

— Sheep Dipping Order. —

Under date 31<sup>st</sup> October (letter no. 5228-2B.) the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote:-

adverting to your letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> instant, embodying copies of the two following resolutions passed at a meeting of the Wexford Co. Council on the previous day, viz:-

- 1.- "That for this year prosecutions be instituted only in cases where sheep have not been dipped within the prescribed period."
- 2.- "That the Department be requested to allow the



Police to accept "Form B." from sheep owners anytime during the dipping period."

I have to state that the Department would be glad to learn what were the circumstances leading up to the adoption of these resolutions.

Also, in regard to No. 1, will you kindly state on what grounds the County Council considered that leniency might be shown this year to persons who contravened the Order otherwise than by failing to dip. A great deal of trouble was taken to draw the attention of sheep owners to the full requirements of the Order.

The Department are desirous of knowing also whether resolution No. 2 implies that a Declaration on Form C if made while a dipping period is in progress ought in the opinion of the Local Authority to hold good for the remainder of the period even though the sheep to which it relates are moved off the declarant's premises and replaced by others before the conclusion of the period."

M<sup>r</sup>. Fanning proposed, M<sup>r</sup>. Cummins seconded and it was passed:- "We consider that the Police should accept Form "C" if sent in any time during the Dipping Period. That the question of buying and selling sheep that have been dipped within the Dipping period should be regulated by Form B."

#### Food & Drugs Acts

Under date 21<sup>st</sup> October, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote, (letter No. 21639) :-

"With reference to previous correspondence relative to the enforcement of the above-mentioned acts, I have to state, for the information of your Local Authority, that an officer of the Department



acting on the instructions received under Section 2 of the Act of 1899, purchased a sample of butter at Clonroche on 27<sup>th</sup> ultimo; three samples at Duncannon on the 28<sup>th</sup> ultimo; two at Fethard on the 29<sup>th</sup> ultimo; and three at Ferns on the 30<sup>th</sup> ultimo. The samples were duly submitted to the Public Analyst for the County Wexford, who certifies that they proved to be pure."

marked 'Read.

### Ballyconnor Castle.

Under date 19<sup>th</sup> October (letter No P.31587/20-Estate of broker Barrington and another) the following letter was read from the Secretary Estates Commissioners:-

"I am directed by the Estates Commissioners to inform you that proceedings for the sale of the above-mentioned estate have been instituted before them and that situate on the townland of Ballyconnor Big, Parish of Kilrane, and Barony of Forth is an ancient monument - Ballyconnor Castle - which appears to be worthy of preservation.

The Commissioners of Public Works are unable to accept the custody of this monument and the Estates Commissioners will be glad to be informed that your Council will consent to have it vested in them under Section 14. of the Irish Land Act 1903. \*

I am to request the favour of an early reply

Mr. Gore proposed, Mr. Brown seconded and it was passed:- "That the Estates Commissioners be informed that the Co. Council are satisfied to have vested in them Ballyconnor Castle, under Sec 14 of the Irish Land Act."

### Vinegar Hill Monument.

With reference to monument at Vinegar Hill,



which the Co. Council have decided to take over as an ancient monument, the following letter to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor; from Mrs. Anastasia Maguire, and Thomas Maguire, was read :-

"In reply to your letter re 'Windmill on Vinegar Hill' neither my mother nor myself have any objection to the Windmill being repaired and are quite prepared to give the necessary land for the purpose of fencing around it, provided that the proper Right-of-way is made good, and a proper Turnstile gate is put on the Right-of-way.

The Windmill is situate in the Townland of Templeshannon, and if you send on the agreement I will have it signed by the proper parties."

Proposed by Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. J. Bolger, and passed :-

"That the matter be left in the hands of Mr. Elgee, and that he bring it up at next meeting of the Co. Council."

#### Waterford Bridge.

Proposed by Mr. Keacocke,

Seconded by Mr. Walsh, and passed :-

"That in order to comply with the Order of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, dated 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1910, made in pursuance of the Bridges (Ireland) Act 1834, and amending acts, the County Council of Wexford agree to contribute their proportion of the cost of and other expenses incidental to, the erection of new bridge at Waterford, the amount to be paid out of loan of £11,000 to be obtained from the National Bank. This being an imperative presentment is made under Sec 80 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898."

The joint Committee of Waterford Bridge forwarded the following resolution :-



"That the contributing bodies be requested to lodge their respective proportions of the total estimated costs and expenses of the construction of Waterford Bridge (£71,000) to the credit of an account to be opened by the joint committee of management, in equal quarterly payments or in such larger proportions as from time to time may be required, the first payment to be made by the 1<sup>st</sup> December next."

This matter was considered by the Finance Committee who recommended :-

"That the Finance Committee recommend to the Co. Council that their proportion of the expenses of Waterford Bridge be paid in accordance with the provisions of sec 20 & 21 of the Bridges Ireland Act 1867."

Proposed by Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Kehoe and passed :-

"That as advised by our Solicitor, we have no power to pay any money unless in compliance with the provisions of sec 20 & 21 Bridges (Ireland) Act 1867, that this Council have made arrangements to pay their contributions out of the subsidiary account on receipt of the proper certificate from the joint committee."

Under date 10<sup>th</sup> November, No. 67,446/1910 Wexford County, the Local Government Board wrote :-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them your letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> ultimo, relating to the question of payments by Co. Council of Wexford in respect of their liabilities in connection with the erection of a bridge over the River Suir at Waterford, etc., and, in reply, I am to state that the Board will raise no objection to the payment when necessary into the subsidiary account of sums



sufficient to meet demands on foot of such liabilities from one Finance meeting of the Co. Council to the next as proposed."

marked "Read."

— County Wexford Infirmary. —

The following resolution was received from the managing committee of County Wexford Infirmary:-

"We consider that Dr. David Hadden is entitled to superannuation in consideration of his twentyone years service as Resident Surgeon and we recommend that the Co. Council grant him superannuation at a rate of fifty two pounds (£52) per annum."

Under date 12<sup>th</sup> October, Mr. M. J. Kavanagh Registrar to Infirmary; wrote that at a meeting of his committee on October 10<sup>th</sup> Dr. J. A. Furlong had been elected as Surgeon to Co. Infirmary; vice Dr. D. Hadden resigned."

Mr. Leacocke proposed, the Chairman seconded and it was passed:-

"That the Grant to the County Wexford Infirmary committee be increased by £50 per annum during the lifetime of Dr. David Hadden Esq., on the condition that £40 of this amount be voted by the Co. Infirmary committee as a superannuation allowance to Dr. Hadden."

— Assistant Surveyor Paddle. —

Under date 2<sup>nd</sup> November, the following letter was read from Mr. J. Paddle, Assistant Surveyor, Gorey:-

"I beg to apply for increment to salary (£5) as per terms of appointment."

"On the motion of Sir J. Esmonde, seconded by Mr. Asple the recommendation of the Finance



committee granting the annual increment of £5 to Mr. Paddle was agreed to."

Enniscorthy Urban Council's Electric Lighting Scheme.  
under date 20<sup>th</sup> August, the following was read from D. Draper, R. M. S., Enniscorthy asylum:-  
"I laid your letter of 8<sup>th</sup> inst., with regard to the above before my committee at their meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> inst., when the following minute was unanimously agreed to:-

Having considered the letter received from the Enniscorthy Urban District Council, the committee are of opinion that, in view of the fact that a larger amount of electricity may at some future time be needed to meet the requirements of the asylum, they would not be justified in handing over the control of any unused water power still available at Kilcarbury to the Enniscorthy Urban District Council, and therefore, regret that they are unable to entertain any such proposal."

marked "Read."

— Report Tara Hill Quarry Committee.

at the requisition of the Finance Committee of the County Council, we the undersigned were appointed to visit Tara Hill, and report to the Co. Council as to the present working of the quarry. On November 3<sup>rd</sup> we visited Tara Hill, and carefully went into the figures put before us by Mr. Fitzell, which figures we regret to say are alarming, disclosing as they do, a considerable loss on the working of the quarry. We were astonished to find that nothing had been done in connection with the proposed tramway line and trucks, and we firmly believe that to the want of this system a portion of the loss may be attributed.



We were considerably disappointed too to find that the County Surveyor had not been there for many months, notwithstanding the fact that the trucks and rails, had been purchased many months ago, and according to our recollections he had received instructions from the County Council to go on with the work of laying the rails, etc., If this were done we are convinced that a very considerable saving would be effected. and then a system of piece-work could be adopted which would be a further saving, and would put the working of the quarry on a self-paying basis."

(Signed) John Bolger  
P. J. Fanning  
Alexander Kinsella

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. John Bolger, the following recommendation of the Proposal Committee was confirmed:

"That the Report of Sara Hill Quarry Committee be received. That the Co. Surveyor visit Sara Hill Quarry not later than 1<sup>st</sup> December to lay out the gradient for the tram line from the quarry to the Stonebreaker, that the Council also provide a small weighbridge to weigh the stones as they come from the quarry. That a special committee be appointed to go into the question of drawing up a scale of wages for the employees who are to be employed in future on piece work."

— claim from printer - jurors lists —

Mr. W. Hamahan, printer of jurors lists forwarded a claim for £2 for extra time setting jurors lists, owing to the manner in which "copy" for Gorey and New Ross was prepared.

Mr. Brighton, clerk of Union, Gorey; wrote, that he supplied the copy in exactly the same



manner as he had supplied it since the commencement of the jurors acts; and no claim for anything over the contract price was ever previously made. He did not consider that Mr. Hanrahan was entitled to any extra payment.

Mr. Pope, Clerk, New Ross Union, wrote that he did not understand the grounds of Mr. Hanrahan's claim, as there had been no change in the manner of preparing the list.

Proposed by Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. J. Bolger, and passed:-

"That the recommendation of the Finance Committee refusing the amount be agreed to."

#### Courtown Harbour Committee.

In connection with discharging boats for Courtown Harbour, the local Committee reported that they had had the new discharging boat built by Andrew Byrne, launched, and found that her draught was according to specification, viz:- 18 inches. They had adopted this course, as if they had waited till the first coal vessel came in, as suggested by Finance Committee, they would not have had an opportunity of testing the boat until next June, when vessels first come to Courtown Harbour with coal.

On the motion of Sir J. Esmonde, seconded by Mr. J. Bolger, the following recommendations of the Finance Committee were confirmed:-

"That the amount of contract for new boat (£35) be paid."

"That advertisements for the sale of the old boats be issued. That same be received by the Harbour Master, and considered by Courtown Harbour Committee."



under date 5<sup>th</sup> November, the following report was read from Mr. Stapleton, Harbour master, Courtown :-

"I beg to report that the night watchman Thomas Byrne - is seriously ill. and as all his sons are engaged fishing none of them are available to take his place for the present.

Consequently I had to employ a man named John Sinnott, for the present, at the rate of 15/- per week, as I could get no one less, and as he will have to be up all night watching lights on pier heads, throwing ropes to boats etc, it is rather a responsible job, for if anything goes wrong, of course there would be no end of a row. Awaiting instructions."

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed, on the motion of Sir J. Esmonde, seconded by Mr. J. Bolger :-

"That the appointment of a temporary watchman as substitute for Thomas Byrne be agreed to, the appointment to be from week to week. That a Doctor's certificate be produced in the case of Thomas Byrne with the opinion of the medical officer as to the length of time he will be incapacitated."

#### Road Contractors - Prosecutions.

The following recommendation of the Proposal Committee was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kehoe :-

Mr. Keacocke proposed, Mr. Cummins seconded:

"That the following contractors in Enniscorthy Rural District be prosecuted if the Co. Surveyor considers it necessary :- John Murphy, nos 300, 303, Edward Briar 304, John Murphy 45, Owen Nolan 55<sup>a</sup>, 55 and 106; Walter Skelton 86; Joshua Scott 104; John Wilkinson 102, 108, 242; Wm. Whelan 139; Thomas Brennan 142; William Doyle 151, Michael



Gullen, 245; Patrick Jackman, 178; Peter Mythen 179, 185; James Donohoe 180; James Fitzpatrick 221; Edward Maddock 228A, Johanna Greene, 264; Patrick Kavanagh 11, & 12; Michael Bolger, 295."

Mr. Peacocke proposed, Mr. Cummins seconded:-  
"That the following contractors in Gory Rural District be prosecuted if the County Surveyor considers it necessary:- Dominick Forde, no. 174, Michael Stanton, no. 1; 155; James Murphy J. 68, 68A; Patrick Kane, 109; Terence Dunne; 111; Patrick Syghe 118; Walter Lawless, 133.

Mr. Peacocke proposed, Mr. Cummins seconded:-  
"That the following contractors in New Ross Rural District be prosecuted if the Co. Surveyor considers it necessary:- Patrick North no. 214; Wm. Roche, 223, Michael Lannen, 229; James Murphy 49, 54; Nicholas Pender 49A; Pierce Franny 55, 55A, John Breen 69; 69A; Martin Power, 133; Patrick Bolger 148A 178; Patrick Freeman 157, 189.

Mr. Peacocke proposed, Mr. Cummins seconded:-  
"That the following contractors in Wexford Rural District be prosecuted if the County Surveyor considers it necessary:- John Walsh, no. 198, Patrick Boyce 6, & 69; Moses Bolger 14; John Murphy 112; William Barty 94.

#### State of certain Roads.

Under date 18<sup>th</sup> August, the following letter was read from Mr. R. H. Peare, Kilmallock House, Enniscorthy:-

"As a large ratepayer I would wish you to bring before the next meeting of your Council, the fact that several contractors have 4 of last year's stones in the depots, and then cover them up with more fresh stones and get them measured again this year. This is especially so with our contractors here.



jackman. Outside my gate he has a depot & of last year's stones were covered up, as I say, yet parts of his road were really dangerous to drive over all the summer with holes that would turn a bar. What are we paying the Surveyors for? They don't seem to do their duty at all. On other roads I have been over lately, I noticed similar conditions prevail. It certainly is no wonder our roads are going from bad to worse. I wonder other ratepayers don't speak of it. Unless the public generally takes the matter up and protest against robbery by refusing to pay rates at all until the money is spent as it should be."

Under date 15<sup>th</sup> October, the following letter was read from Capt Walker, Sykillin House:-

"I want again to bring to your notice, as Secretary to the Co. Council, the very bad state of the road leading from the bridge of Ferry-carrig to the Deeps. Is it possible that nothing can be done to repair it? First the steep hill at Ferry-carrig has been all the summer covered with loose stones. The water-tables choked, and covered with briars and weeds, the road in consequence is torn up and the bare rock sticking up in various places; and now within the last week a trashing machine has broken in the crust of the road between my gate and the Deeps, and left two big holes in the middle of the road through which the sand is coming up. If a horse is driven into one of them during the night, there will be some accident (I wonder who will be held liable). The footpath is overgrown with brambles and grass - not one weed has been cut this summer - nor a load of stones put into the Depots. We are paying rates for this road, and yet not a penny has been spent on this road."



In connection with Capt Walker's letter the following resolution was passed :-

Proposed by Mr. Cummins, seconded by the chairman :- "That Messrs Asple, Fortune, and Keacocke, be appointed as a committee to inspect this road, and that they report thereon to the meeting of the Co. Council of 5<sup>th</sup> December."

With reference to Mr. Peare's letter, the Secretary was directed to inform Mr. Peare that the County Surveyor has penalized contractor Jackman, and the Co. Council at this day's meeting have also decided to have the contractor prosecuted.

#### Fowl market By-law.

Under date 14<sup>th</sup> October, acting Sergeant Dunne R.I.C., Castlebridge, made the following report :-

"I beg to report that when returning off early patrol this morning accompanied by Constable Nolan, 60590.

I found that James Boyle (Fowl Dealer) John Gate Street, and William Barr (Fowl Dealer), The Faythe, both of Wexford, had purchased Fowl at Screen Fowl market at 6.30 a.m., on this date.

Boyle purchased 4 pairs of chickens from Miss Annie Murphy, of Movilla, (Blackwater S.D.) and Barr purchased 4 pairs of ducks from Miss Murphy also.

The three parties concerned admitted the offence pleading ignorance of the By-Law.

I beg to add that the By-law came into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May by making it an offence to sell or purchase Fowl at an earlier hour than 7 a.m., at Screen Fowl market between the 1<sup>st</sup> October and the 1<sup>st</sup> of April next.

This being the first case detected under the By-law in this petty Sessions District, I respectfully ask for instructions."



The Finance Committee had made the following recommendation:-

"That a prosecution be instituted against the persons named in Acting Sergt Dunne's report for a breach of the By-laws of the Co. Council in connection with the holding of fowl markets."

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman:-

"That the attention of the Co. Inspector, R. J. C., be called to the statement of the persons prosecuted at Wexford Petty Sessions for breach of the by-law regulating the hours of holding Fowl markets at Screen, and that he be requested to ask the R. J. C., to report any breaches of this By-law coming under their notice."

— Weights & measures acts - Verification Stamps. —

Under date 12<sup>th</sup> October, Mr. Mullins, County Inspector R. J. C., brought under the notice of the Council that the design of the verification stamps for weights & measures had been changed from "E. R." to "G. R.", and it was desirable that the new design should be adopted.

The Secretary mentioned that it would be necessary to procure new stamps, as the design on the old ones could not be changed.

Messrs. Avery, 33 Capel Street, Dublin, undertook to supply the necessary stamps at £18: 18/- and Mr. John A. Rooney, 8 College St., Dublin at £7: 7: 6.  
"Postponed to next meeting".

— Irish Co. Councils General Council. —

Under date 22<sup>nd</sup> September, a letter was received from the Secretary, Irish Co. Councils General Council, asking for suggestions for annual meeting, and which was to be held in Dublin on 9<sup>th</sup> December.



"The Secretary was ordered to communicate with Mr. Ennis, asking him to raise at the annual meeting of the Co. Councils' General Council, the question of the deductions from the Grants-Local Taxation account."

— Proposed watch-hut. Kilmore Pier. —

Under date 29<sup>th</sup> October, the following Report from Mr. M. Browne, Co. Councillor, was read:-

"With reference to application of Board of Trade for permission to erect a Watch-house 20 feet x 20 on the end of Kilmore Pier.

I find that the opinion of the Harbour master, and the local opinion generally is strongly opposed to the Co. Council giving such permission for the following reasons amongst others.

1<sup>st</sup> The pier is scarcely 30 feet wide, and the passage left after taking 20 feet would be too narrow.

2<sup>nd</sup> A watch house at the end of the pier would be an obstruction to the entrance of vessels into the harbour, as in certain winds it is necessary to pass a rope to a hook at the back, for the purpose of guiding the vessel, and sometimes the Gibbourn of the vessel projects over the pier and would come in contact with the house.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sometimes at low tides a vessel has to berth opposite to where the house would be. There is also a stairs for the convenience of boats opposite the proposed site.

4<sup>th</sup> As in certain storms the sea breaks high over the wall the position would be very unsafe and dangerous for a house.

I therefore think the Co. Council should not give the required permission. By refusing permission the Council will not obstruct the work of the Board of Trade, as there are two other good sites which the Board of Trade can take, one at the



Tolom point, and one at the old coastguard station."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Browne, the following recommendation of the Proposal Committee, was confirmed:-

"That a copy of Mr. Browne's Report be furnished to Capt. Whitchester and that he be asked to state if the Board of Trade would be willing to accept either of the alternative sites mentioned in the Report."

#### Dredging River Slaney.

The following letter under date 7<sup>th</sup> November 1910, No. 8944/10 F.B., was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"With reference to previous correspondence I have to state for the information of the Wexford County Council, that the work of dredging the River Slaney, has now been carried out to an extent which it is understood is considered sufficient by those locally interested in the matter. A final inspection has not, however, yet been made by the Department's Engineer.

A statement of the amount expended on the operations will be prepared and submitted in due course to your Council."

marked "Read."

#### Deduction Local Taxation Grants

A number of resolutions and communications were received relative to the deductions of 32 per cent which have been made in the amounts paid public bodies from the Local Taxation account.

The members of the deputation who waited on the Chief Secretary suggested the desirability of having a special meeting of the Council



for the purpose of considering the matter and of appointing two delegates to attend a conference of representatives of County Borough Councils, and Co. Councils to be held in the City Hall, Dublin, on 15<sup>th</sup> November at 11.00.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Asple, Messrs Ennis, and Peacocke, were appointed as delegates to attend the conference."

### Analyst's Report.

The following was read:-

City Laboratory.

17 Castle St.

Dublin. 8<sup>th</sup> Novr. 1910.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, B. Sc., M. D., Public Analyst, for the County Wexford on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 1910.

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

Article	number.
milk	12.
Butter	5
whiskey	5
Ginger wine	3
Lime juice	2
Port wine	1
Grape wine	1
Buttermilk	1
Total	<u>30</u>

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Donaghy Wexford, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 11.8 per cent of added water.

There were six specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for Ireland, Upper Merion Street, Dublin, which were taken up in the



County Wexford. They were pure.

One specimen of water analysed for New Ross Rural District Council had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains  
Total solid matters 17.080

Including  
albuminoid ammonia 0.008  
saline ammonia 0.002  
nitric acid 0.790  
chlorine 2.186

A good water.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union nine drugs were analysed. Two were incorrect.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union, six drugs, three specimens of milk and one of water were analysed. One of the drugs was incorrect. The specimen of water was free from typhoid bacilli.

Two specimens of water analysed for Pallas Co-operative Society, Gorey; had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

	No. 1	No. 2.
Total solid matters	5.600	12.460
Including		
albuminoid ammonia	0.023	0.007
saline ammonia	0.0085	0.003
nitric acid	Trace	Trace
chlorine	1.190	0.994

No. 1 was of inferior quality. No. 2 was a very good water.

Two specimens of water analysed for Lord Templemore, Athurstown; had the following compositions.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.



	<u>No. 1</u>	<u>No. 2.</u>
Total solid matters	14.840	20.000
Including		
albuminoid ammonia	0.005	0.003
saline ammonia	0.0005	0.000
nitric acid	1.360	0.640
chlorine	2.480	2.680

Both very pure.

There were two specimens of feeding stuff analysed for Mr Wm. Armstrong, Enniscorthy.

One specimen of water analysed for Mrs Loftus Bryan, Enniscorthy; had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matters	35.000
Including	
albuminoid ammonia	0.016
saline ammonia	0.0035
nitric acid	Trace
chlorine	2.580

a tolerably good water.

One specimen of water analysed for Messrs Little & Dunn, Wexford, had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matters	40.740
Including	
albuminoid ammonia	0.006
saline ammonia	0.005
nitric acid	1.640
chlorine	5.860

a good water.

For Shillagh union, which is partly situated in the Co. Wexford, nine druggs were analysed and were correct.

In the original reports on the waters above referred to, full details, chemical and microscopical, were given, but in the foregoing only



the more important points are given.

Total analyses - 73.

Charles A. Cameron  
marked "Read"

Edmund Hoxe



Half-yearly meeting - 5<sup>th</sup> December 1910.

Present:- Mr. E. Hore (Chairman) presiding.  
Other members:- Messrs J. Asple, Mr. Browne, John Bolger, John Cummins, Mark Codd, James Codd, Michael Doyle, Mr. A. Ennis, Patrick Fortune, John J. Kehoe, P. Creane, C. H. Peacocke, James J. Stafford, Gregory Walsh.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, and Mr. R. W. Elger Jr. Solicitor to the Council, were also in attendance.

— Confirmation of minutes —  
The minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

— Rate collection —  
Proposed by Mr. Asple, seconded by Mr. Bolger, and passed:-

"That we call on the Rate collectors who have not yet made any lodgment on foot of the present Rate collection to proceed forthwith, with their collection."

— Kerlogue Quarry —  
Three tenders for the quarrying and breaking of stones at Kerlogue Quarry were received as follows:-  
James Finlon, @ 3/- per cubic yard.  
Thomas Murray, @ 3/- " " "  
Moses Power, @ 2/- " " "

"On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Peacocke, the tender of Mr. Moses Power @ 2/- was accepted."

— Dates of meetings —  
Proposed by Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Asple, and adopted:-

"That the following dates for half-yearly meetings of District Councils and Co. Council, be agreed to:-



Gorey District Council - 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1911.  
 Enniscorthy " " 4<sup>th</sup> " "  
 Wexford. " " 8<sup>th</sup> " "  
 New Ross " " 10<sup>th</sup> " "  
 Proposal Committee 13<sup>th</sup> " "  
 Co. Council 5<sup>th</sup> February "

### Prosecution - Road contractors.

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

"That Mr. Gaffney, be instructed to prosecute the following Road contractors should he consider it necessary to do so:-

John Sheehan, Ballyminaur, Gorey, No. 45.

Morgan Dunne, Contractor for Gullet on no. 219.  
 Enniscorthy R.D.

Richard Murphy, No. 4. Wexford.

John Reilly No. 85A Wexford.

Oliver Murray, Shrule, Gorey, No. 86 Gorey.

Thomas Elmes, No. 110A. New Ross.

### Motor Car Act.

Under date 25<sup>th</sup> November, the Local Government Board, wrote (Circular letter No. 69436-1910) forwarding copies of Order made by them in pursuance of the powers vested in them by article 1 (2) of the motor car (International Circulation) Order 1910, authorizing the Irish Automobile Club to perform for a further period of six months the duties, as regards Ireland, specified in article 1 (1) of the Order in connection with the examination of motor cars and drivers travelling in foreign countries.

marked "Read"

### Assistant Surveyor Paddle.

Under date 22<sup>nd</sup> November, the Local Government Board (letter No. 71267-1910 Wexford County)



wrote approving of the proposal of the County Council to increase the salary of Mr. J. Padden Assistant Surveyor, by £5 per annum.

marked "Read."

D. Hadden, late Surgeon, Co. Wexford Infirmary.  
under date 28<sup>th</sup> November, the following letter No. 71267 was read from the Local Government Board :-

"With reference to the entry in the minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford Co. Council on the 11<sup>th</sup> instant, relative to the proposal of the Council to contribute towards a superannuation allowance to D. David Hadden in respect of his services as Resident Surgeon in Wexford County Infirmary, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they would be glad to be informed of the statutory authority under which the Council are acting in making such allowance."

"The Secretary said he had written to the Local Government Board that the Council considered they were empowered under Sec 85 of the adaptation of Enactments Order to increase the grant to the County Infirmary from £1,000 to £1,400 and that for any increased grant a certain proportion could have been voted by the Infirmary Committee to D. Hadden provided he was entitled to superannuation."

under date 15<sup>th</sup> November, the following resolution was read from the Co. Infirmary Committee :-

"That the managing Committee of the County Infirmary tender their thanks to the County Council for their action in placing the money at their disposal to enable them to grant D. David Hadden, superannuation."



Declaration of Office by D. S. A. Furlong, the new Surgeon, was also laid before the meeting.

Under date 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1910, (No 73,599/1910) the following letter was read from the Local Government Board :-

"In reply to your letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> ultimo, relative to the proposal of the Wexford Co. Council to contribute towards a superannuation allowance to D. Hadden in respect of his services as Surgeon to Wexford County Infirmary, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that the Board have taken legal advice on this matter and they are of opinion that officers of County Infirmaries are not entitled to pensions."

In connection with the matter, Mr. Ennis handed in the following Notice of Motion :-

"I will move at next meeting of the Co. Council that the resolution of 11<sup>th</sup> November, be rescinded and that the County Council vote a sum of £1,050 to the County Infirmary as their annual contribution until such a sum be altered by the Co. Council by a future resolution".

#### — Waterford Bridge. —

Under date 12<sup>th</sup> November, the following letter (No 68635-10) to the Tipperary County - South Riding - was read from the Local Government Board :-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland, have had before them your letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> ultimo, embodying a resolution of the joint Committee of management in connection with the erection of a bridge over the river Suir at Waterford, requesting the lodgment, as required, of moneys by the contributing bodies to the credit of an account to be opened by the Committee, and inquiring whether it will be in order for



the County Council of Tipperary (South Riding) "to pay over the money as described in the resolution."

In reply, I am to state that the Board concur in the view expressed in the concluding paragraph of your letter that the course proposed is not that contemplated by Section 21 of the Bridges (Ireland) Act, 1867, and that it would appear that Sections 20 and 21 of the Act direct that Payments to a contractor are to be made on the certificate of the committee either by the Board of Works or the several councils concerned in the undertaking, as the case may require.

The Law Officers of the Crown advised, in the case of the erection of John's Bridge, Kilkenny, under the Act above referred to, where also there was no question of advances being made to the contractor by the Commissioners of Public Works, that sanction of the Board to the borrowing was necessary under Article 22 of the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898, and, as the County Council and Corporation of Kilkenny paid over to their joint committee the instalments of loan raised for the erection of the bridge, it was suggested that the then existing committee under the Act should be appointed as a joint committee under Article 38 of the Schedule in order to enable them to make disbursements under the loans - all and every power being delegated to the committee except those of making a rate or borrowing money.

A similar course will have to be pursued with respect to the committee for Waterford Bridge, if payments are to be made directly by that body as it does not appear that powers can be delegated, in the manner referred to



above, under the act of 1867."

The following is copy of the letter from the Secretary of South Tipperary Co. Council, to the Local Government Board, under date 29<sup>th</sup> October:-

"The joint Committee of management appointed by the Councils of the contributory counties in connection with the erection of a new Bridge at Waterford, have passed the following resolution, a copy of which has been sent to my Council:-

"That the contributory bodies be requested to lodge the respective proportions of the total estimated costs and expenses of the construction of Waterford Bridge (£71,000) to the credit of an account, to be opened by the joint Committee of management, in equal Quarterly payments, or in such larger proportions as from time to time may be required. The first payment to be made by the 1<sup>st</sup> December next."

The Chairman of the Finance Committee has requested me to communicate the above resolution to the Local Government Board and to ask whether it will be in order for the County Council to pay over the money as described in the Resolution.

The course proposed, although reasonable, is not that contemplated by Section 21 of the Bridges (Ireland) Act 1867, and there does not appear to be any statutory authority enabling the Co. Council to carry out the arrangement suggested in the Resolution."

Under date 11<sup>th</sup> November, Mr. P. A. Murphy, Solicitor, Waterford, writing on behalf of the joint Committee forwarded copy of letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> December 1909, from the Secretary, to the Local Government Board, to the Secretary of



Kilkenny Co. Council, with reference to the method of payment adopted in connection with the construction of the new bridge at Kilkenny. The joint Committee for Waterford Bridge were anxious that the same procedure should be adopted with regard to the payment of the contract price etc., of Waterford Bridge. The representatives of the different county councils had expressed their agreement with this course."

The following is copy of the letter of the Local Government Board, to the Kilkenny Council, referred to in letter of Mr. P. A. Murphy, Solicitor:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had under consideration your letter of 7<sup>th</sup> of October last relating to loans sanctioned by the Board to the County Council of Kilkenny and the Corporation of Kilkenny, respectively, for the purposes of taking down the existing bridge over the River Nore, between Rose Inn Street and John Street, Kilkenny, and erecting a new bridge between these streets, in which you inquire (1) whether the receipts and expenditure of the Committee appointed under the Bridges (Ireland) Act, 1867, are to be embodied in the accounts of the County Council; or (2) whether the Committee itself should be required to keep a record of said receipts and expenditure; (3) whether, in the latter event, the requirements of the Public Bodies Order of 1904 would be complied with by including in the accounts of the County Council particulars only of the instalments of the loan advanced through the Council and transferred to the Committee in respect of the proposed works.

In reference thereto, I am to point out that the usual procedure to be followed in cases such as this is set out in Section 15 et seq., of the



act above referred to, and that it would seem to be the intention of Section 21 that the payments should be made to the contractors by the Council and the Corporation, respectively, on the certificate of the Committee.

The Board observe that the first instalments of the loans have been transferred by the Council and the Corporation to the credit of the Committee, and that, as the loans have been sanctioned under article 22 of the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order 1898, it would appear that the borrowing bodies regarded the Committee as a Committee under article 38 of the Order and that it was intended thereby to delegate to such Committee the power of making payments, which, of course, includes the duties of keeping accounts and rendering the same for audit under article 19.

In order, however, that no legal question may hereafter arise, it would be desirable that the Council and the Corporation should by resolution formally reappoint the Committee for the purposes of the loans and delegate by the said resolution to the Committee (as a joint Committee under article 38) all and every power except the power of making a rate or borrowing money. The Committee should hold office until the works have been completed and the accounts of the same finally passed.

Subject to the foregoing the answers to the questions contained in your letter are...

1. .... No.
2. .... Yes.
3. .... Yes.

The following draft resolution was forwarded by Mr. Felly, Secretary to the joint Committee:-



"Resolved:- that John S. Hearn, of Bawnjames, New Ross; G. H. Peacocke, of Belmont, Wexford; John Bolger, of Terns; and James J. Stafford, of main street, Wexford, be and are hereby appointed members of the joint committee of management for the building of the Bridge over the River Suir at Waterford, as Representatives of the Co. Council of Wexford, and we hereby confer upon and delegate to the said joint committee of management for the erection of the Bridge over the River Suir at Waterford all and every power which we the said county council are authorised to delegate to a joint committee pursuant to article 38 of the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order 1898, except the making of a rate or borrowing money."

Mr. Peacocke proposed; Mr. Ennis seconded the following recommendation of the Finance Committee:  
 "Having asked our Solicitor to reconsider this question, and acting on his advice, we desire to inform the joint committee for erection of Waterford Bridge, that we are prepared to pay Co. Wexford's proportion of the cost in accordance with Secs 20 & 21 of the Bridges Act 1867; the amount to be transferred at Finance Committee meetings which are held fortnightly."

Passed.

#### Ballyhack Harbour.

Under date 17<sup>th</sup> November, the following letter (No 8713-10 F. B.) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"Adverting to your communication of the 16<sup>th</sup> June last, on the subject of the protection of the fishing boats at Ballyhack, I have to state, for the information of the Wexford Co. Council, that, in the opinion of the Department's Engineer, the



project of sinking hulks is objectionable. The Engineer suggests that a line of piles, say 50 to 75 feet long, should be driven at right angles to, and at a distance of about 20 feet from, the slip, overlapping the front of the latter for a distance of about 10 feet. The piles would be placed 12 inches apart and would be substantially braced. Greenheart piling is expensive but native oak or creosoted fir could be procured and would of course cost less.

The Department are prepared to contribute one third of a total expenditure not exceeding £350 in carrying out the suggestion of their Engineer, and will themselves undertake the execution of the scheme.

"Under date 24<sup>th</sup> November, the Secretary Waterford Harbour Board wrote that they would have no objection to the protective piles being driven at Ballyhack, but before anything is done, they asked that a plan should be submitted to and sanctioned by them showing the exact nature and extent of the proposed work."

"Adjourned to next meeting."

— application from Assistant Surveyors. —

Under date 8<sup>th</sup> November, the following was read from Messrs John Kehoe, and W. A. Jones, Assistant Surveyors :-

"We respectfully ask your approval of our request for an increase of salary."

We have hitherto refrained from urging our claim in this respect, not that we were not conscious of its equity, but because we were reluctant to do so until we had spent several years in the service of your Council.

One of us has now been employed in that capacity for over 14 years, and the other will



soon have completed his eleventh year in the same work. We trust when brought formally under your notice that you will be good enough before coming to a decision to have regard to the subjoined considerations.

1.- That we have given faithful and satisfactory service in the Council's work for a period now extending over many years.

2.- That our remuneration is considerably less than that paid to men in similar positions in adjoining Counties.

3.- That our salaries are not sufficient to enable us to keep a good horse - especially for winter work. You must be aware that at all seasons of the year there are days so inclement that unless a horse and trap are available, desirable or necessary visits and appointments cannot be made or kept.

4.- The duties of Assistant Surveyor in Wexford are much more numerous and exacting now than at the time of our appointment, and the prospects of the future indicate a progressive increase.

We confidently submit our application in the assured belief that the Council will deem us worthy of their favourable consideration."

Under date 1<sup>st</sup> December 1910, the following letter was read from Mr. Michael Hackett, Assistant Surveyor:-

"I beg to apply for the annual increment (£5) of my salary, as per terms of my appointment."

With reference to the application of Messrs Kehoe, and Jones, Assistant Surveyors, for increase of salary, the Chairman proposed, and Mr. Dolgan seconded the following recommendation



of the Finance Committee, which was adopted:-  
 "That the application be rejected on the grounds that we can see nothing to warrant an increase from the figures laid before us. The Committee regret to observe that the shortage in material is even greater than last year."

With reference to Mr. Hassett's application for annual increment of salary, Mr. Ennis proposed that the recommendation of the Finance Committee granting the increase be adopted."

Mr. Bolger seconded.

"Passed."

#### Sheep Dipping.

Under date 30<sup>th</sup> November 1910, a letter was received from Sergt. D. Chambers, R. I. C., Carnw, setting out the names of persons who had not complied with the autumn Sheep Dipping Order.

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Ennis the following resolution was adopted:-

"That reports received from the Constabulary with reference to alleged breaches of autumn Sheep Dipping Order be referred to Finance Committee, and that they be empowered to deal with same."

#### Industrial School Case.

Under date 20<sup>th</sup> November, the following was read from Mr. John J. Rochford, Secretary New Ross School Attendance Committee:-

"In reply to yours of the 21<sup>st</sup> instant, I beg to submit for the consideration of your County Council the following particulars in respect to the case of the boy Kennedy whom the Committee are anxious to have sent to an Industrial School.



The boy Patrick Kennedy of Great Island, is aged 13 years, only in first class, and is not willing to attend school. For some years back the S. A. C., and the boy's parents have resorted to every means to get him to attend school but to no avail.

In May last he refused to go for his father who on various dates brought him to school, from which he would afterwards break away.

In October last, he absolutely refused to go at all, even though his father used every means to compel him, and then left his home, staying in neighbours houses throughout the locality.

The father has been prosecuted for not sending him to school, but on the above-mentioned facts having been laid before the New Ross District School Attendance Committee, they decided at their meeting of the 11<sup>th</sup> October last, that proceedings be taken to have him sent to an Industrial School, under the Children Act 1908, Sec 133 sub sec 20.

Accordingly the School Attendance Officer issued summonses against the parent (Patrick Kennedy Sr) and the boy himself, as required by the act. The Clerk of the Petty Sessions (whose duty it is) wrote to Cork, Baltimore, Blonnet, and Limerick, but none of them would take the boy under the section I have quoted. Artane will take him under the section provided a sum of Five Shillings and sixpence is paid for his maintenance there.

I understand the Co. Council contributes 7/6 per week for boys at present at Artane, but it has transpired that for boys already committed under Sec 133 sub sec 20, the section under which the Committee are proceeding, the Government will



not give any grant, hence why the manager of Artane wants the 5/6. The manager kindly suggested in his letter to have the boy committed under some other section of the act, but this could not be done.

The case came on at Arthurstown Petty Sessions on 14<sup>th</sup> inst., and was adjourned until next court-day which is to be 12<sup>th</sup> December.

The actual question to be decided is; as the Government contributes nothing towards the maintenance of children committed under the section quoted, will the Co. Council contribute the whole amount.

Should the County Council decide in the negative I would be obliged if you let me know before the 12<sup>th</sup> prox in order that the case may be withdrawn."

Mr. Ennis proposed, Mr. Bolger seconded, and it was passed:-

"That the County Council as the Local Education Authority cannot see their way to contribute 5/6 for the maintenance of this boy under sec 133 (20) of the Children Act. They consider that the school attendance committee should be able to have him committed to an Industrial School under sub-sec 1, 2, or 3, of sec 58 of said act."

#### — Watch-hut at Kilmore. —

Under date 13<sup>th</sup> November, the following was read from Mr. Ivor Chichester, Divisional Officer of H. M. Coastguard, relative to erection of proposed watch-hut at Kilmore.

"I regret that I was not in a position to reply to your letter till to-day.

The Board of Trade would like a site on the rocky patch joined by a causeway to Tolarn Point provided safe access could be obtained to it in



all weathers from Folorn Point.

Failing this as near the causeway as is safe."

In connection with this proposal Mr. M. Browne M.C.B., wrote under date 15<sup>th</sup> November :-

"With reference to letter from Mr. Chichester I think the Co. Council has no control, except over the pier and harbour. The Right Hon Henry Bruen, barlow; owns all the foreshore going west from the Pier, including the Burrow and his agent is Mr. Francis Rutledge, Cliffe House, Enniscorthy; to whom any communication about the matter should be addressed. Safe access cannot be obtained to the Folorn point in all weathers. The site there would be the best for Ballytigue Bay, but I think the Eastern view would be partly obscured by the Pierhead.

I think the best site is the Coastguard Station, which I have no doubt could be acquired for a small consideration from the owner - Mr. Roche, Ballypeckin House, Kilmore. He is, as you know, - Secretary, Limerick County Council. If not Mr. Rutledge will willingly give a site on the best place that can be selected on the Folorn side."

Proposed by Mr. Bolger, seconded by Mr. Creane and passed:- That the matter be referred to Mr. Browne. Passed.

#### Verification Stamps &c.

Two tenders were received for the supply of verification stamps &c., under Weights and measures acts :-

John A. Rooney, 8 College Street, Dublin, tendered at £7: 6: 6. and Messrs Avery & Co., 53 Capel Street, Dublin at £18: 18: 6.

Mr. Bolger proposed, Mr. Ennis seconded and



it was passed :-

"that the tender of John A. Rooney, for verification stamps etc., at £7: 7: 6d, required under weights & measures act be accepted."

### New Telegraphic Line.

Under date 26<sup>th</sup> November, the Postmaster General wrote asking for the consent of the County Council to the erection and maintenance of an overhead telegraph line by the side of the public road from Boolavogue Post Office via Clone Crossroads to Monamolin Post Office.

Mr. Ennis proposed, Mr. Bolger seconded: "that the erection of telegraph poles from Boolavogue to Monamolin be agreed to."

### Royal Sanitary Institute

Mr. E. White Wallis, Secretary to the Royal Sanitary Institute, London; wrote asking the County Council to appoint three delegates to the Congress to be held in Belfast from 24<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> July 1911.

No Order.

### Wild Birds Protection Act.

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

"We the County Council for the County of Wexford do hereby petition the Lord Lieutenant for Ireland to make an Order under the Wild Birds Protection Act 1894, prohibiting the taking or destroying of the eggs of all species of Wild Birds throughout the Saltee Islands, and the Keeragh Islands in the County of Wexford, for the space of five years between the 1<sup>st</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> August



in each year, beginning the 1<sup>st</sup> March 1911, for the following reasons, that owing to the great increase in the number of egg collectors the birds in the above named Islands are much persecuted."

— Bill for Water Rate. —

The Secretary said that he received on 23<sup>rd</sup> November last, a bill for £5: 10/- for domestic water rate due on the Co. Courthouse, for the rate made by the Corporation in April 1909. As the bill was out of date the Co. Council would have to procure the sanction of the Local Government Board before it could be paid. The reason the amount had not been paid to the present was because no bill had been furnished previous to the 23<sup>rd</sup> ult.

Mr. Ennis proposed, Mr. Bolger seconded: -

"That the payment to Mr. G. W. Taylor, for water rate be agreed to subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, and that it be pointed out that it was an oversight of the collector that the account was not furnished at the usual time."

Passed.

Appointment of Returning Officer; & Scales of Election Expenses. —

The following resolution was submitted from special meeting of Finance Committee of 16<sup>th</sup> November: -

"That no change be made in the present scales, that Messrs Stafford, Peacocke, and Kehoe, be appointed a sub-committee to assist the Returning Officer as regards the printing work of the Elections; that we recommend the Co. Council to pay an exclusive fee of £50 to the Solicitor employed at the Elections; and



that the Returning officer be paid an inclusive fee of £50 in addition to out of pocket and travelling expenses as per scale of fees."

Mr. Ennis proposed; Mr. Walsh seconded: -  
that the recommendations of the Finance Committee as regards election expenses be agreed to, and that our Secretary be appointed Returning Officer in accordance with the terms of the Recommendations."

Passed.

### Insurances.

The Secretary stated that the County Surveyor had called his attention to the danger which existed of stones from Sara Hill Quarry, injuring Mr. Darcy, (who lived quite close to the quarry) or his family, or property; and in consequence he had endeavoured to secure quotations from Insurance companies to cover the risk.

The Ocean Company had declined to quote, but Messrs Boyle & Co., quoted a premium of £10 for an indemnity of £300.  
"Adjourned to next meeting."

### Application - Increase of Salary.

Under date 4<sup>th</sup> November, the following letter was read from Mr. G. H. Richards, of the County Council Staff:-

"I beg to apply for increment to my salary (6/- per week) still due to me, per promise made by the Finance Committee at the time of the re-adjustment of salaries of your clerical staff, on appointment of Secretary.

Thanking you in anticipation."

Mr. Ennis proposed, Mr. Bolger seconded



the following recommendation of the Finance Committee:—"That an increase of 5/- per week be granted, to date from 3rd inst."  
 "Passed."

— Post offices & Bank Holidays. —

The following communication was read from the Postmaster, Wexford; under date 30<sup>th</sup> November 1910:-

"In accordance with the recommendation of a select committee appointed by Parliament to enquire into the position of Sub Postmasters, the Postmaster General has now decided to reduce the hours of attendance for public business at certain country Post offices on Bank Holidays. To carry out this decision it is proposed to fix the hours of attendance for public business at Bridgetown and Foulkesmills on future Bank Holidays as from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, but before making the change I am directed to enquire whether your Council, as representing the public in the particular locality referred to, have any objection to raise to the changes.

Between the hours of 12 noon and 8 p.m., telegrams for Bridgetown and Foulkesmills will be delivered from Tomhaggard and Wellington Bridge respectively, without charge for portage within three miles of the latter offices. When this distance is exceeded the ordinary charge of 3d a mile or part of a mile after the first three miles will be made.

I may add that it is not intended to make any change in the arrangements for the delivery and dispatch of mails."

"It was agreed that this matter be postponed to next meeting."



Enniscorthy District

With regard to the following Proposals in Enniscorthy District, No. G. approved by the District Council at £45, and No. U. approved at £79. 19/- it appeared from the list of Proposals for works that tenders had been accepted by the District Council at £50 and £90 respectively, being in excess in each case of the amount originally approved.

The Local Government Board to whom the matter had been referred for their opinion as to the validity of the procedure of the District Council, replied:-

"In reply to your letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> ult., the Local Government Board desire to point out that article 13 (1) of the Procedure of Councils Order 1899, provides that the amount of the expenditure named in the application shall, not be exceeded so that the sum to be expended cannot be increased at any stage of the proceedings beyond the amount named in the application."

"On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, it was resolved that acting on the advice of the Local Government Board, Proposals G. and U. be rejected."

Tender for Works.

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke.

Seconded by Mr. Ennis, and passed:-

"That we hereby approve of the several contracts as appearing on Form 20 for the Rural District of the County, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

Proposals for Payments.

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr.



Ennis, and adopted:-

"That we approve of payments as recommended by the County Surveyor to the Rural District Councils of the County, and to the Proposal Committee for the half-year ended 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1910, and as appearing on Forms 22, also the payments for matters other than Public Works, and recommended by the Proposal Committee subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

### Ferryarrig Hill.

The following report of the Ferryarrig Hill Committee was read:-

"We have this day (17<sup>th</sup> November 1910) inspected the road leading from Ferryarrig to the Deeps, and find the watercourses are in a most neglected state, in fact it would appear they have not been cleaned for some years, the result is the rain water is forced to flow over the road and is most detrimental to its upkeep.

The steep Hill at Ferryarrig requires a heavy coating of broken stones. It is evident the sudden and exceptionally severe fall of rain last Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> inst., did much damage to this hill. The Road from the top of the hill to the Deeps was formerly a wide one, but in some places the grass has been allowed to grow on that which was once a high road, so that two vehicles can with difficulty pass one another.

(Signed)    b. H. Peacocke  
                 Thomas Asple  
                 Edw. Fortune    } Co. Councillors

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> Day of November 1910."

Proposed by Mr Asple, seconded by Mr. Peacocke



and passed :-

"That the Report of the Committee be received. That Capt Walker be forwarded a copy of the Report of the Committee in reference to Road at Furrycarrig Hill, and that he be informed that the Contractor has made considerable improvement in the Road since the visit of the Committee."

— New Ross Urban Council & Road Board. —

The following letter under date 28<sup>th</sup> November 1910, was read from Mr. M. J. Finn, Town Clerk, New Ross :-

"I am directed by my Council to send you the enclosed application for a grant of £2,900 from the Road Board, together with particulars respecting it, and to request that your Council will kindly have it forwarded to the Board, or the amount included in any application they may make for a similar grant.

I am also to state that it was forwarded to the Road Board who replied - "that at present advised they have no statutory authority to make a contribution to the Council of an Urban District in Ireland."

If however the application is made by, or through, the County Council it will be laid before the Board in due course."

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted "that our Secretary be instructed to forward application from New Ross Urban District Council to the Road Board as requested."

— Weights & Measures. —

Proposed by Mr. Bolger, seconded by Mr. Walsh "that the Co. Council confer on the Inspectors appointed under Weights & Measures Act a



general authority to prosecute in all cases arising under the act, in pursuance of Sec 14 of the weights & measures act 1904."

Passed.

### — National Convention —

Mr. Walsh proposed, Mr. Codd seconded and it was adopted :-

"That four delegates be appointed to attend the conference of the United Irish League in Town Hall on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. That the following members be appointed: Messrs E. Gore, James Codd, J. J. Kehoe, and Mr. Hickey."

### — By-Laws —

Mr. Walsh proposed, Mr. Ennis seconded and it was passed :- "That the By-Laws under the Highways and Locomotives act be cancelled. That the draft By-Laws as submitted by Mr. Elger be submitted to the Co. Surveyor, and be considered at next meeting of the County Council."

### — The Position of a Hedge —

Mr. Edward O'Sole, Gurraun, Blackwater, forwarded newspaper report of a case at Oulart petty sessions in which he was defendant, and Walter Dooley, Gurraun, Blackwater complainant, the latter seeking power to have a hedge planted by Mr. O'Sole about five years ago, removed.

At the hearing of the case the assistant Surveyor Mr. John Howlin - stated he considered the hedge was a decided advantage to the road. The District Councillor for the Division (Mr. George Garty) expressed a similar opinion. Mr. O'Sole was fined one shilling and costs.

In forwarding the extract from the newspaper



report of the case, Mr O'Doolle wrote under date 15<sup>th</sup> November as follows :-

"Please ask the Co. Council at their meeting to grant me permission to leave the hedge in the position it is in these five years, and to pardon me my ignorance in not asking their permission before I planted it. I enclose a report of the Oulart petty sessions of Sept: 21<sup>st</sup> which explains the case pretty well. Everyone knows it is a great benefit to the place, and that it is a mischievous neighbour that caused all the trouble."

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Keacocke, the following resolution was adopted :- That no further action be taken as regards the removal of the hedge in question."

#### — Steam Rolling —

Under date 30<sup>th</sup> September 1910, the following letter was read from Major Townshend, Rosedale Wiscford :-

"I forward for your consideration a most interesting communication from the A. A., of which I am a member, and would ask whether in the interests of this County you would be so good as to bring the matter forward at the next meeting of the Co. Council."

No one will question that steam-rolled roads such as those round Gory are a great benefit to the whole community."

The communication to which Major Townshend referred was an extract from the Sligo Times of 16<sup>th</sup> July 1910 giving opinions in favour of steamrolling roads from the County Secretaries of Dublin, Tipperary, Down, Antrim, Tyrone, Derry, Queens County, Kerry, Donegal, South; Armagh, Waterford; and Fermanagh."



Proposed by Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Kehoe and passed: "That the matter be referred to the County Surveyor."

Polling Districts & Registration of Voters (I) Act 1908.

The Secretary requested that a committee should be appointed to prepare schemes for the alteration of polling places and polling districts under the Polling Districts and Registration of Voters (Ireland) Act 1908, the schemes to be laid before the half-yearly meeting of the Council in May 1911.

On the motion of Mr. Walsh

Seconded by the Chairman, the Finance Committee was constituted the committee to deal with the matter and to prepare a scheme under the act."

Lincurry Quarry.

The following Report under date 29<sup>th</sup> November 1910, with reference to Lincurry Quarry, was read from Mr. John Bolger, Co. Councillor:-

"On the 29<sup>th</sup> inst., I visited Lincurry Quarry accompanied by the Owner - Mr John Kehoe - This quarry is situated about 100 perches from the public road. The stone appears to be a very good quality for road material, and the quarry, as far as I could judge, would be easy to work. Mr. Kehoe is willing to sell a portion of the quarry to the County Council at a reasonable price. I did not consider it fair to go into the question of price as he had got no notice of my visit. In order to work this quarry there would be very considerable initial expense. First - the purchase of the quarry; and a roadway 100 perches long, Secondly the making of a roadway 100 perches, and 60 perches of fences to protect his fields, erecting



gates, etc., I gave Mr. Kehoe to understand if the Council considered it feasible to work, they would communicate with him very soon."

Proposed by Mr. Asple, seconded by Mr. Peacocke and passed :-

"That Messrs John Bolger, Michael Doyle, and P. O'Neill, be appointed a committee with the County Surveyor, to inspect the quarries at Tincurry, and Doran's Hill, and interview the owners, Mr. John Kehoe, Tincurry; and Mr. Borthistle, Effernoge, Terns, and report to the County Council. That the committee take into consideration the advisability of acquiring half-an-acre of land in each case, and the rights of entry etc., to the quarry."

#### — Road Contractors Bonds. —

Proposed by Mr. J. Bolger, seconded by Mr. Ennis, and adopted :-

"That the several bonds of the Road Contractors accepted for Roads and Public Works, at this meeting be sealed and signed."

#### — Holidays of County Surveyor. —

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Ennis the following resolution was adopted :-

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to take portion of his holidays for 1911, in January next."

#### — Recommendations of Committees. —

Mr. Ennis proposed, the Chairman seconded and it was passed :- "That the various recommendations of the Finance Committee and Proposal Committee be confirmed."

#### — Printing Jurors Lists. —

In connection with a claim of £2 for extra



work in printing jurors lists for New Ross and Greay districts, and which had been refused at last meeting of the County Council, the contractor (Mr Hanrahan) wrote asking that he should be allowed to lay his views before the Finance Committee.

Proposed by Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, and passed :-

"That we request the Finance Committee at next meeting to hear Mr Hanrahan relative to printing of jurors lists."

#### Windmill at Vinegar Hill.

With reference to the proposal of the Co. Council to take over the old windmill at Vinegar Hill under the ancient monuments act, Mr. Elger, Solicitor, submitted a letter from Mr. Shaw, Town Clerk, Enniscorthy, to the effect that he (Mr Shaw) and Mr. P. O'Neill, Co. Councillor, considered that it is not necessary to erect a fence round the windmill, as the present protection appears to be sufficient. They advised however that a turnstile should be put up, cost of procuring and erecting same not to exceed £10. They were also of opinion that as Mr. and Miss Maguire had agreed to give the necessary land for fencing, it would be well to embody their consent in the agreement as it might be found at some future time that the land would be needed."

Proposed by Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. John Bolger, and passed :- "That a sum of £10 the estimated cost of putting and erecting a turnstile at Vinegar Hill to preserve the old windmill there as an ancient monument, be allocated for that purpose."



Special meeting - 4<sup>th</sup> January 1911.

A special meeting of the Wexford Co. Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford on 4<sup>th</sup> January 1911.

Present :- Mr. C. Hore, Chairman; (presiding)  
Other members :- Messrs J. J. Stafford, Mr. Brown, J. S. Hearn, P. O'Neill, J. J. Kehoe, James Codd, J. Bolger, J. A. Doyle, J. Asple, J. Cummins, P. Fortune.

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

— Accident to Mr. P. J. Fanning M. C. C. —  
On the motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Asple, the following resolution was adopted :-  
"That we offer our colleague - Mr. P. J. Fanning - our sympathy in the accident he has sustained and wish him a speedy recovery."

— Prosecutions - Road Contractors. —  
Mr. Stafford proposed, Mr. J. Bolger seconded and it was passed :- "That the following Road Contractors be prosecuted if the Co. Surveyor considers it necessary:-  
James Meyler, Comfarny, Bree :- No 99 Enniscothy  
and John Barrest, Walsheslough, Rosslare, No 81 Wexford.

— Scales of Election Expenses. —  
Under date 16<sup>th</sup> December 1910; the following letter No 75618 (Wexford County) was read from the Local Government Board :-  
"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford Co. Council on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. relative to the scales of expenses in connection with the forthcoming local government elections



in Wexford County, and the Board direct me to state that while it appears to be the intention of the Co. Council to make no change in the existing scales, they have fixed the remuneration of the Returning Officer at an amount which does not correspond with that prescribed in the scales fixed and approved in the year 1902.

The Board would accordingly be glad to be favoured with the observations of the Council in the matter.

marked "Read"

General cattle Diseases Fund.

Under date 14<sup>th</sup> December 1910, the following letter No. 72341: 1910 Mis., from the Local Government Board, was read:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have recently received from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for Ireland a certificate under the provisions of the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894, that a sum of £16,352: 12: 9, being equivalent to a rating of one farthing in the £. on the net annual value of the property in all the Administrative Counties in Ireland, is required for the purposes of the said act.

It has been, at the same time, intimated to the Local Government Board, that the Department desires that the Board should take the further steps necessary for providing the fund required.

The Board have, accordingly, issued an Order under the 71st Sec of the act as adapted, assessing the said sum of £16,352: 12: 9, upon the several Administrative Counties in Ireland in proportion to the net annual value of the property in each such County according to the valuation thereof now in force.

It will be seen by the enclosed copy of the



order that the sum assessed upon Wexford County Council is £407: 7: 14, and a copy of the Order has been duly forwarded to the Treasurer of the County Council for his information and guidance."

On the motion of Mr. O'Neill seconded by Mr. Hearn, it was ordered that the amount be paid at February meeting.

— Scaled Orders - Local Government Board. —

Under date 5<sup>th</sup> December 1910, the Local Government Board forwarded Scaled Order (64677) fixing on Corry Rural District the special expenses in connection with any loss sustained by the Postmaster General within a limit of £7: 13: 4 for seven years in having a telegraph office established at Monamolin.

Under date 7<sup>th</sup> December 1910, the Local Government Board forwarded Scaled Order (No 74186) fixing the Enniscorthy Rural District as area of charge for improving and maintaining the sewerage of Newtownbarrny."

Under date 7<sup>th</sup> December, the Local Government Board forwarded Scaled Order (No 74186) fixing the area of charge for water supply at Chapel Lane, Enniscorthy, on Enniscorthy Rural District."

marked "Read."

— Ballyhack Harbour. —

The following letter from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, under date 17<sup>th</sup> November 1910, and No. 8713-10 F.B. which was adjourned from last meeting was read:—

"Adverting to your communication of the 16<sup>th</sup> June last, on the subject of the protection of the fishing boats at Ballyhack, I have to state, for the information of the Wexford Co. Council that, in the opinion of the Department's



Engineer, the project of sinking hulks is objectionable. The Engineer suggests that a line of piles say 50 to 75 feet long, should be driven at right angles to, and at a distance of about 20 feet from, the slip, overlapping the front of the latter for a distance of about 10 feet. The piles would be placed 12 inches apart and would be substantially braced. Greenheart piling is expensive, but native oak or creosoted fir could be procured and would of course cost less.

The Department are prepared to contribute one third of a total expenditure not exceeding £350 in carrying out the suggestion of their Engineer, and will themselves undertake the execution of the scheme."

Under date 24<sup>th</sup> November 1910, the following letter was read from the Waterford Harbour Board:-

"Replying to your letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> instant, I am directed to say that the commissioners will have no objection to the protective line of piles being driven at Ballyhack, but before anything is done a plan should be submitted to and sanctioned by them shewing the exact nature and extent of the proposed work."

The Secretary stated that Ballyhack Harbour was vested in the Waterford Harbour commissioners, and in a long letter written to the Department on 16<sup>th</sup> June and copy of which had been furnished the Waterford Harbour commissioners, and Mr. M. A. O'nnis, County Councillor; the Department were informed that the Co. Council could not legally expend money upon its improvement as it was vested in another body. The Department were further asked to enter into negotiations with the



Waterford Harbour Commissioners with a view to providing hulks, to provide shelter for the fishermen's boats; and Mr. Ennis was requested to lay the matter before the Department.

Proposed by Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, and passed :-

"That we request Mr. Ennis to again interview the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for Ireland, as to Ballyhack Harbour, and point out to them the anomalous position in which the fishermen of this Harbour are placed. This Co. Council would willingly give one-third towards the cost of the work proposed by the Department in their letter of 17<sup>th</sup> November No 8413 F.B., but as the Harbour is vested in the Waterford Harbour Commissioners the Wexford County Council have no power to incur any expenditure in connection with it. In the circumstances we request Mr. Ennis to use his best exertions to induce the Department to contribute two-thirds of the cost of the work mentioned in their letter, and we ask the Waterford Harbour Commissioners to contribute the remaining one-third.

That a copy of this resolution be furnished to Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for Ireland, the Waterford Harbour Commissioners, and Mr. M. A. Ennis."

#### Fishery By-Law appeal

Under date 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1910, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, wrote letter (No. 10021-10 F.B.) as follows :-

"I am directed by the Department to state, for the information of the Wexford Co. Council that they have been notified that the Committee of the Fishery Council will sit in the Council



Chamber, Dublin Castle, on Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 1911, at 11 o'clock, a.m., for the consideration of the attached By-Law which proposes to alter the close season for the capture of salmon and trout by any means whatsoever, save by single rod and line, in the River Slaney and its tributaries, and of an appeal which has been lodged against the By-Law."

No Order.

### Local Government Elections.

Circular letter No 177 M.-10 miscellaneous, pointing out the procedure to be adopted as regards the proposed Local Government Elections, was read for the meeting :-

on the motion of Mr. O'Neill

Seconded by Mr. Kehoe, it was decided that Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 1911, be fixed as the day of Election for County and Rural District Councils; poll to open at 9 a.m., and close at 8 p.m.; except for Wexford Urban District in which the Poll will be open from 8 a.m., to 8 p.m."

### Old Age Pension Scheme.

The following letter under date 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1911, was read from the Supervisor, Inland Revenue Wexford :-

"As the Old Age Pension Scheme is now on a permanent footing, and as the question of re-scheming the pension officers areas becomes in consequence a matter of immediate concern, I shall be obliged if, for public convenience, your Council would agree to make the following alterations in the areas :- My:

- (1) The Electoral Division of the Leap to go with No. 5 Sub-Committee.
- (2) and the Electoral Divisions of Innacross and Ballyhughard also to go to No 5.



all I desire at present is whether your Council would raise any objection to this arrangement, which I think would make for the convenience of the old people and for the pension officers at the same time.

I have to make the best possible arrangements for carrying on public business, and you will notice by a glance at the map that the areas mentioned are most convenient to Enniscorthy where the pension officer resides. The other parts will be worked from Gorey and Wexford.

The arrangement would be tentative pending further approval."

"Referred to next meeting of Co. Pensions Committee"

— Site of Bushinstown Village Hall. —

Under date 9<sup>th</sup> December, the following letter was read from Mr. J. J. O'Byrne, District Councillor Hon Sec; Bushinstown Farmers' Association

"I am informed by your Secretary - Mr. Trizelle - that your Council object to the position of our new Hall. I beg to state on behalf of the above association that we were unaware that the building should be a certain distance from the road. We respectfully request your permission under the circumstances to allow the site to remain unchanged."

"The Secretary stated that the new Hall was some distance inside the road fence, but was not quite 30 feet from the centre of the public road."

Mr. Cummins proposed, Mr. Hearn seconded and it was passed: - "That permission be given to the erection of Bushinstown Village Hall on the site already selected."



New member of Co. Committee of Agriculture &c.

The Secretary reported that very Rev N. J. Sheridan, P. P., Ramnegrang, had resigned his position as member of the Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction. The Committee had asked him to re-consider his resignation, but Father Sheridan would not act, as owing to the inconvenience of the train service he found it impossible to give a good attendance.

On the motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded by the Chairman - Mr. Nicholas Howlett, Ramnegrang, was appointed a member of the Co. Committee vice Father Sheridan."

#### Post offices & Bank Holidays.

The Postmaster of Wexford, wrote asking if the Co. Council as representing the public, had any objection to the Post offices of Bridgetown and Foulkesmills being open on Bank Holidays as from 8 to 12 noon only.

On the motion of Mr. Codd, seconded by Mr. Cummins, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we protest against the action of the Postmaster General in closing on Bank Holidays the Post offices of Bridgetown and Foulkesmills, against the wishes of the District Council concerned and before the Co. Council had an opportunity of expressing their opinion on the subject. This Co. Council considers these offices should be open on Bank Holidays during the same hours as on other days; otherwise serious inconvenience will be caused to the people of the districts."

#### Recommendations of Finance Committee.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Stafford, the following recommendations of



the Finance Committee were adopted:-

"Mr W. Hannahan contractor for the printing of jurors lists attended before the meeting and made a statement in reference to his claim for £2. for extra work entailed in printing the lists of Gorey and New Ross.

The following recommendation was made:-

"That the jurors lists for the four unions of the County be furnished to the contractor in manuscript in future."

#### Insurance of collectors. Etc.

Correspondence from Messrs Boyle & Co., in reference to insurance under the Workmen's Compensation Act, and of Rate collectors was read:-

The following recommendation was made:-

"That the Secretary be directed to arrange through Messrs Kehoe & Sullivan for a new policy under the Workmen's Compensation Act with Messrs Boyle & Co., in accordance with the terms of their letter of 30<sup>th</sup> December, and provided the company in which the insurance is effected will receive the sanction of the Local Government Board.

That a copy of the letter of Messrs Boyle & Co., of 30<sup>th</sup> December be furnished to collectors John Sinnott, M. Walsh, and John Walsh and that they be recommended to carry out the course suggested by the above recommendation."

#### Rate collection.

The Secretary submitted the state of the Rate collection.

The following recommendations were made:-

"That collector John Walsh be called upon to resign as from 31<sup>st</sup> March 1911."

"That collectors Mullett, Redmond, Lacy,



and Doyle, be informed that the Finance Committee will recommend to the Co. Council the dismissal of collectors who are carrying out their collection in the same manner shown by them at the present meeting."

"That collector Sheehan be informed that the Finance Committee are dissatisfied with the manner in which he is carrying out his collection during the present half-year; and hope for a substantial improvement by next meeting of the Finance Committee."

"That Mr. Nolan be instructed to proceed with his collection forthwith, or recommend a substitute by the next meeting of the Committee."

#### Sheep Dipping Order

Under date 30<sup>th</sup> November 1910, Sergt Chambers Carnew; reported:-

Michael Bolger, of Munny, who failed to give any notice of dipping, and who on this date at first denied having any sheep, and through force of circumstances afterwards admitted having ten sheep; this same man was also a defaulter in the summer dipping and having received no directions for a prosecution he totally disobeyed the autumn dipping.

James Keely, of Ballyfarrell gave no notice of dipping, but made declaration that he had dipped.

(1) Lawrence Lacey, Park; (2) Thomas Blake and (3) George Foster, of Brideswell, failed to make declarations.

Proposed by Mr. Bolger, seconded by Mr. Codd.



and adopted :-

"That the question of the R. I. C., holding the power to prosecute in sheep dipping cases without any instructions from the County Council be referred to Mr. Bolger for his opinion, and that he report to next meeting of the Co. Council.

That we consider Michael Bolger, of Munnybarrow, who failed to dip his sheep should be prosecuted."

#### Courtown Harbour.

Lettres were received from Mr. Stapleton Harbour master, Courtown, that Thomas Byrne, night watchman would not be able to resume duty for sometime owing to illness. He proposed that his son William should take his place at the same rate of wages of £ per week.

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded by the Chairman :-

"That we approve of the appointment of William Byrne as night watchman at Courtown Harbour during the illness of his father, provided he is satisfied to give his services free during the continuance of the payment of the present salary to his father during the latter's illness."

#### The University Act.

The following resolution was received from New Ross Rural District Council, relative to the University Act :-

"That the Irish Parliamentary Party be requested to have the University Act amended so as to enable the pupils of National and other primary schools to participate in the advantages which the new University confers, as at present



there is no connecting link between the primary schools and secondary and intermediate colleges."

In connection with this matter Mr. Thomas Fitzgibbon, National Teacher, Gussurane; wrote under date 6<sup>th</sup> December, asking that the Council should hear a deputation from the National Teachers of Co. Wexford, consisting of Mr. P. Doyle, Ballymitly, A. O'Brien, Ballindaggin, and Mr. Fitzgibbon, on the subject of "Rates for Scholarships and National University Question".

The following letter under date 3<sup>rd</sup> January, was read from Mr. M. A. Ennis, Co. Councillor :-

"meetings here to-day and to-morrow render it quite impossible for me to attend the meeting of the Wexford Co. Council which I much regret.

would you favour me by expressing on my behalf to my colleagues my regret that I am unable to join with them in discussing the various important matters appearing on the agenda, and in particular with regard to item 12 (a) to express the hope that the Council may either decide to adopt this resolution or at least to postpone its consideration for six to nine months.

may I briefly explain my reasons for making this suggestion. With the object which the New Ross Rural District Council has in view; viz:- the opening of the door to University Education to students of the Primary schools, I am in fullest and most complete sympathy. With the method by which they propose to accomplish that object I disagree as the adoption of their resolution would mean the voluntary abandonment by Ireland of a perfectly legitimate and just claim and the



imposition of burdens upon the ratepayers which should properly fall upon the State.

I desire to call attention to the fact that although the Irish Universities Bill was introduced over two years since, and, was I presume, carefully scanned by all interested in its provisions, no public complaint was made as to the neglect therein of the poor man's son until the Higher Education Committee of the Irish Co. Councils General Council in its report on University Scholarships complained of this neglect and recommended the General Council to take immediate action with a view to the removal of the grievance. This action the General Council took by sending a deputation to the Chief Secretary for Ireland, to claim that a Treasury Grant should be made to provide a bridge for clever pupils from the Primary to the Secondary Schools. The deputation was favourably received and following their representations, I waited upon the Chief Secretary in London on November 16<sup>th</sup> accompanied by two prominent members of the Irish Parliamentary Party, who warmly supported the suggestion I made, that either as portion of a general scheme for increased financial assistance to Intermediate Education or as a special distinct grant, a sum of £10,000 per annum should be provided to bring forward pupils from the Primary Schools, the allocation of the money to be confined to such counties or County Boroughs as may at the next levy strike a rate of not less than one half-penny in the £ in aid of University Education.

In view of the dissolution of Parliament and the General Election, it is manifestly impossible to hope that we can obtain a settlement of this question before the Councils



proceed to strike their rates for the coming financial year, but our request has not been refused the General Council is prosecuting our demand with the utmost vigour, and it would surely be premature to assume defeat before we are beaten.

On the principle of choosing the least of two evils, I agree that if we fail to obtain within a reasonable time compliance with our fair and just demand the door must be opened for the poor scholar even should it necessitate recourse to the rates, but this course implies difficulties and dangers beyond mere monetary considerations. I pointed out to the Chief Secretary that contribution within control involved a vicious principle. Do we in the Co. Councils desire control of primary education in Ireland? I think and I hope we do not. Such a proposal would, in my opinion, be the thin end of the wedge leading us towards secularisation.

In another aspect the voluntary acceptance of a further burden upon the rates must undoubtedly count against Ireland in the financial adjustments which must form a necessary and vital portion of the forthcoming Home Rule Bill.

I earnestly commend to the attention of my brother councillors the most Revd. Dr. O'Kearney's recent pronouncement with regard to the National University and I confidently hope that Wexford Co. will maintain its place in the van in regard to this good work.

Your Committee are working hard in consultation with the College authorities in regard to details of the Scholarship Schemes, and we hope to forward you full particulars after a meeting summoned for next week."



Mr. Stafford proposed, the chairman seconded and it was adopted:-

"That the consideration of this matter be adjourned till the meeting of the Co. Council to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> February. In the meantime our Secretary arrange for the deputation from the National Teachers to lay their views before the Finance Committee."

### Freeman's Journal.

The following resolution was read from the Waterford Corporation:-

"That in future when an advertisement is inserted in a local paper that a copy of it be also inserted in the Freeman's Journal."

Mr. Stafford proposed, and Mr. Bolger seconded:-

"That while the Local Press is ordinarily considered sufficient for the advertisements of the Co. Council, if it be found necessary to advertise outside the county, that the Freeman's Journal get the preference."

The chairman put the resolution which he declared carried.

Mr. Browne protested against the manner in which the resolution has been put.

Mr. Cummins also protested, and demanded a poll.

The chairman refused. He said he had the resolution in the ordinary way, and if Mr. Browne and Mr. Cummins were not minding their business he could not go over the business again for their convenience.

### Sarastill Quarry.

With regard to the procuring of a weigh bridge for Sarastill Quarry, the following resolution was adopted, on the motion of Mr.



Stafford, seconded by the Chairman:-

"That Mr. Gaffney, County Surveyor, be instructed to advertise in the local papers for a 3 Ton Avery Weighing machine to be delivered and erected at Sara Hill Quarry."

#### Insurance of Engine.

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

"That the Co. Surveyor be instructed to insure the Engine at Sara Hill Quarry for £1,000 with the Vulcan Boiler and General Insurance Co., 67 King Street, Manchester; - Annual Premium £8."

#### Doran's Hill & Lincurry Quarries.

"At last meeting of the Co. Council, a committee was appointed to inspect and report on the above Quarries:-

On December 16<sup>th</sup>. the committee met in Ferns, they first proceeded to Doran's Hill. This is a fine quarry of about one acre, which has been worked for a great number of years, but lately the rock has become rather low and difficult to quarry, with the result very few stones are taken out of it now. adjoining this fine quarry there is a splendid face of rock fully 30 feet high by 50 yards long on the lands owned by Mrs. Borthwick. The committee had an interview with this lady when she agreed to sell to the Co. Council, half an acre of this rock. Enclosed you will find her letter stating price she expects.

Lincurry Hill was next visited. This quarry is a considerable distance from the public road, roughly speaking about a quarter of a mile. The stone appears to be fairly good material for road metalling, but would require very large



outlay to put in working order and also to make a carway. I enclose his views as to the price he expects for compensation. The committee are of opinion that Doran's Hill would be most suitable to take over first, as it is free and adjoining the road. Very little outlay would be required to commence work. As a matter of fact five years supply could be got in the free portion, if the Co. Council supplied a stonebreaker, and the material is of excellent quality, fully equal to Darastell.

(Signed) John Bolger  
 Patk. O'Neill  
 Michl. Doyle

Mr. Borthistle offered half an acre of Doran's Hill Quarry for the sum of £50.

Mr. John Kehoe, Tincurry, wrote asking for £300 for an acre of Tincurry Quarry, to include compensation for road through his land.

The following letter under date 3<sup>rd</sup> inst. was received from Mr. Michael Doyle, Co. Councillor with reference to Committee's Report:-

"I agree with Mr. Bolger's report on the rock quarries visited by the committee, but I would not let the gravel pits by the road be closed up, as it saves trouble in breaking and expense in carting material for the different roads in the Slaney direction.

I think the Council should take over these Gravel pits that would be found suitable, and compensate the Owners, the same as for the Rock Quarries."

Proposed by Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr. J. Codd, the following resolution was adopted:-



"That the Quarry Committee be instructed to make an offer for half an acre of land on Mr. Borthistle's farm at Doran's Hill, for the purpose of providing road metalling therefrom; offer not to exceed £ 30, and to be subject to the vendor being in a position to make proper legal title."

Proposed by Mr. Stafford, seconded by the Chairman and adopted:-

"That Messrs O'Neill, J. Bolger, and M. Doyle act as a committee to report as to the most suitable Gravel Pit to be acquired by the County Council in the neighbourhood of Ballycarney."

#### Wexford New Bridge

The following Report was read from the County Surveyor:-

"I beg to make the following report to you on the above.

The Bridge, I believe, was constructed about 1863, and is therefore 47 years old. It is impossible to say how much longer it will be economically useful, but, at the outside I think it will be about 50 years. It may quite probably be less, as of course the structure will deteriorate the more, the older it grows. In accordance with your instructions I made a careful examination of every member of the Bridge, and I attach a detailed account of the result of this report.

Before going further I should say definitely that this report includes the opening span and the two adjoining ones, which at the present moment are being repaired.

Considering the Bridge as a whole its condition cannot be called satisfactory. To put the case concisely before you I think it will be necessary



immediately to repair or replace 16 piles, 17 crossheads, 37 Beams, 6 Stringers, 3 Diagonals, and 53 Saddles, and the cost of these repairs I estimate at £2,600.

In another couple of years more repairs will be required consisting of the repairing or replacing of 37 Piles, 11 crossheads, 40 Beams, 14 Stringers, 11 Diagonals, and 15 Saddles; and the cost of this I put at £2,750. This includes 18 broken castings and 3 tie bars which are a bit wasted. The castings are bolted to the top of the crossheads and the ends of the beams rest in them; they also serve as anchorages for the tie bars. Some are tied up with chains, and the remainder held up with wrought iron bars.

In five or six years from now, I think it will be necessary to carry out further work this will consist of the repairing or replacing of 47 Piles, 67 Beams, 7 Stringers, and 4 Diagonals, which will cost £3,700. Some of the Piles, Stringers, and Diagonals, may last a bit longer, but all the Beams I think should certainly be repaired.

Looking a little further ahead I expect that in ten or twelve years from now, further repairs will be required. as well as can be decided at present these will comprise the repair or replacing of 11 Piles 11 Beams, 1 Stringer, and 2 Diagonals, and the probable cost will be £830. It must be remembered, of course, that the Bridge is getting older all this time and materials which are now sound may not be sound then.

after this period it is impossible to say with any degree of accuracy what the annual cost of repairs will be, but sooner or later the Piles will have to be repaired, and



this will be a difficult and expensive matter as a very large amount of work will have to be done under water.

I think I might venture to say, however, that if these repairs be carried out, the Bridge will be in good order and condition and will remain so for perhaps fifteen or twenty years with minor repairs.

Finally I would add that I have made the most careful examination possible of every member of this structure, but there probably, may be defects I have failed to discover."

Mr. Hearn proposed, and Mr. Stafford seconded the following resolution which was passed:-

"That the consideration of the Es. Surveyor's Report be adjourned to next meeting of the Es. Council to be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> February and that a copy of the report be supplied to each member of the Es. Council with the agenda paper for that meeting.

That the question of the advisability of spending the amount required by Mr. Caffrey, and the building of a new bridge be considered at the same meeting."

The following letters from Mr. Pierce Barron, Manager Ennis-corthy Co-operative Society, Ltd. under date 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> January, were read:-

"Kindly inform us if the Bridges over the River Slaney are in proper order so that the draw arches can be raised to allow our motor Barge - the "Irish Co-operator" to sail up to Ennis-corthy in about a fortnight's time."

"I am much obliged for your letter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst. covering copy of one from Mr. Stafford



Gaffney, County Surveyor. As we are expecting several cargoes of manures to arrive in Wexford this spring we should be glad to know the date the Co. Surveyor expects the Bridges to be in a position to allow our motor Barge to come to Enniscorthy. It is now over nine months since we put this matter before the Co. Council and my Committee will take serious notice of it if they will be put to the extra expense of 2/6 per ton cot freight up the river together with loading and discharging expenses at Wexford."

Proposed by Mr. J. Bolger, seconded by Mr. O'Neill the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Messrs Kehoe, Stafford, Peacocke, and Hearn be appointed a Committee, with Mr. Gaffney Co. Surveyor, to inspect the Wexford Bridge and interview Wexford firms with a view to have the necessary work at the bridge, in connection with the money already in the hands of the Co. Surveyor, carried out at once."

Edmond Lane.



Special meeting - 11<sup>th</sup> January 1911.

A. special meeting of the Co. Council, was held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 1911, in the Co. Council Chamber Courthouse, Wexford; to consider the Report of the Co. Surveyor, as to the condition of Wexford Bridge.

Present :- Mr. G. H. Peacocke (Vice Chm) presiding.  
Other members :- Messrs Hearn, J. Bolger, Stafford, J. J. Kehoe, M. A. Ennis, P. J. Brian, G. Walsh, and James Codd.

The Secretary and Mr. M. Harrett, Assistant Surveyor were also in attendance.

The Report of County Surveyor as appearing on minutes of meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> January 1911 was read. The following resolutions were adopted :-

Proposed by Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Bolger:-  
"That the best available expert opinion be obtained by this Council in order to ascertain in detail the exact condition of Wexford Bridge, including the condition of the sub-structure under water. That the Expert employed be requested to furnish an estimate of the amount which he considers will be necessary to put the bridge in such order as would prolong its life for from 30 to 40 years."

Proposed by Mr. Hearn, seconded by Mr. J. Codd:-  
"That Mr. Ennis be requested to interview Mr. P. G. Cowan, Chief Engineering Inspector of Local Government Board, with reference to the employment of the Expert mentioned in the former resolution. and that the further consideration of this matter be referred to the Finance Committee with power to deal with the question of the employment of the Expert."



Proposed by Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Ennis:-  
 "That Mr. Division, of Mouchel Partners, London; be requested to furnish to Mr. Ennis the approximate cost of a new bridge, to be erected on the site of the existing bridge, and a new bridge to be erected on the site of the old Wexford Bridge opposite the Courthouse, the bridge in both instances to bear a load of from 16 to 20 tons."

Proposed by Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. J. Bolger  
 "That our Secretary communicate with Mr. Griel, Engineer to the Waterford Harbour Commissioners; and Consulting Engineer for the erection of the new Ferro-Concrete Bridge of Waterford, and ask him the names of the contractors for the erection of the temporary Bridge at Waterford, and if he considers there is any man in their employment who would be competent to inspect a timber bridge and give accurate information as to its condition and cost of repairing."

#### Ferry-carriage Bridge.

It was agreed that Messrs Stafford, Ennis, Kehoe, and J. Bolger be appointed a committee to inspect Ferry-carriage Bridge, and after inspection to direct the Secretary as to what communication, if any, he is to make to the contractor for the erection of the bridge, in view of the small amount of work which has been carried out there, up to the present."

#### Office management

In connection with a question of the management of the Co. Council office, the minutes of a special committee were read and adopted, and the suggestions made by the Secretary at this committee meeting, confirmed."



Quarterly Meeting. - 8<sup>th</sup> February 1911.

Present:- Mr. Edmond Hore. (Chairman.) presiding,  
Other Members:- Messrs. M. Browne, J. S. Hearn,  
J. J. Stafford, J. Bolger, M. A. Ennis, T. Asple,  
C. H. Peacocke, J. J. Kehoe, P. Creane, G. Walsh,  
James Codd, M. Doyle, T. Bolger, J. Cummins,  
M. Hickey, P. Fortune, and Sir. T. H. G. Esmonde.

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

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Crossing Points - Tara Hill Quarry.

The following recommendation of the Proposal  
Committee was adopted:-

"That a sum of £15 be passed to provide  
crossings and points at Tara Hill Quarry."

Proposals for Payment.

On the motion of the Chairman, the following  
recommendation was adopted:-

"That the several proposals for <sup>payment</sup> ~~works~~  
~~for matters~~ ~~and matters~~ other than public works as  
submitted by our Secretary be passed."

University Scholarships.

Mr. Ennis moved the following Notice  
of Motion:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention  
to move at next meeting of the County  
Council of Wexford, that the produce  
of a half-penny rate on the County - at-  
Large, viz: £800, agreed to be levied at  
the Meeting of the Council on 4<sup>th</sup> May 1910,  
for University Scholarships be applied as follows:-



(a) - To the establishment of four Scholarships of £50 each tenable for three years at the Dublin College of the National University of Ireland total £600.

(b) - To the allocation of £50 to be devoted to the provision of University Extension Lectures in the County of Wexford, in subjects to be agreed to subsequently by the County Council.

(c) To the allocation of £150 to be utilised for the purposes set forth in the Appendix of the Report of the Higher Education Committee of the General Council of Irish County Councils.

(Part C) That as regards these allocations, this County Council adopt the regulations and conditions as to County Council Scholarships set forth in said report of the Higher Education Committee of the General Council of Irish County Councils.

The following conditions are to be attached to the Scholarships:-

1. - That Students must satisfy the County Council test as to knowledge of Irish prior to being admitted to enter for the Scholarship Examination.

2. - That Students must reside in a Collegiate Hostel approved by the Council.

3. - That the cost of the maintenance of each Student estimated at £31 per annum for a period of 31 weeks (the University Session) be paid direct by the County Council to the Collegiate Hostel selected.

4. - That the fees for the University course of each student be paid direct to the University Authorities from the Scholarship Fund. These fees amount approximately to £10.

5. - That the balance of Scholarship Fund estimated at £8 or £9 be paid to each



student for the purpose of travelling and incidental expenses."

Mr. Peacocke seconded.

Passed.

Mr. Browne moved: "That Students living in County Wexford must have studied, for a period of at least two years immediately preceding their entrance for the Scholarships, in a school or schools in the County Wexford, or by private study within the County; this condition not to come into force until after the University Examinations of 1911."

Mr. J. Bolger seconded the amendment of Mr. Browne, which was passed.

Mr. Peacocke proposed:-

"That Scholarships shall be awarded only to those Students who have been resident at least for two years in the County Wexford, and who have pursued their studies in this County."

Mr. Peacocke subsequently withdrew this amendment.

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee of 21<sup>st</sup> January, was read:-

"That in the event of the present agitation for a Government Grant for the establishment of ~~a~~ secondary Scholarships not being successful after a reasonable time, we recommend the County Council to consider the advisability of establishing these Scholarships from the Rates."

Mr. Ennis proposed, Mr. Stafford seconded, and it was passed:-

"That in view of the last paragraph in the Memorandum of the 24<sup>th</sup> January from the Secretary to the Irish County Councils General Council no action be taken on the recommendation of the Finance Committee relative to the establishment of Scholarships for students at Primary Schools, for the present."



Bounty Wexford Infirmary.

Mr. M. A. Ennis moved the following of which he had given previous notice:

"I will move at next meeting of the County Council that the resolution of the County Council of 11<sup>th</sup> November, relative to increased grant to the County Wexford Infirmary be rescinded and that the County Council vote a sum of £1050 to the County Wexford Infirmary, as their contribution until such sum be altered by the County Council by a future resolution."

Mr. Peacocke seconded.

Passed.

Acquiring a Quarry.

Mr. John Bolger moved the following of which he had given previous notice:

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at the next meeting of the County Council to be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> February that the offer made by the meeting of the County Council on 4<sup>th</sup> January for half-an-acre of land for quarry purposes to Mr. Borthistle at Doran's Hill be increased from £30 to £40."

Sir Thomas Esmonde seconded.

Passed.

Gravel Pit at Boragh.

The following letter under date 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1911, was read from Mr. L. B. Moffat, Solicitor; for Mr. Wm. Swaine of Boragh:

"I am instructed by Mr. Wm. Swaine, of Boragh, to say that subject to the conditions mentioned herein, he would sell his interest in one acre of ground to the County Council for £60.

The first condition being that the County Council should pay his costs, and the second that the sale should be for the purpose of enabling the County Council to



take the gravel out of the acre of land and that once the gravel was exhausted the land should revert to my client.

Third, that the County Council should settle direct with the Landlord any question as regards purchase of the acre of ground, Mr. Swaine being willing to assist the County Council in obtaining the Landlord's consent.

I shall be glad to know whether this price, which appears most reasonable, will be accepted by the County Council.

I am aware myself from other owners that an acre of ground is estimated for gravel purposes to be worth upwards of £500.  
Marked "Read."

#### Gravel Pit at Ballycarney.

Proposed by Mr. J. Bolger, seconded by Sir J. Esmonde, and passed:-

"That the Council purchase from Mr. Andrew Kavanagh, Ballycarney, for the sum of £70 two statute acres of his field at Ballycarney, for the purpose of obtaining gravel for Road purposes."

Mr. Andrew Kavanagh, handed in the following agreement which he signed:-

"I agree to sell to the County Council of Wexford, two statute acres of my field at Ballycarney, as pointed out by the County Surveyor and Mr. John Bolger; with right of way to the road, for the sum of £70. (Seventy Pounds). I to take all responsibility and carry out the fencing of same. This land to revert back to me or my Successors when the County Council are done with it."

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> February 1911."



### Returning Officers Expenses.

On the motion of Mr Ennis,  
Seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following  
resolution was adopted:-

"That a sum of £200 be advanced to the  
Returning Officer for expenses in connection  
with the forthcoming Local Government  
Elections."

### Waterford Bridge.

Under date 23<sup>rd</sup> January the following  
letter (N<sup>o</sup> 45397-1910 Wexford County) was read  
from the Local Government Board:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland  
have had before them the application of the  
County Council of Wexford for sanction to a  
loan of £11,000, for the purpose of defraying  
their proportion of the cost of erecting a  
bridge over the River Suir at Waterford, etc.,  
and the Board desire to express their sanction  
to the loan in question, in pursuance of  
Article 22 of the Schedule to the Local  
Government (Application of Enactments) Order 1898  
and Section 60 of the Local Government (Ireland)  
Act 1898, repayment to be spread over a period  
of 45 years.

A sum of £3,000 may be raised as the first  
instalment of the loan; subsequent sums to be  
raised as approved by the Board."

In connection with the powers of the  
Joint Committee for the construction of  
Waterford Bridge, the following letter (N<sup>o</sup> 45397)  
was read from the Local Government Board:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> ultimo,  
and enclosures, relative to the application of  
the County Council of Wexford for sanction to  
a loan of £11,000, for the purpose of defraying  
their proportion of the cost of erecting a bridge



over the River Suir at Waterford, etc., I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that it would appear from a newspaper report of the proceedings of the Joint Committee appointed for the undertaking that your Council have not as yet deputed the members selected to serve as portion of a Joint Committee under Article 38 of the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order 1898; the Board apprehend that inconvenience and confusion in the proceedings of the Committee would ensue if the members delegated by the Wexford County Council are not appointed with like functions as in the cases of members appointed by the 7 other Councils who, the Board understand, have been appointed under Article 38 referred to.

The Board's letter of sanction to the proposed borrowing accompanies this communication."

The following resolution from the Joint Committee was read:-

"That we invite the Wexford County Council to reconsider their resolution with regard to the periodical payments on Bridge Construction to the Treasurer of the Joint Committee.

That we fully appreciate that the attitude which the Wexford County Council has taken up in the matter is a strictly legal and technically correct one, but that the Wexford County Council would be equally safe in adopting the procedure and falling into line with the other contributing bodies in this matter, which procedure has been approved by Council and by the Local Government Board.

That further such adoption by the Wexford County Council facilitate the keeping and paying of accounts by the Committee."



On the motion of Mr. Cummins,  
Seconded by Mr. Creane, the following  
resolution was adopted:-

"Resolved- That John S. Kearne, of Bawnjames,  
New Ross; C. H. Peacocke of Belmont, Wexford;  
John Bolger, of Terns, and James J. Stafford  
of Main Street, Wexford; be, and are hereby,  
re-appointed Members of the Joint Committee  
of Management for the building of the bridge  
over the River Suir at Waterford; and that as  
Representatives of the County Council of Wexford,  
and that we hereby confer upon and delegate  
to the said Joint Committee of Management  
for the erection of the bridge over the River  
Suir at Waterford, all and every power  
which we, the said County Council, are  
authorised to delegate to a Joint Committee  
pursuant to Article 38 of the Schedule to the  
Local Government (Application of enactments)  
Order 1898, excepting the making of a  
Rate or borrowing money."

### The Rates for 1911-12.

The following resolution was forwarded  
from the Finance Committee:-

"That the Secretary's Estimate of Rate  
for General and Separate Charges for  
financial year 1911-12, be adopted and  
that the County Council be recommended  
to strike a General Rate for the several  
Rural Districts as follows:-

	Land	Buildings
Iniscorhy.	2/6	4/2
Gorey.	2/3	3/8
New Ross.	3/3	5/-
Wexford	2/2	3/9

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded  
by Mr. James Codd, the following resolution was adopted:-



"That we hereby adopt the Estimate of our Secretary for Rates for General and Separate Charges for the financial year 1911-12, (as already agreed to by the Finance Committee) and determine the rates in the £. to be levied off the several Rural Districts of the County for General Rates to be as follows:—

	Rate	Blp.
Ennisconky	4/6	4/6
Gorey	4/3	3/8
New Ross	3/3	5/-
Wexford	2/2	3/9

And we further determine the amounts to be demanded from the Urban Districts of the County to be as follows:—

Ennisconky Urban District	£ 997: 19: 3
New Ross	£ 1314: 18: 2
Wexford	£ 1893: 3: 1.

In connection with the annual estimates of Rate for 1911-12. the Local Government Board wrote under date 14th January Circular Letter No. 2088-1911. forwarding for the information of the County Council copy of letter which they had addressed to the Boards of Guardians in reference to the inclusion in their estimate and demand of any sum that might under prospective legislation be required from the Guardians towards the cost of pension granted to paupers over 70 years of age.

Marked "Read"



# Fethard & Courtown Harbours.

Sir Thomas Esmonde moved:- That the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction be requested to include in their application for grants for Fishery purposes the improvement of Fethard Harbour and the extension of the pier at Courtown Harbour.

Seconded by Mr J. J. Kehoe and  
passed. - nem. con.

## State of Rate Collection

The following letter under date 24th January, and N<sup>o</sup> 3835-11 was read from the Local Government Board:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to inform the Wexford County Council that they have had before them a report from their Inspector Mr E. A. Sanderson on the collection of the poor rate in the county for the current half year, from which it appears that the collection is very backward, £3,641- only having been collected to the 31st ult. out of a total warrant of £26,676.

The Board note that the following collectors are especially backward

	Warrant	Amt. Collected
John Mullett	£826	£56.
John Walsh	£1,463	£31.
P. Redmond	£1,256.	£62.
L. Lacey	£1,046	£52.
J. L. Doyle	£1,271.	£53.



These collectors should be called upon to explain their failure to proceed diligently with their collections, and should be informed that any further neglect on their part will necessitate the serious consideration of the question of their fitness to retain their positions as collectors."

The following explanations were read from the Rate Collectors.

Collector John Mallett wrote under date 26th Jan'y.  
 "Your letter containing observations of L. G. B. to hand. I wish to inform you for the information of the L. G. B. that unless I use extreme pressure I cannot do any more than I am doing at present, only resign, as I will not do the Bailiff. I'm collecting from decent people for 12 years, and I have never known them to fail me in that time. I have always closed well inside the 3 years. I have always produced my books for checking, and I may inform you nearly every one will very soon refuse to pay until 1st March and 1st September, only last September we closed at a big outlay from our own private means, and that money was not used until the middle of December — three months after — Your Council now want us, collectors, to use pressure at 1st January, and lodge money that will not be used until middle of May next. This is not unaware of the Ratepayers. I will bring your letters forward at next meeting of the North Wexford Farmers' Society, and let the L. G. B. see the Ratepayers' opinion on the matter. As far as my collecting goes it's always slow first, but from this out I will be going ahead as for last three weeks



I lodged £115. I'm sorry for all the annoyance we collectors are causing you and the Finance Committee. But really when I make seizures I cannot do any more."

Collector John Walsh wrote under date 27th January:—

"I am doing all in my power with my collection and most Ratepayers do not care to pay any sooner than now. I got a heavy wetting and a bad cold about six weeks ago, and was not able to do scarce any work for about five weeks. I will work now as hard as possible and will close my collection within the time."

Collector P. Redmond wrote under date 26th January as follows:—

"On coming home tonight I received yours re rate collection asking me to give you an explanation for the L. G. B. why I have not more collected. I have not much to say in the matter only I made some misses as to not finding people at home, but the most of my clients are not yet in a position to meet me, as their cattle are not ready for sale."

"I have called on all the Ratepayers that is to pay me, took it from them that gave it to me, and others cannot pay me for some time. I am doing my best, in a fair way, for my clients and the Council. I do not wish to use extremes when I am sure to get it without force. However let me know by return of post if the Council or the L. G. B. wish me to collect it at once or allow me to use my discretion in the matter."



"I have a lot of very respectable rate-payers that I would be very sorry to press but I will go on at once if ordered to do so I would also wish you to let me know is it necessary for me to send a copy of this letter to L. G. B."

Under date 27th January collector L. Lacey wrote:—

In reply to yours of yesterday, I cannot see where this explanation comes in I understand that time laid down by the Local Government was four months. I commenced on the first month and could get very little, some days nothing. I have no one to collect from but farmers and ninety-five per cent of them small. I could not be expected to have as much lodged the first month or two as men who would lift large amounts from large land owners and Railway companies. I have always closed my collection up to time, and if I get the time laid down by the Local Government I will close this."

Under date 30th January the following was read from collector Doyle:—

"In reply to your letter I regret I was from home until Saturday night in the far part of my district, and could not reply sooner. I beg to inform you that I am working hard and have just one round of my district complete. Mine is a very poor district and nearly in all cases I have to call twice, and in several more. I am now about to make my second round and hope to make rapid progress during February."

"Hoping this explanation will satisfy the Local Government Board."



Proposed by Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Creane, and passed "That the Local Government Board be informed that since receipt of their letter of 24th January (No 3835) a substantial improvement has been made in the Rate Collection, and particularly in the case of those collectors referred to in their communication."

### Stores for Tara Hill Quarry.

Proposed by the Chairman, and adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor and Secretary be directed to advertise as to tenders for stores for Tara Hill Quarry. That the matter be referred to the Finance Committee who are empowered to accept tenders for same."

### Audit of Co. Council Accounts.

Under date 19th January the Local Government Board wrote (letter No 302) forwarding the report of their Auditor on his Audit of the Accounts of the County Council, for half-year ended 30th September 1910 as follows:-

"I have the honour to report that I have audited the Accounts of the County Council of Wexford for the half-year ended September last and I forward herewith a certified Abstract thereof in pursuance of your Order.

"The Accounts were prepared and submitted in a very satisfactory manner and no item of expenditure calls for any remark on my part."

Marked "Read"



### Motor Car Act 1903.

Under date 6th January, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 79639-10) that by the Expiring Laws Continuance Act 1910 the Motor Car Act 1903 would be continued until the 31st December 1911.

Marked "Read"

### Assistant Surveyors' Examination

Under date 25th January, the Local Government Board wrote (Circular letter 8-M) that an examination of candidates for qualification as Assistant Surveyors in Ireland, would be held under the direction of the Local Government Board, at the Custom House, Dublin; at 10.15 a.m., on Wednesday & Thursday 8th and 9th March 1911. Application for admission to the examination should be received not later than 27th February.

Marked "Read"

### Wild Birds Protection Order.

Under date 7th January 1911 the following letter (No. 22752) from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle was read:—

"With reference to your letter of the 6th ultimo, containing a resolution of the Wexford County Council petitioning His Excellency to make an Order under the Wild Birds Protection Act 1894 with regard to wild birds in the Saltee and Keeragh Islands, I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to transmit herewith a copy of the Dublin Gazette of the 6th instant containing an



Order made by His Excellency on the subject, dated the 4th day of January 1911.

"I am to call your attention to the provisions of Section 4 of the above quoted Act as to giving due notice to the public each year of the existence of the Order"

Marked "Read"

### The Accident to Mr P. J. Fanning Co. Councillor.

Under date 7th January the following letter was read from Mr P. J. Fanning, Co. Councillor, Ahullen, Kildanerin:—

"I am very grateful indeed to Mr Stafford, Mr Asple, the Chairman, and the other Members of the Co. Council, for their kind resolution and expression of sympathy. I also thank you sincerely for your kind words."

Marked "Read"

### The Building of a Wall

Under date 26th January, Mr M. J. O'Connor, Solicitor, Wexford; forwarded an application from Mr M. J. Stephenson, Adamstown, for permission to build a wall adjoining the public road at his premises.

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:—

"That the matter be referred to next meeting of the Finance Committee, and that Mr Stephenson be requested to furnish further particulars of his application to them. That the Finance Committee be empowered to deal with the matter should they consider it advisable and provided the County Surveyor has no objection



"to the erection of the proposed wall."

### The Curracloe Fishermen.

Under date 20th January, Sir Thomas Esmonde wrote that some time ago the fishermen at Curracloe had written to him with regard to having a capstan placed on the beach to enable them to draw up their boats. He forwarded letter from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction which he asked to be submitted to the Council.

The following is a copy of the letter from Department No 345-11 under date 18th January.

"I have to acknowledge the receipt, on the 16th instant, of your application to the Department on behalf of the local fishermen for a contribution towards the cost of erecting a capstan at Curracloe; and, in reply, to state that the Department are prepared to defray one half (within a limit of £25) the expenditure involved, on condition that local provision be made for the maintenance of the capstan.

The Department would erect the capstan, but permission for their doing so should be obtained from the owner of the site or the person or body having control thereof."

Sir Thomas Esmonde proposed

The Secretary stated he had informed Sir Thomas Esmonde that as the work in question was not in connection with a Scheduled Pier, the County Council had no power to make a contribution towards it.

Sir Thomas Esmonde proposed, Mr Kehoe seconded, and it was passed nem con:—

"That the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction be asked to include



"in their applications for grants for fishing purposes to the Development Commissioners provisions for two capstans at Curra-cloe for the use of the fishermen."

### Ferry carrig Bridge Committee

The following report of Ferry carrig Bridge Committee, under date 11th January was read:-

"We the undersigned having visited Ferry carrig Bridge today found the work being done satisfactorily so far as we could judge, but are of opinion that an effort should be made by the Contractor to push on the completion of the Bridge, by engaging more hands, considering that almost seven months of the allotted time of nine months have lapsed

(Signed) James J. Stafford  
John J. Kehoe  
John Bolger  
M. A. Canis

The following letter, under date 31st January 1911, was read from Mr Robert Bolhoun, Londonderry, Contractor for Ferry carrig Bridge:-

"In reply to your favor of the 15th inst., re pushing on work at Ferry carrig Bridge.

I regret the delay which occurred at this work; but this was through no cause of mine, but through break downs of the Rolling Mills, and also difficulty getting the long length of steel carried by Steamer and Rail, and it was required to lay them in straight lengths.



"Since this steel came to hand the Piles made very good progress, considering the severity of the weather, which was of the worst, owing to excessive wet and storm.

"I expected to be at the construction and erection, and had the ten ton crane on the ground 3 months ago, expecting to be at the construction and erection then, but for the before-mentioned causes.

"I cannot do anything definite about the Decking and construction until I get further details which I understand are under consideration, and are delayed owing to some contemplated change in the Approaches and at the opening Span."

Proposed by Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Asple and passed:—

"That the County Surveyor inform the Contractor for the erection of Ferrycarraig Bridge, that there is no cause for any further delay in proceeding with its erection."

### Extra Material on Road Contract

Mr Patrick O'Neill, Ballinagarry, Gorey; Road Contractor, wrote under date 25th January:—

"I beg to apply to the Co. Council for leave to remove a quantity of road material off my contract between Gorey Street and Miss Foley's farm at Ballyrarkin, which passes to another contractor on 31st March next. I had 26 cubic Yards of stones over the specified quantity upon 10 furlongs of a road. You will understand I had it for one year only— and I am sure your Council will not expect me to leave five pounds worth of stones for the



"benefit of another man. I expected to be getting it again but did not happen to be lucky enough. Hoping I am not troubling you unduly in asking you to bring this matter before the next meeting of your Council."

The Secretary stated that he had pointed out to Mr. O'Neill that according to clause 26 of the Road Specification all materials for the roads whether broken or unbroken became the property of the Co. Council as soon as they were deposited on the roads, and they must be used by the contractor for no other purpose than the repair of the road.  
Marked "Read"

## Dredging Kilmore Harbour

Under date 26th January the following letter (N<sup>o</sup>. 844-11) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:—

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th instant on the subject of the dredging of Kilmore Harbour; and to state, for the information of the Wexford County Council that the matter will receive attention."

Marked "Read"

## The Suretyship of Rate Collectors

Mr. Michael Walsh, Rate collector, New Ross, wrote in connection with the liquidation of the Law Bar Insurance Corporation, offering to give the County Council



satisfactory personal security from the present time until the 14th April, when his Insurance with the Law Bar would have expired. This was to be regarded as a temporary arrangement to get him to the end of the half-year, and if approved the bond could be sent for signature.

He also undertook to have new bond with the Insurance Co. completed before 14th April. He thought that in the circumstances there could not be any reasonable objection to the proposal.

Mr John Walsh, Rate Collector, wrote enclosing communication from Messrs Boyle & Co. informing him that they would be able to give him completed Bond in lieu of present Insurance within the next seven days.

Proposed by Mr Ennis, seconded by Mr John Bolger and passed:—

"That Mr Michael Walsh's proposal as to his suretyship as Rate Collector be accepted, provided he submits to the Finance Committee the names of two solvent Sureties, bond to be completed when the names of the sureties have been approved of by the Finance Committee."

## Insurance of Employees

The following letter under date 3rd February, 1911, was received from Messrs Kehoe & O'Sullivan:—

"We have made inquiries and find that lowest and indeed the only rate at which we could get the above insurance



"transacted in a Tariff office would be 40/- per £100. wages all round. This would mean a premium of £28. odd. Our clients of late are going in for insuring in Tariff Cos. owing to the fact that so many Non-Tariff Companies have gone to the wall and we would be inclined to advise your Council to approve of putting the insurance either with the Yorkshire or Norwich Union.

"These are old-established Companies of great financial strength.

"Awaiting the favour of your reply."

On the motion of Mr. G. Walsh, seconded by Mr. J. Asple "the quotation of the Walsh Insurance Corporation, Cardiff, was accepted, at £16. 16s. 6d for insurance under Workmen's Compensation Act."

### Tara Hill Quarry - Tram Weighing Machine.

Tenders were received for the supply and erection of Tram Weighing Machine at Tara Hill Quarry as follows:-

W. & J. Avery .. £53.

Thompson Bros. .. £35.

On the motion of Mr. Eganis, seconded by Mr. Stafford the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the lowest Tender be accepted subject to the approval of the Finance Committee, and that they are satisfied that the specification will be complied with."



## The Power of Constabulary to Prosecute under Sheep Dipping Order.

Under date 27th January 1911, the following letter was read from Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor:—

"In accordance with the directions contained in your letter I have looked into the question as to whether the police Force have power to prosecute in Sheep Dipping cases without the instructions of the Local Authority; I beg to report as follows: By Sec. 43 (1) of the Diseases of Animals Act 1894 (57 & 58 Vic. Cap 57) It is enacted:—"That the Police Force of each Police area shall execute and enforce the Act and every Order of the Board of Agriculture".

"By Clause 12 of the Sheep Scab Order made by the Board on the 28th March 1905, which relates to the dipping of sheep, it is directed—"That the provisions of the Order where it is otherwise provided shall be executed and enforced by the Local Authority" (Such Local Authority in this instance being the County Council). You will thus see that the Act and Order were directly opposed to each other, the former providing that the Police were to enforce the Act, and the latter that the Local Authority were to do so.

"I presume the Board of Agriculture must have discovered this because on the 9th April 1910 they (the Board) made a new Order by clause 18 of which it was provided—"That without prejudice to Sec. 43 (1) of the Act of 1894 the Provisions of this Order shall be executed and enforced by the Local Authority".

"And consequently this being so the Police have full power to prosecute without any instructions from the Local Authority."

Marked "Read"



## Courtown Harbour

Under date 20th December 1910 the Secretary, Board of Trade wrote (letter N<sup>o</sup>. 15424) as follows:—

"I am directed by the Board of Trade to state for the information of the Courtown Harbour Commissioners, that it has been reported to them that the fishing boats "Condor" and "Violet" when about to enter Courtown Harbour on the 29th November last were damaged by coming into contact with spurs which were jutting out below water on the North Pier.

"The Board would be glad to be favoured with the observations of the Harbour Commissioners in the matter."

The Secretary stated he had sent a copy of this letter to the Courtown Harbour Commissioners for their observations. The Courtown Committee had forwarded the following Minute:—

"Boats struck on wreckage of old fishing boats, which they carried away, and not on spurs from Pier."

This explanation was sent the Board of Trade.

Under date 28th January the Secretary to the Board of Trade wrote as follows (letter N<sup>o</sup>. H. 992):—

"With reference to your letter of the 5th January on the subject of the casualties to the two fishing boats "Condor" and "Violet" at Courtown on the 29th Nov<sup>r</sup> last, I am directed by the Board of Trade to state that since receiving your letter under reference, they have been informed that the boats on entering the harbour came into



contact with the North Pier and that their sides were ripped open by bolt heads projecting from the woodwork attached to the Pier. 3 of the bolts broke off in the boat "Violet", and one of these is now in the possession of the Coast Guard Officer at Courtown.

"I am to request that the Board may be ~~in~~ favoured with the observations of the Wexford County Council having regard to this further information.

"I am at the same time to state that, from the information before the Board, it would appear that the Harbour Authorities for Courtown are the Harbour Commissioners constituted under the Courtown Harbour Act, 1824. It would seem however, from your letter under reference that the Harbour is managed by a committee of the County Council, and I am therefore to inquire whether the Council have taken over the Harbour, and, if so, in what circumstances."

The Secretary stated he had referred the first portion of the letter to the Courtown Harbour Committee for their further observations, and had given the Board of Trade the necessary information as to the Act of Parliament transferring the Harbour of Courtown to the Wexford County Council.

— Postponed for observations of Courtown Harbour Committee —

In connection with the illness of Thomas Byrne, night watchman at Courtown Harbour, a Minute was received from the Courtown Harbour Committee, that William Byrne, son of Thomas Byrne, who had been appointed as substitute was prepared to act at the same rate of wages as was paid his father.



Under date 30th January the following letter (No. 956.-11 F. B.) was read from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction:-

"In the year 1908 the Wexford County Council were good enough to place at the disposal of the Department the use of a store at Courtown Harbour in connection with the marketing of oysters landed at that place. The Department have now been approached to assist in a further experiment of this nature; and would feel very much obliged if the Council would again allow them to utilise the store in question."

The following letter was read from Harbour Master Courtown:-

"In reply to yours of 1st inst., re use of Store. I don't see that there can be any objection. I am having it cleaned up on this date, in order to give all the room possible."

Proposed by Mr Pearcocke, seconded by Mr Keppard, and adopted:- "That the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction be afforded the use of the store at Courtown in connection with development of the oyster industry there."

## Fishery Bye-Law

The Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction forwarded Bye-Law for No. 2 (Wexford) Fishery District, fixing the close time for Salmon and trout on the River Slaney and Tributaries from 16th September to 31st March.

Marked "Read"



## Ballyhack Harbour.

The following letter was received, under date 3rd. February, from Secretary, Waterford Harbour Commissioners, with reference to Ballyhack Harbour: -

"With reference to your letter of the 5th ultimo, the Commissioners desire me to say that, as previously explained, the provision of shelter for fishermen's boats is not a matter for which they have any funds available, as it does not fall within the scope of their duties; but in order to get over the difficulty in which your Council are placed, they will be prepared to transfer to your Council, free of any charge except the cost of the legal instrument of conveyance, the Slip which forms the dock or boat-harbour at Ballyhack thus enabling your Council to incur expenditure in connection with the place.

"If this proposal is approved by your Council, I will on hearing from you have a draft deed of conveyance prepared and forwarded to you."

Mr. Cummins gave notice of motion for next meeting: - "That the Co. Council take over the Boat Slip at Ballyhack as per the offer of the Waterford Harbour Commissioners."

## Poulduff Pier.

The following Memorial which was largely signed was read from the people of Poulduff: -

"We the undersigned beg to draw your attention to a defect in the



structure of the old part of Poulduff Pier. Said defect consists in the slip, which is wrongly constructed. The steps facing the sea are a grave danger to property, and life.

Mr Webster intended in his last estimate for repairs to include said slip. During the last South East Storm which prevailed around our coast, it was a miracle of Providence that some of our Boats and nets were not lost. It is also the means of keeping one of our boats from the Quay berth. As the cost is not very large, we beg you, to consider the opinion of Mr Stafford Gaffney, who saw the defects a few days ago."

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr John Bolger the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the matter be referred to the County Surveyor; the Secretary being requested to furnish him with copy of Memorial."

### Wexford Bridge.

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Hearne, the following recommendation of the Proposal Committee was adopted:-

"That the Co. Council be recommended to acquire the services of Mr G. B. Webb of Waterford, to carry out a thorough examination of Wexford Bridge, at two guineas per day and expenses the County Council to provide boat, crew, and diver. That Mr Webb be employed to examine and report on the condition of the Deep Bridge on the same terms



as for Wexford Bridge should the Finance Committee consider it necessary.

"That our Secretary ask Mr Griffith, Engineer to the Port and Docks Board, Dublin, to name his fee for performing the services mentioned in his letter of the 19th January, his reply to be submitted to the Finance Committee, who are empowered to negotiate with him regarding the matter."

### Recommendations from Finance Committee

#### Complaint against Accountant.

In connection with a complaint made by the Secretary against the Accountant, the following recommendation of the Finance Committee was laid before the Meeting:—

"That our Secretary having reported that Mr Donohoe had failed to keep the total abstinence pledge, and had been intemperate and neglectful of his duties, acting on the suggestion of Mr Friselle, we agree that Mr Donohoe should get a still further chance of performing his duties on condition that he furnishes our Secretary with an apology (in writing) for his conduct. That our Secretary be invested with power to dismiss Mr Donohoe from office if he observes any signs of intemperance with the Accountant.

"That this recommendation if approved by the County Council appear on the general Minutes."



The following under date 23rd January 1911,  
was read from Mr Donohoe, Accountant:-

"In accordance with the terms of  
the Recommendation of the Finance Com-  
mittee, I hereby apologize for the conduct  
complained of by you as regards me."

On the motion of Mr Creane, seconded by  
Mr Asple, the recommendation of the  
Finance Committee was confirmed.

Edmund Hone.



Special Meeting.  
22<sup>nd</sup> February 1911.

A special meeting of the County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 1911.

Present: Mr. E. Hore (Chairman) presiding,  
Other Members: Messrs. C. H. Peacocke, J. Aspley,  
Gregory Walsh, James Codd, John Cummins,  
Patrick Fortune, John J. Kehoe, James J. Stafford.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, and Mr. K. W. Elgee Solicitor to the Council were also in attendance.

The Road Board & Road Improvement Fund.

Under date 9<sup>th</sup> February the following letter No 205 was read from the Secretary to the Road Board:-

"I am directed by the Road Board to inform you that the amount which they are prepared to allocate from the Road Improvement Fund for the purpose of grants towards works of road improvement in Ireland up to the 31<sup>st</sup> March 1912, is approximately £150,000, and that the applications which the Board have received from Local Authorities in Ireland for advances are largely in excess of the above amount.

The Board have had under consideration the question of dealing with the applications from Ireland and they have arrived at the conclusion, on the data before them, that the monies now available, (less, say, £10,000 to be set aside for miscellaneous works) will be most usefully applied by making contributions to proposed expenditures of Local Authorities on works of reconstruction, strengthening, surfacing with improved



material and steamrolling on the roads marked by a red colour on the Map sent herewith.

The mileage of the roads marked on the enclosed plan amounts approximately to 1500 miles and extends through 29 Counties.

It will be impossible to deal with the whole of the selected mileage during the ensuing year, and therefore it is intended to give priority of consideration to proposals which will secure an early improvement of the selected roads starting from certain centres namely Dublin, Belfast, Cork, Galway, and Sligo.

The Board are now prepared to receive from the County Councils of those Counties, through which the indicated roads pass, particulars of the expenditure on works which these Counties are prepared to undertake on receiving grants from the Board amounting in most cases to from one-half to three-fourths of the total expenditure on improvements.

I am to add that it is the intention of the Board to afford to representatives of the County Councils concerned an opportunity for personal conference in Dublin on some days in the first fortnight of March next. These days will be fixed after the Board have received the proposals of the County Councils prepared in view of the information given in this letter."

Under date 14<sup>th</sup> February the following letter N<sup>o</sup> 205 was read from the Secretary to the Road Board:-

"With reference to my letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> inst. (N<sup>o</sup> 205), stating that the Road Board were preparing to allocate from



the Road Improvement Fund the sum of approximately £150,000 for the purpose of Road improvement in Ireland, and that the Board would afford the representatives of the County Councils an opportunity of personal conference in Dublin. I am now directed by the Board to state that they have fixed Tuesday, the 7<sup>th</sup> March, for a general Conference with representatives of all County Councils in Ireland. The Conference will be held in the Shelburne Hotel, Dublin, at 11.30 a.m.

The Board will set aside the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of March for the purpose of seeing as many as practicable of the representatives of the County Councils, individually in Dublin in order to discuss with them the requirements of the respective Counties.

The Board would suggest for each Council attending the Conference, that representatives should, as far as this may be consistent with the wishes of the Council, be the Chairman of the Highways Committee and the County Surveyor.

I shall be glad to learn in due course whether your Council intend to be represented at the Conference, and the names of their representatives, and also whether your Council's representatives desire to have an individual conference with the Board on any of the days above mentioned."

Under date 20<sup>th</sup> February the following letter was read from A. Keogh Nolan, Secretary Irish County Councils' General Council:

"I am directed by my Executive Committee



to forward you for the consideration of your Council the accompanying Map of proposed Trunk Road Scheme prepared by the County Surveyors Association of Ireland in accordance with the arrangement arrived at on the occasion of the recent deputation to the Road Board, representing the Irish County Councils General Council, the General Committee of the Irish Roads Congress, and the County Surveyors Association.

The County Surveyors Association after careful consideration have come to the conclusion that the roads delineated on the accompanying Map are those most necessary to form the nucleus of a system of National Trunk Roads designed to benefit the agricultural and industrial development of the Country and to encourage tourist traffic.

With this conclusion my Committee concur and trust that it may commend itself to your Council.

I may point out that the proposed Map gives to each County a share, more or less, in the proposed Trunk Road Scheme, and it is anticipated that the claims of such Counties as may not appear to share in it so largely as others will receive special consideration as regards other works in their area assisted by the Board.

My Committee have had under consideration the amount of the Grant to Ireland proposed by the Road Board, and in their opinion it is both inadequate in amount to the needs of the country and inequitable in its proportion to the total fund. I send you herewith a copy of a resolution -- setting out the grounds on which the opinion of my Committee is based -- which I trust will be endorsed



by your Council."

The following is the resolution referred to in Mr. H. Keogh Nolan's letter:

Resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of the Irish County Councils' General Council on the

"That the Executive Committee of the Irish County Councils' General Council emphatically protest against the proposal of the Road Board to allocate for the purpose of road improvement in Ireland a sum of only £150,000 out of the total amount of £1,600,000 estimated to be available for road improvement in the United Kingdom for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 1912, as both inadequate and inequitable. That we base our protest on the following grounds:-

(1) The expressed intention of the framers of the Act to develop by improved transit facilities the resources of poorer and more thinly populated parts of the country; and the admitted greater urgent need of Ireland in this respect in comparison with other parts of the Kingdom.

(2) The intention of the Act to assist agricultural and kindred industries, and the fact that Ireland possesses one-fifth of the acreage under crops and between one-third and one-fourth of the population engaged in agriculture and fisheries in the United Kingdom.

(3) That Ireland possesses about one-fourth of the total mileage of rural roads in the United Kingdom, and that the burden for road maintenance cast on the Irish Ratepayer per £ of the annual rateable property is three times as great as that



borne by the ratepayers of Great Britain.

On these grounds we claim that Ireland's proportion of the available funds should not be less than one-fifth of the whole."

Under date 20<sup>th</sup> February the following letter was read from Mr. M. B. Ennis:

"Since my conversation on Friday when we were cut off before I had quite finished what I had to say to you it has occurred to me that it would be safer for the Wexford Council to appoint some other representative to attend the conference with the Road Board, because, although I hope to be in Dublin on March 7<sup>th</sup>, I cannot be quite sure of the date of the <sup>next</sup> meeting of the Development Commission until our meeting on Wednesday fixes it, and the matter is too important to take any risk of leaving our county council without adequate representation. I need hardly say that I shall be very glad to accompany whoever you appoint if I am in Ireland and the Council wishes me to do so.

My view of the Road Board's proposal is that the Wexford contribution towards the cost ought not to a sum equal to the present contract cost for a period of three years, because the route they propose, if considered by itself alone, would be in my judgment the reverse of advantageous to the County Wexford, it would not give communication either with the capital town of the County or with the seaport of Wexford or Rosslare Harbour for the despatch of cattle, Agricultural produce, etc., to the cross channel markets, it would have a tendency to draw trade out of the County rather than foster it internally, and it would form a section of a great tourist route over which a large volume of traffic.



entailing heavy expenditure on road maintenance would pass without much prospect of benefit to any halting place within the County.

But if the Road Board should agree to the General Councils' proposal to add a road from Enniscorthy to Athy, via Newtownbarry, Lullow, etc., then I think the Wexford Council might fairly accept a condition that they would within a period of five years steamroll the road from Enniscorthy via Wexford to Rosslare Harbour.

This would, I think, provide a system giving considerable immediate benefit to the County and capable of being gradually linked up with every portion of it, and it would only entail steamrolling between four and five miles each year.

I think it would be wise to provide your representatives with detailed figures showing the large increase in County Wexford on road expenditure during the past couple of years."

The Resolution submitted by the Irish County Councils General Council protesting against the amount of the grant was adopted on the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Cummins.

Mr. Ennis proposed, Mr. Asple seconded:-

"That our Representatives at the Conference with the Road Board be instructed to adhere to the routes adopted by this Council as prepared by our County Surveyor and submitted to the Road Board."

Passed.

Mr. Peacocke proposed, Mr. Stafford seconded the following resolution:-

"That this Council are prepared to make a contribution of one fourth of the



cost of the proper construction of the routes mentioned in the preceding resolution, provided that this cost does not exceed a maximum of £500 a mile."

Passed.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins,  
Seconded by Mr. James Codd, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Messrs. Ennis, Peacocke, Stafford, and the County Surveyor, be appointed the Representatives of the County Council at the proposed Conference with the Road Board."

### Wexford Bridge

Under date 15<sup>th</sup> February the following letter was read from Mr. John R. Griffith, Engineer to the Port & Docks Board, Dublin:-

"I have delayed answering your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> Inst, until I had an opportunity of seeing your County Surveyor, Mr. Gaffney.

He kindly called on me this morning and explained the wishes of your Council.

I told him that I am very full of work this Spring and would find it difficult to undertake the inspection and report during March and April. I should be glad therefore if you could conveniently get some other Engineer to undertake the work.

If however your Council are still desirous that I should advise them and can do with the delay referred to, I should be prepared to visit Wexford as often as may be found necessary to inspect the Bridge, consult with Mr. Gaffney and yourself and any Members of the Council who may wish to meet me, also to consider the reports of the experts employed by the Council for the examination of the Bridge, and finally to report to the



Council what I recommend, for a few of one hundred guineas."

Under date 20<sup>th</sup> February the following letter was read from Mr. James Price, B.A.I. M.Inst.C.E., Harbour Engineer's Office Custom House, Cork:-

"I am in receipt of yours of the 17<sup>th</sup> Inst. re Inspection and Report on Wexford timber Bridge. This work I shall be happy to undertake, provided my visit to Wexford can be arranged for the last three days of any week. My fee for the work would be Twenty Five guineas (£26.5.0), which would cover travelling and Hotel expenses."

On the motion of Mr. J. J. Kehoe, Seconded by Mr. Stafford, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. Price's services be retained to inspect and report on the condition of Wexford Bridge at the figure named in his letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> February."

### Food & Drugs Acts

The County Inspector, Royal Irish Constabulary, wrote asking that Sergeant Lonsney, should be appointed Ex-officio Inspector under Food & Drugs Act for Ferns Petty Sessions District, vice Sergeant Kelly resigned; and the appointment of Constable John Kelly for Gorey Petty Sessions District vice Sergeant J. Beatty.

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke. Seconded by Mr. Stafford, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Sergeant Lonsney and Constable Kelly be appointed Ex-officio Inspectors under Food & Drugs Acts for Petty Sessions Districts of Ferns and Gorey respectively."



~ Watch Hut at Kilmore ~

On the motion of Mr Kehoe,  
Seconded by Mr. Stafford, the following resolution  
was adopted:-

"That the Board of Trade and Capt. Chichester, R.N., be given a right of way along the cement wall leading to Lorn Point at Kilmore Quay for the purpose of having a Watch-Hut for the Coastguards erected."

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~ Courtown Harbour ~

On the motion of Mr. Cummins  
Seconded by Mr. Aple, the following resolution  
was adopted:-

"That the present Courtown Harbour Committee be appointed for three years."

~ Permission to prosecute Road Contractors ~

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke,  
Seconded by Mr. Stafford, the following  
resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be given permission to prosecute Michael Heil, Barrystown, and Mr. Mary Murphy, Castlebridge, the former in connection with the erection of a gullet under a passage on Road N<sup>o</sup> 66<sup>a</sup> Wexford; and the latter for neglect of Road N<sup>o</sup> 201 Wexford."

~ Re. Stephenson, Adamstown. ~

Mr. M. J. Stephenson, Adamstown, applied for permission to enclose a vacant piece of ground at his premises at Adamstown, which he proposed to plant with trees.

On the motion of Mr. Kehoe,  
Seconded by Mr. Cummins, the following  
resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Council have no objection



to Mr. Stephenson erecting the wall shown on the map submitted to this meeting provided he has a clear and valid title to the ground on which it is proposed the wall should be built."

### \* Recommendations of Finance Committee

The following recommendations of the Finance Committee were approved, on the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Walsh:

Under date 20<sup>th</sup> February, Mr. P. Donohoe, Accountant, wrote:

"I shall thank you to ask the Finance Committee to grant me leave of absence of about 10 days from this date to enable me to recover from a severe illness.

I understand Dr. O'Connor is to call on you or send a certificate as to the nature of my illness"

The following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. P. Donohoe, Accountant be given 10 days leave of absence."

The following certificate from Dr. Hadden, under date 20<sup>th</sup> February, relative to illness of Mr. Richards, Assistant in County Council Office, was read:-

"I have just seen Mr. C. Richards in my study. I find him evidently very ill and with a temperature well over 100.

In my opinion it is absolutely necessary that Mr. Richards should take a conveyance home and go to bed with as little delay as possible."

The following order was made:-

"That Mr. C. Richards be given leave of absence during the continuance of his illness."



Proposed by Mr Peacocke,  
 Seconded by Mr Walsh,

"That our Secretary be empowered to employ any assistance he considers necessary in view of the illness of the Accountant, Mr. Donohoe, and the Assistant Mr. Richards."

"That our Secretary be empowered to employ any additional clerks for writing up Rate Books, etc., he considers necessary."

Passed.

In connection with the Rate Collection the Secretary called the attention of the meeting to the attacks which were made on the County Council and himself by collectors Redmond and Lacey:

The following order was made: -

"That in view of the resolution of the Council adopted at the last meeting of the Council, collectors Redmond and Lacey be requested to explain the attack made by them on the Council and their Secretary in the newspapers."

In reference to the Security of Mr. Michael Walsh as Rate Collector, Mr Walsh submitted the names of the following: -

John O'Sullivan, Quay St, New Ross.

Thomas Hogan, Mary St, New Ross.

On the motion of Mr. Cummins, seconded by Mr Peacocke the Finance Committee approved of these Sureties.

Edmund Gore.



Special Meeting  
13<sup>th</sup> April, 1911.

A Special Meeting of the Wexford County Council was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse Wexford on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 1911.

Present: - Mr. E. Store, (Chairman), Presiding.  
 Other Members: - Messrs. T. Apple, M. Browne, John Bolger, M. Codd, J. Codd, J. A. Doyle, M. A. Ennis, Park Fortune, John S. Hearn, Michael Hickey, Alexander Kinsella, John J. Kehoe, P. Breane, Patrick O'Neill, G. H. Peacocke, James J. Stafford & J. Cummins.

Mr. Peacocke subsequently occupied the chair.

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

Poundage and Irrecoverable Rates

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Kehoe: -

"That amounts for poundage to Rate Collectors in respect of the collection for the half-year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1911, as certified by our Secretary be paid.

That the lists of Irrecoverable Rates as presented by our Secretary be agreed to and that the Local Government Board be requested to sanction payment of the amount."

Striking the Rate for 1911-12.

On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. O'Neill the following resolution was adopted: -

"That we hereby strike the Rate for General and Separate Charges for the financial year 1911-12 as agreed to at the meeting of the County Council on the 8<sup>th</sup> February, 1911, and allow and make the same as assessed in the Rate Books, said Rates being in conformity with the valuation in force for the time being. That the allowance for said Rates, as entered at the foot of said Rate Books signed by the Chairman and two Members present at this meeting, be adopted, attested by the Seal of the Council and countersigned by the



Secretary.

That the warrants of the Rate Collectors to collect said Rates be signed and sealed in the same manner as the Rate Books.

That the demand on the Urban Councils of Ennisceorthy, New Ross and Wexford, be duly signed and sealed, the amounts demanded from above Urban Districts after allowing for credit items in Form 51 being:-

	County	Union	Separate
Ennisceorthy	£ 472-9-7	£ 525-9-8	
New Ross	475-3-8	745-18-5	£ 93-16-1
Wexford	988-11-11	904-11-2	

Appointment of Official Checkers, Rate Collectors' Accounts.

On the motion of Mr. Kehoe.

Seconded by Mr. Creane. the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we hereby appoint Messrs. D. McDonald, R. Gighan, M. J. Finn and D. W. Kehoe, as the official checkers of the accounts of the Rate Collectors for the Rural Districts of Ennisceorthy, Gorey, New Ross and Wexford respectively, for the Rate for 1911-12 at a Salary to be calculated at 5/- per 100 Ratings in each District."

Ballyhack Harbour.

Mr. Cummins proposed the following, of which he had given previous notice:

"That the County Council accept the offer of the Waterford Harbour Board to transfer to the County Council the boat harbours at Ballyhack, as per letter from the Secretary Waterford Harbour Board under date 3rd February, 1911."

In connection with this matter the following letter under date 3rd February, 1911, from the Secretary to the Waterford Harbour Board was read:-

"With reference to your letter of the 5th ultimo, the Commissioners desire me to say that, as previously explained, the provision of shelter for fishermen's boats is not a matter for which they have any funds available, as it does not fall within the scope of their duties; but in order to get over the difficulty in which your Council are placed,



they will be prepared to transfer to your Council, free of any charge except the cost of the legal instrument of conveyance the Slip which forms the dock or boat harbour at Ballyhack, thus enabling your Council to incur expenditure in connection with the place.

If this proposal is approved by your Council, I will on hearing from you have a draft deed of Conveyance prepared and forwarded to you."

Mr. R.W. Elge, Solicitor to the County Council, wrote as follows, under date 25<sup>th</sup> February, 1911:-

"Referring to your letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> inst., with the enclosure from Mr. Allingham, the Secretary of the Waterford Harbour Commissioners, in which he offers, on behalf of the Commissioners, to hand over to the Council the Boat Slip at Ballyhack, I write to say that I have carefully looked into the matter and I cannot find that the Council have any power to accept this offer, and take up the Slip.

It seems to me to be clear that this Slip comes under the category of a Pier, Harbour or Marine Work, and the only Piers, Harbours or Marine Works the Council can take and keep in repair are such as have been constructed by the Congested District Board or the Board of Works, (See Sec 18 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898), and Ballyhack so far as I know is not one of them, nor is it Scheduled.

It might be possible to take over the Slip under a Provisional Order if the Local Government Board would make one, (Under Sec 20 of the Local Government Act), but that would cost money and the Board probably would not do so unless the entire Pier or whatever it is called was to be taken."

The Secretary to the Waterford Harbour Board wrote as follows to Mr. Elge under date 5<sup>th</sup> April 1911:-

"Mr. J. Cummins of Ballyhack has sent me a copy of your letter to Mr. Trizelle of 25<sup>th</sup> February.

The Boat Slip at Ballyhack which forms the little dock there is a very ancient structure, probably coeval with Ballyhack Castle, and was in existence long before the Congested District Board or the Board of Works or my Board were established. When the river steamer commenced to ply some 50 or 60 years ago, my Board carried out some necessary repairs to the Slip so as to adapt



it for the accommodation of the Steamer, and afterwards from time to time we repaired the Slip and did a little dredging on the outer or river face of it where the Steamer berthed. All this however was for the Steamer only, and we never did any dredging along the inner face which forms the dock or boat harbour. In 1881-2 we built a new pier at Ballyhack, and my object in now writing is to point out to you that this new pier is situated some distance away from, and is entirely distinct from the old Slip, so that the difficulty you apprehend with the Local Government Board in regard to a Provisional Order would probably not arise.

My Board's revenue is altogether derived from Port dues paid by Shipping, and we have not power to collect anything from Fishing boats or to expend anything for their accommodation. At the various outlying places in the river and harbour where small vessels occasionally load or discharge cargo we endeavour to provide facilities reasonably commensurate with the amount of traffic, and as a matter of profit and loss the outlay on these places considerably exceeds the sums we receive from the few vessels that resort to them. Ballyhack Pier for instance cost us £2000 exclusive of contributions received from Lord Templemore and the Waterford Steam Ship Company, and we never got £10 a year out of the place since it was built which is the annual sum we pay a man for looking after the lamps there.

My Board's offer to transfer the old Slip to your Council was made because we gather from Mr. Fitzgerald's letter that your Council was desirous to improve the accommodation for fishing boats, and the new pier which we built is in no way involved in that question. I write thus fully hoping that you will see that we are merely anxious to facilitate your Council.

Under date April 7<sup>th</sup> Mr. R. W. Elgee wrote that he could see nothing in this letter of Mr. Alhingham's to alter the opinion he had given in his letter of 25<sup>th</sup> February.

Mr. Ennis proposed, Mr. Kacocks seconded:— "That Mr. Elgee be instructed to ascertain the approximate cost of obtaining a Provisional Order for the transfer of the 'Old Boat Ship' at Ballyhack Harbour from the Waterford Harbour Commissioners, to the Waterford County Council. That Mr. Elgee also ascertain from the Waterford Harbour Commissioners if the proposal to obtain this boat ship covers the permission to carry out the work mentioned in the letter of the Department under date



17<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1910. That Mr. Elgee report to May Meeting of County Council." Passed.

#### Rate Collector John Walsh.

The following motion by Mr. Kinsella of which he had given previous notice was proposed by him: -

"That the resolution of the County Council of the 4<sup>th</sup> January 1911, calling on Collector John Walsh to resign as from 31<sup>st</sup> March 1911, be rescinded."

By permission of the meeting Mr. Kinsella added the following to his resolution: - "Provided Mr. Walsh is satisfied to resign voluntarily, in which event the Council will favorably consider granting him superannuation" Passed.

Mr. John Bolger seconded. Passed.

Mr. Kinsella gave notice of motion that he would move at Annual Meeting of Co. Council to be held in June that Mr. Walsh be given superannuation of £25 per annum, as from 31<sup>st</sup> March 1911."

#### Windmill at Vinegar Hill.

Proposed by Mr. Ennis, seconded by the Chairman, and adopted: -

"That the Seal of the County Council be affixed to the deed investing the Windmill at Vinegar Hill, Enniscorthy in the County Council."

#### Audits of Accounts of Public Bodies

The Local Government Board forwarded Reports of their Auditor in connection with his Audit of the Accounts for the financial period ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 1910 of the following public bodies: -

Enniscorthy District Asylum; Gorey Union and Rural District Council; New Ross Union and Rural District Council; Enniscorthy Union and Rural District Council; Wexford Union and Rural District Council, and Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction.

Marked "Read"

#### Sealed Orders of Local Government Board

The Local Government Board forwarded Sealed Orders as



follows:

Water Supply and Sewerage at Taghmon, to be leased off Wexford Rural District; and supply of water at Chapel, to be leased off the Rural District of Enniscorthy.

Marked "Read"

### Deductions from Government Grants

Under date 28<sup>th</sup> February, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 9293-1911 - Miscellaneous) that there would not be any deduction in respect of the liability of the Council for arrears in purchase annuities under the Land Purchase Acts made from the Estate Duty Grant for March, 1911.

In connection with the payment of grants for Sanitary Salaries and Medical and Educational purposes the Local Government Board wrote:-

"I am to state that owing to the insufficiency of the amount paid under Sec. 58 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, to the Local Taxation (Ireland) account in the current financial year to meet the sums payable thereout in the same period under the Section, as amended by the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1907, His Excellency, the Lord Lieutenant as previously pointed out, deemed it necessary, in pursuance of the provisions of Sub-Section (5) of Sec 58 to direct a proportionate abatement of the sums payable having regard to the said insufficiency.

The Local Government Board learn that the balance in the account is insufficient to pay the residue of all the sums ascertained to be so payable from the account in the present financial year, and the amounts included in the accompanying order represents the proportion of the salaries above-mentioned, after the necessary abatements have been made."

In reference to the payment of the Capitation Grant for the Enniscorthy Asylum, the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, forwarded under date 20<sup>th</sup> February an order for payment of £1070-16-1, being the amount certified by the District Auditor to have been payable in respect of the cost of maintenance of pauper lunatics for the 3 months ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1899 in the County Wexford District Asylum.



Under date 10<sup>th</sup> March the Under Secretary Dublin Castle wrote forwarding an Order for payment of £881. 17. 7. Capitation Grant for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1910.

Under date 14<sup>th</sup> March 1911 the following letter (No 4739) was received from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, in reply to a resolution of the Finance Committee of the County Council:

"I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> inst., and to state that payment of the sum of £1070-16-1 in respect of the cost of maintenance of pauper lunatics for the quarter ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1899, in the Wexford District Asylum, was made from the income of the Local Taxation Account under Section 58 of the Local Government Act 1898, in the current financial year. Had it not become necessary so to meet the claims of the several Asylums for the period in question the income of the Account would have sufficed to discharge the remaining statutory liabilities of the Account to the extent of 94.32 per cent of the latter."

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed on the motion of Mr Ennis, seconded by Mr. Browne :-

"That our Secretary call the attention of Mr P. J. O'Neill Chairman of the Dublin Co. Council, and a member of the Parliamentary Local Taxation Committee to the deductions which have been made in this County in connection with the Local Taxation Account"

"That Mr. O'Neill be requested to use his best efforts to have an adjustment of this Account so far as Ireland is concerned made, and the fund placed on an equitable financial basis with as little delay as possible"

#### Waterford Bridge Loan.

Under date 21<sup>st</sup> February, the following letter (No. 8542-11 Wexford County) was read from the Local Government Board:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> inst. forwarding a copy of a resolution passed by the joint Committee of the Waterford Bridge as regards the present financial position of the undertaking and inquiring whether the Board see any objection to allowing the County Council of Wexford to make payment out of the Ordinary funds of the Council to the joint Committee pending the receipt of the first instalment of the loan of £11,000



Sanctioned to the Council in the matter.

In reference thereto, I am to state that provided there is a sufficient balance to the credit of the County fund to enable this money to be temporarily advanced from it without prejudicing the ordinary payments which have to be made, the Board see no objection to the course proposed.

The loan from the National Bank should be lodged to the Council's Capital Account, and an Order recouping the revenue account should be made at the earliest opportunity.

The Board, at the same time, desire to state that it is most desirable that these transactions should be completed before the end of the current financial year."

Under date 16<sup>th</sup> March 1911, the following letter (no 13299) was read from the Local Government Board:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> inst. relative to the loan sanctioned by the County Council of Wexford for the purpose of defraying their proportion of the cost of erecting a bridge over the Suir at Waterford, &c., and in reference thereto, I am to state that the Board authorize the raising by the Council of a further sum of £3,000 in this case".

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. James Codd, and passed:

"In pursuance of the consent of the Local Government Board for Ireland dated 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1911 to the raising by the Council of a loan for the purpose of defraying the share of the Council of the costs of erection of the new bridge over the Suir at Waterford. It is hereby resolved that the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to a Deed of Mortgage to secure the sum of Three thousand pounds advanced by the National Bank Ltd. to the Council, being portion of the sum of Eleven thousand pounds to be raised by the Council for the said purpose".

"Proposed by Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. James Codd and passed: "In pursuance of the consent of the Local Government Board for Ireland dated 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 1911 to the raising by the Council of a loan for the purpose of defraying the share of the Council of the costs of erection of the new bridge over the Suir at Waterford. It is hereby resolved that the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to a Deed of Mortgage to secure the sum of



Three thousand pounds advanced by the National Bank Ltd to the Council, being a second instalment of a sum of Eleven thousand pounds to be raised by the Council for said purpose as per the Consent of the Local Government Board dated the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 1911."

#### Weeds & Seeds (Ireland) Act, 1909.

Under date 31<sup>st</sup> March 1911, the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, wrote suggesting to the Council the desirability of consenting to an Order made by the Department under part 1. of the Act, and pointing out that such Order was in force in sixteen Counties last year, and the hearty co-operation of agriculturists in these Counties enabled the Order to be administered without causing any friction.

Proposed by Mr. John Bolger, seconded by Mr. Browne:  
"That this Council hereby consent to an Order being made by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland declaring that throughout the County of Wexford, all plants of the following species, viz:- Thistle, Ragwort and Dock, are noxious weeds for the purposes of the Weeds and Agricultural Seeds (Ireland) Act 1909."

A Poll was taken with the following result:-

For the resolution:- Messrs. Browne, Kinsella, Stafford, John Bolger, Ennis, Kehoe, Creane - 7.

Against: The Chairman, Messrs Peacocke, Mark Codd, Asple, Doyle, Fortune, Cummins, Hickey, James Codd - 9.

The Chairman declared the resolution lost.

#### Sheep-dipping - Autumn period.

Under date 25<sup>th</sup> March 1911 the following letter (1363 V.B.) was read from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland:-

"With reference to your letter of 23<sup>rd</sup> inst, embodying a resolution on the subject of the Autumn dipping period which was adopted at the previous day's meeting of the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, I have to state that the Department regret the view taken by the Committee in this matter. Action such as they have suggested would not only be inimical to the interests of the County in connection with the sale



of sheep for exportation but would also be contrary to the statutory requirements.

Under the terms of Section 2 of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894, it is compulsory on every Local Authority to execute and enforce the Sheep Dipping Order as regard both the dipping periods therein prescribed."

The Secretary attention to the following Resolutions protesting against the Autumn Dipping. - From the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction:-

"That we ask the County Council to put for the coming year into force the resolution adopted at the special meeting of the Council of 4th August 1909, refusing to put the Autumn Sheep-Dipping Order into operation in the County Wexford."

From the Ballyduff Farmers Society:-

"We, the members of the Ballyduff Farmers Society, protest most emphatically against the Autumn Dipping of sheep in our district, principally for the following reasons:- (1) Sheep properly attended to in the Summer do not require Autumn Dipping; (2) weak and well-bred lambs dipped in Autumn, cold and wet weather ensuing, are prone to die; (3) ewes dipped in autumn - the lups do not take with them for a time."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kinsella, seconded by Mr. John Bolger:-

"That we decline to administer the present Autumn Sheep Dipping Order because as Sheep Owners in the County Wexford raise large numbers of early lambs the Autumn dipping period is a most serious time in which to dip ewes with lambs. Consequently in the interests of Sheep Owners of County Wexford we cannot see our way to administer the Autumn Dipping Order."

### Sheep dipping Inspectors.

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Kehoe and adopted:-

"That Messrs J.J. Egan, Boley, Ballycullane; Ranal Mac Donald, Tinnahask, Oylegate; Aidan Leary, Raheraskash, Oulart; Wm Stafford, Ballyboher, Tombagford, be appointed Sheep Dipping Inspectors under the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order, 1911, for the Summer dipping period at a remuneration of £14 each."



### Chairman County Council

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Kinsella, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That in view of his invaluable services to this Council we request our Chairman - Mr. Hore - to reconsider his intention of resigning his position as one of our Members, and that this resolution be conveyed to Mr. Hore for this Council on 24<sup>th</sup> inst., by Messrs. Kehoe, Peacocke, Stafford, Ennis, John Bolger and James Codd."

### Trunk Road Scheme

The following report was read:-

"At the Conference between the Road Board and the delegates of the Irish County Councils on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 1911, at the Shelburne Hotel, Dublin, the Wexford County Council was represented by:-

Messrs: E.H. Peacocke, (Vice Chairman), James J. Stafford, John Bolger and Mr. Gaffney County Surveyor. Mr. Ennis was also present.

The proceedings of the Conference were conducted in private, but the address of the Chairman of the Road Board, who presided at the Conference, was supplied to the Press.

The Wexford delegates had a special interview with Sir George Gibb, Chairman of the Road Board, on the afternoon of 10<sup>th</sup> March.

Sir George Gibb explained that as suggested by the Irish County Councils General Council the Road Board were prepared to include in their Scheme for Wexford County the road from Newtownbarry to Enniscorthy.

The delegates pointed out that the Route mapped out by the Road Board, viz: from Gorey to Waterford, via Camolin, Ferns, Enniscorthy, Blunroche, Palace, Rathgrove and New Ross would be of practically no benefit to the Ratepayers of the County Wexford, though admittedly it was a suitable Route for motorists who wished to tour the South of Ireland. The inclusion of the road from Newtownbarry to Enniscorthy was a concession because the traffic over this route was probably the heaviest in the County.

But no Scheme would be satisfactory to the County Council or be accepted by them which did not include the road from Enniscorthy to Wexford, and, on to Rosslare Harbour as part of the first



arrangement with the Road Board.

The Chairman said this road would be agreed to by his Board.

He knew the development which had taken place through the establishment of the Fishguard and Rosslare service.

He pointed out that what the Road Board intended to do as regards Trunk Roads was so far as their funds permitted to give an equal contribution with the County Councils, viz: to put down pound for pound.

The Board would be prepared to place at the disposal of the Wexford County Council a sum of £2,000 to form the nucleus of the fund to be devoted as a contribution to a total of £4,000 on the proper strengthening and construction of those roads. The details of the expenditure to be settled hereafter.

The County Council would be obliged to purchase Steam Rolling plant and spend an equal amount to what the Road Board provided.

There was no use undertaking a scheme of this kind unless Steam Rolling plant was procured, and so far as the Road Board could see, if Contractors could not be found who would take great lengths of road, (and which seemed unlikely), the work would have to be carried out by direct labour. It would not be possible under the Contract system as known in Ireland to properly construct and maintain the Trunk Roads.

In the course of a very friendly discussion it was pointed out to Sir George Gibb that unless it could be proved to the District Councils that the proposals agreed to by the Road Board did not involve any extra taxation the scheme would not be agreed to.

The County Council having carefully considered the figures were in a position to inform the District Councils that if they were called on to pay only one-fourth of the cost of the scheme there would not be any increase in the Rates, but the deputation considered that if the Ratepayers were obliged to pay half the cost there would be a certain amount of increased taxation.

The cost of the roads of the County had gone up £3,000, or one 2<sup>d</sup> in the £ on the Rural Districts within the last three years, and in view of this it would be most difficult to induce the District Councils to entertain the idea of a further increase on works which are regarded by them as mainly for the benefit of motorists. And it was well for everyone connected with a scheme of this kind to remember that practically the last word rested



with the District Councils, who were, in the present condition of the law, the body that accepted the Tenders for the upkeep of all roads including Main Roads.

The deputation in conclusion pointed out that although the County Council had passed a resolution asking for the adoption of three routes and that only two had been agreed to, nevertheless they considered that the County Council would be satisfied with the inclusion only of the two routes for the present, and on condition that in any further arrangements the route now left out, viz: - from Wexford to New Ross - would receive favourable consideration. But as regards the financial portion of the Scheme the representatives of the County Council pointed out that they believed there was no chance of inducing the County Council or the District Councils to agree to the proposal of the Road Board. And unless the Road Board could see its way to increase their proposed contribution from one-half to three-fourths the Scheme should be "hung up" for the present.

The Members of the deputation thanked Sir George Gibb for his courteous reception."

In reference to the administration of Grant for Ireland the following Resolutions were received from the Irish County Councils' General Council:-

"That the Executive Committee of the Irish County Councils' General Council emphatically protest against the proposal of the Road Board to allocate for purpose of road improvement in Ireland a sum of only £150,000 out of the total amount of £1,600,000 estimated to be available for road improvement in the United Kingdom for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 1912, as both inadequate and inequitable. That we base our protest on the following grounds. (1) The expressed intention of the framers of the Act to develop by improved transit facilities the resources of poorer and more thinly populated; and the admitted greater urgent need of Ireland in this respect in comparison with other parts of the Kingdom. (2) The intention of the Act to assist agricultural and kindred industries, and the fact that Ireland possesses one-fifth of the acreage under crops and between one-third and one-fourth of the population engaged in agriculture and fisheries in the United Kingdom. (3) That



Ireland possesses about one-fourth of the total mileage of rural roads in the United Kingdom, and that the burden for road maintenance cast on the Irish Ratepayers per £ of the annual rateable value is three times as great as that borne by the Ratepayers of Great Britain.

On these grounds we claim that Ireland's proportion of the available funds should not be less than one fifth of the whole."

"That this Special meeting of the Irish County Councils' General Council protests against the Scheme for the administration of the grant for the improvement of Irish roads under the Development fund and Road Improvement Act, as outlined by the Chairman of the Road Board, Sir George Gibb at the recent conference in Dublin. That we do so on the following grounds - (1) The inadequacy of the sum proposed to be allocated to Ireland. On this point we hold for the reasons already set forth in the resolutions of our Executive Committee, the fair share of Ireland should not be less than one fifth of the entire fund, and we believe the allocation made by the Board to be in violation of the expressed intention of the framers of the Act of Parliament; (2) the stereotyping of the amount of the grant to Ireland for a period of ten years in view of the fact that the income of the Board is not fixed, but it is likely to be of a rapidly expanding character; (3) the fact that the already heavy burden borne by Irish Ratepayers for road maintenance (almost three times as great as that borne by the Ratepayers of Great Britain) renders it impracticable to add to the rates for this purpose. On this point we hold that the existing expenditure on roads in Ireland should be accepted as the contribution from the ratepayers; (4) that whilst we agree with the principle that the main roads of Ireland should be dealt with on a national instead of a local basis, we hold that the administration of Ireland's proportion of the grant should be in the control of an Irish body having local knowledge of the needs of the Country.

We, therefore, recommend Irish County Councils to postpone co-operation in the proposed Scheme of the Road Board until Ireland's fair proportion of the grant has been determined. Until such fair proportion has been ascertained no satisfactory



"national scheme can be put forward by the representatives of Irish ratepayers"

Proposed by Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Keane and adopted:-

"That the Report be received and adopted."

Mr. W. Rees Jeffreys, Secretary to the Road Board wrote under date 24<sup>th</sup> February 1911, acknowledging the Resolutions of the County Council at their meeting of the 22<sup>nd</sup> and stating they would receive attention.

### Carnsore Pier.

Under date 7<sup>th</sup> April the following letter No 4047-11 from the Board of Works was read:-

"I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works to state that they have received a report that on the east side of Carnsore Pier portion of the concrete facing measuring about 18 yards by 2 yards is stripped off; also that at the landing place at the north end the top stone is loose and two others are broken and loose. In your letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> June last it was stated that a sum of £45 was placed at the disposal of the County Surveyor for the execution of repairs at this pier."

Will you kindly say if repairs were then carried out, and I am to ask that the attention of the Wexford County Council may be called to the present condition of the pier."

The Secretary stated he had furnished a copy of the letter to the County Surveyor.

The following letter under date 11<sup>th</sup> April from the County Surveyor was read:-

"With regard to the Board of Works letter, re Carnsore Pier, I will go and see the place as soon as possible."

The damage to the concrete facing seems to be quite new. as to the landing place at the north end, etc., we are waiting for finer weather to carry out the repairs.

The £45 passed last June is not all spent and in addition a further sum of £50 was passed for this Pier in December last."

"Referred to County Surveyor."

### Post offices and Bank Holidays.

Under date 13<sup>th</sup> March the following letter No 15403-11 was



read from the Secretary, General Post Office, London:-

"With reference to your letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> January, I am directed by the Postmaster General to state that the Bridgetown and Foulksmills Post Offices have not yet been closed before 8 P.M. on Bank Holidays, but it is proposed to close them at noon on future Bank Holidays in order to afford the Sub Postmasters and their Assistants some relief on those occasions.

The business transacted after noon on Bank Holidays is small, and telegrams will be delivered from Tombaggard and Wellington Bridge respectively.

In these circumstances the Postmaster General thinks you will agree that little or no inconvenience will result from the arrangement."

At the meeting of the County Council on the 4<sup>th</sup> January the following resolution on this matter was adopted:-

"That we protest against the action of the Postmaster General in closing on Bank Holidays the Post Offices of Bridgetown and Foulksmills against the wishes of the District Council concerned, and before the County Council had an opportunity of expressing their opinion on the subject.

This County Council considers these offices should be open on Bank Holidays during the same hours as on Saturdays; otherwise serious inconvenience will be caused to the people of the districts."

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

"That the County Council call the attention of the Postmaster General to the resolution adopted by the Council on 4<sup>th</sup> January 1911, and that he be informed that nothing has occurred in the meantime to alter the views of the Council protesting against the closing of these offices."

Passed.

### Second Irish Road Congress.

Communications were received from Messrs: R. H. Dorman and A. Leogh. Nolan, Hon Secs. Irish Road Congress, asking the County Council to appoint two delegates to the Conference, which is to be held in Dublin on the 19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> inst.



and giving programme, &c.

On the motion of Mr. Eunis, seconded by Mr. Stafford, -  
Messrs. M. A. Eunis and John Bolger were appointed as delegates  
to Road Congress."

### Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908.

Applications for renewals of licences were received  
from: -

John W. Greene, George Street, Enniscorthy; J. H. Roberts,  
Main Street, Newtownbary; Jas. W. Redmond, 51 Main Street,  
Gorey; Isaac Wallis, Arthurstown; B. L. Keating, Ballycanew  
Co-operative Society; Mrs. Mary Hennessy, South Street, New Ross;  
Mrs. Johanna Hagan, Enniscorthy.

"On the motion of the Chairman, the renewals of licences  
under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act were granted."

### Fertylarrig Bridge.

The following letter, written to Mr. R. Colhoun, Contractor  
for the erection of Fertylarrig Bridge, by the County Surveyor,  
was submitted to the meeting: -

"My Council are very dissatisfied with the progress on the  
new bridge at Fertylarrig, and they consider that there is no  
cause for any further delay in proceeding with its erection.

There seems to be a lack of foresight and organisation in  
connection with this work. The making of the parapet blocks  
has had to be stopped for want of proper labour; the casting  
of some of the piles has been delayed for want of sufficient  
diaphragms; the steel of the lower bracings, instead of being  
on the ground bent to shape and assembled ready for con-  
necting after the piles were finished has I learnt to-day, not yet  
arrived.

These bars are not of exceptional size and there should have  
been no difficulty in getting them here in time. I have, as yet,  
received no certificate of the tests of these bars.

More preparation could also have been made for the driving  
of the piles. A lot of this can be done without interfering with  
either the approaches or the opening span.

I observe also that the Insurance Policy for the workmen has  
not been lodged here yet.



Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Stafford, and passed:-

"That the attention of Mr. Robert Roulhoun be called to the fact that his contract for the erection of Ferrylassing Bridge expires on 15<sup>th</sup> April, and that he is liable to a penalty of £10 per week, as liquidated damages for each week's delay, beyond the time specified."

### Proposed Road Depot

Under date 24<sup>th</sup> March 1911, the following letter was read from Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford:-

"We are acting in this matter for Mr. John Sheill, Contractor of the road from the seacoast leading from Flaherty's Gap, and from Flaherty's Gap to the sea-coast road leading to Blackwater.

We have already written in the matter and pointed out that there is no depot for depositing of stones which he has to put out upon the road.

For years the Contractor have been always putting stones against the fence of the lands belonging to Mr. Donohue and Mr. Sinnott of Ballinacash. Lately, owing to a dispute, Mr. Donohue has objected, and as Mr. Hassett knows, Mr. Donohue actually threw the materials belonging to ~~the~~ client upon the public road to the danger of the public as was proved in Court at our last Session's last month.

The matter was left to the Arbitration of Mr. Talbot D.L., and Mr. Moses Fortune J.P. and the result is shown in Mr. Fortune's letter of which we send you a copy. What our client want is, that you will kindly bring the matter before the County Council at the next meeting, so that a Depot may be arranged on Mr. Donohue's land, and so that Mr. Donohue may not be taken unawares about this matter, we have sent copy of this letter formally and officially to Mr. J. W. Scallon his Solicitor. We are also sending copy to Mr. Park Fortune of Green, County Councillor of the district. We do not know what his report will be, but we do believe from what we know of the case that he will also be of opinion that the Depot will be necessary.

We understand that £1. is allowed for depot, but surely some fund could be provided for the balance of £8. or £9. which it will cost for materials to make the depot in order to enable the Contractor to carry out the work according to the Specification.



In the event of the County Council not finding it possible to make the depot, of course then Mr. Donohue can have no objection to the gravel being put against his fence as heretofore, otherwise the Contract cannot be carried out by our client."

The following is a report made by Mr. J. H. Talbot, and Mr. W. Fortune before whom the case was heard at petty sessions:-

"We have inspected the gravel deposits which caused dispute, and found the roadside covered with material for almost fifty perches. This material belonged to four or five parties who hold different Contracts and is of the best quality. With reference to Mr. Donohue's objection to having the material heap so close to his gate, we considered upon inspection that it was a little too close, but Mr. Donohue's action in spreading the material across the road was hasty, as there was other means by which he might have attained his object, or point."

The road indeed is narrow, and when material is stored upon it is not up to the requirements. We recommend the County Council to consider the advisability of having a suitable depot provided as close to the sea as possible. We also found the gap in its proper place, and ordered the Contractor to let it remain so."

"No order made, as the County Council find that the custom of depositing gravel at this road has prevailed for a number of years, and is a general custom all over the County."

#### Gravel Pit at Ballycarney

With reference to the proposed purchase of Gravel Pit at Tomgarrow, Ballycarney, the following letter from Mr. John A. Sennott & Co. Solicitors for vendor, to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor for the County Council, was laid before the meeting:-

"Referring to previous correspondence, we have seen Mr. Karanagh to-day and he instructs us that he merely undertook to give what title he had himself to the County Council to the two acres of his holding for the purpose of his gravel pit, and that any consent of the Land Commission, or the owners, required by the County Council should be procured at their expense, and he insists that he so arranged with the Committee of the County Council with whom he had to do in this matter. We told him that all we could do was to write his instructions to you as Solicitor



for the County Council, as we had not seen either the document or a copy signed by him at the time of making the arrangements to let the County Council have part of his holding. If the County Council will now proceed to procure the consents they require all will be well, but Mr. Kavanagh is positive that he will not go to any expense in procuring such.

The following resolution of the Finance Committee was confirmed: -

On the Motion of Mr. James Codd,

Seconded by Mr. Stafford: -

"That the letter of Messrs. John A. Sinnott & Co., be referred to Mr. Elgee to report to next meeting of the County Council.

#### By-Laws - Locomotives.

Mr. R. W. Elgee submitted the draft by-laws for use of locomotives on highways, and as to opening and closing of bridges across the Slaney, and for New Ross Bridge.

On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Stafford, the draft by-laws as submitted by Mr. Elgee was passed.

#### Courstown Harbour.

A letter was received from the Harbour Department, Board of Trade, pointing out with reference to previous correspondence as to casualties to fishing boats "Candoi" and "Violet", that the boats on entering the Harbour came into contact with the north Pier and had their sides ripped open by bolt heads projecting from the wood-work of the pier.

The Courstown Harbour Committee to whom this letter was referred, forwarded the following minute: - The bolts now in wooden fender on the north Pier have become prised through rust, and are working out of the wood. We are of opinion that they should be renewed.

In connection with this matter the following further recommendation was received from the Courstown Harbour Committee: -

"We recommend that a red light be procured to be exhibited at the Pier Head when it might be dangerous for boats to attempt to enter the Harbour, as owing to the



want of a proper signal more than one accident has occurred recently."

In connection with the April meeting of the Cusstown Harbour Committee, the following is an extract from the minutes of their meeting:

The Harbour Master laid before the Committee the amount of arrears of dues outstanding £ 22.13.10 of which they consider nearly £ 9. irrecoverable as the boats are worn out and past repair, and have not been used for some considerable time, they impressed on the Harbour Master the necessity of using every means to collect outstanding dues.

List of boats worn out and amounts owing on them:-

"Wave"	Edward Nolan	£ 2.19.0	Boat broken up.
"Margaret"	Patrick Kinsella	3.12.6.	Boat worn out; not used for two or three years.
"Mayflower"	Nichl. Kenny	1.12.6.	Severely, not used for four years.
"Lady"	Park Bolger.	5. 0.	Payment disputed.
		£ 8. 9. 0	

Under date 4<sup>th</sup> March the following resolution was read from Gorey Rural District Council:-

"That we press the claims of Cusstown Harbour on the Development Grant Commissioners as being worthy of immediate consideration."

Cusstown is an important fishing centre, but the condition of the bar there is destroying the industry. An extension of the pier is absolutely necessary in the interests of the general trade of the district, and of the town of Gorey in particular."

The Cusstown Harbour Committee recommend that the Harbour Master procure 12 oar poles at a cost not exceeding £ 2.

The following recommendations of the Finance Committee were adopted on the motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Kehoe:-

"That in view of the report of the Cusstown Harbour Committee and Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, the sum of £ 8.9.0. referred to in minute of Cusstown Harbour Committee of the 4<sup>th</sup> April be struck off as irrecoverable."



"The recommendation of the Finance Committee, agreeing to the erection of red light at the Pier Head at Cusstown was confirmed".

#### Erection of Weighbridge at The Harrow

under date 31<sup>st</sup> March the following letter was read from Mr. Alfred Haughton, Rockspring, Ferns:-

"A number of farmers in this neighbourhood have joined together to buy a weighbridge. The proposed site is in The Harrow as you will see by the enclosed plan.

I would ask you if you would kindly lay this before the County Council at their next meeting for their consent.

There will be a pen to hold cattle at either or both ends and the whole thing will be against Mr. Redmond's wall running parallel and won't project more than 10 feet from the wall.

You will see by the plan that there is really none of the street taken up and won't interfere with the traffic in any way.

The weighbridge as you will see, is 7 feet at one end and 12 feet at the other, inside the water table.

Mr. Redmond is quite willing, in fact offered this site, for the erection of the weighbridge.

I have notified Mr. Gaffney also Mr. Howlin about this matter; Mr. Howlin has seen the place and all has been explained to him.

Thanking you in anticipation"

On the motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the necessary permission be given Mr. Haughton for the erection of a weighbridge at the Harrow."

#### Road Contractors Security

The following letter was read from Mr. Robert Rackard, Killanne, Enniscorthy:-

"Referring to Road Contractor Simon O'Brien, for whom I am one of his sureties, I now beg he relieved from same as I am now about becoming a Candidate for the District Council, I name as my substitute my brother



John Rackard of Killanne. Hoping you will grant my request".

On the motion of Mr. Kehoe,

Seconded by Mr. Stafford the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. Robert Rackard be relieved of his suretyship for road contract of Simon O'Brien, Milltown, Killanne, No 28, Enniscorthy, as soon as new bond has been entered into."

### Rate Collection

The Secretary reported that all the collectors had closed in good time except Collector John Walsh, who had £552.16.9 outstanding on March 31<sup>st</sup>, since then Mr. Walsh had closed his collection.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Stafford, Seconded by Mr. Kehoe:-

"That we request the Local Government Board to extend the period for the close of the collection of Rate Collector John Walsh to the 12<sup>th</sup> April, as Mr. Walsh was laid up for a considerable period during the collection."

With reference to the state of the Rate Collection submitted to the County Council on 8<sup>th</sup> February, the Secretary called attention to letters which appeared in the Press from Messrs. Redmond and Lacy.

The former wrote: "at that meeting it was stated I had lodged only a sum of £62. though as a matter of fact I had lodged up to date £339.17.6., I don't quite understand the system of book keeping that is responsible for sending broadcast such a misleading statement."

Mr. Lacy wrote - "There was not a word about what I collected and lodged up to the meeting of the 8<sup>th</sup>. was that to mislead the public, and make them believe I was a defaulter."

The Secretary stated that when he saw those letters he wrote to Messrs. Redmond and Lacy that the state of the Rate Collection up to the day before the meeting of the Council on the 8<sup>th</sup>, was laid before the meeting, and this was proved by the resolution of the Council informing the Local Government Board that since the receipt of their letter of 24<sup>th</sup> January a substantial improvement had been made in the Rate



### Collection.

The Collectors were asked to admit that in view of the facts their letters were unjustifiable, or write to the papers contradicting the falsehoods in their letters.

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

"That the Council direct the attention of Collectors Redmond and Lacey, to the fact that the statements made by them in the newspapers that no return of poor rate up to date was laid before the meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> February is incorrect, and that therefore the deductions made by them to cover an attack upon the Council and the Secretary, are entirely without warrant or justification.

That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Collectors Redmond and Lacey."

### Death of a Surety.

Mr. Redmond, Rate Collector, Ballincash, Ferns, wrote that one of his sureties - Andrew Kehoe of Ballinamora, had died on 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

The following resolution was adopted:

"That Mr. Redmond be requested to submit the name of surety vice Mr. Andrew Kehoe deceased. That if the Finance Committee approve of name submitted, Mr. Redmond be directed to enter into a new bond."

### Analyst's Report

The following report was read for the meeting:-

City Laboratory,

17 Castle St.,

Dublin

6<sup>th</sup> March, 1911.

The Report of Sir Charles Cameron B.Sc., M.D., Public Analyst for the County Wexford on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 1910.

797 Articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C. as follows:-



Article	Number
Milk	42
Whiskey	16
Butter	8
Buttermilk	4
Port wine	1
Gin	1
Total 72	

One Certificate was sent to Sergeant Bonaghy, Wexford, for specimen of milk deprived of at least 20 per cent of its fat, and one certificate for specimen of Buttermilk adulterated with at least 41 per cent of added water exclusive of 25 per cent allowed for churning purposes.

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

One specimen of Water analysed for the Secretary, Wexford County Council, had the following composition. One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matter	29.400
Including	
Albuminoid ammonia	0.075
Saline ammonia	0.000
Nitric Acid	Trace
Chlorine	2.080

#### A Polluted water

For the Guardians of Gorey Union fifteen drugs were analysed. Two were incorrect.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union twelve drugs were analysed. One was incorrect.

For Shillelagh Union, which is partly situated in the County Wexford, six drugs were analysed. Two were incorrect.

Two specimens of water analysed for Shillelagh Rural District Council which is partly situated in the County Wexford, had the following compositions:

One imperial gallon contained in



grains:

no 1

no 2

Total Solid

matter — 10.500

30.100

Including

Albuminoid Amm.

onia 0.005

0.0035

Saline ammonia 0.001

0.001

Nitric Acid 1.500

3.890

Chlorine 1.680

3.280

Good Waters

Total Analyses. III.

adulterated and defective articles 7.

(Sd) - C. A. Cameron

Confirmation of Minutes of Committees.

On the motion of Mr. Stafford,

Seconded by Mr. Asple the following minutes of the Finance Committee were confirmed:—

"That the County Council be recommended to accept a sum of £40 as the annual rent for St. Bridget's Inebriates Home as from 1<sup>st</sup> January 1911, and for year 1911 only, being a reduction of £10 on the amount agreed on, and which concession is granted owing to the fact that the average number of patients in the Institution for the past year was only 11.8.

For the future the Finance Committee cannot hold out any hope that any reduction on the fixed rent will be agreed to by the County Council."

"That we ask the Local Government Board to extend the time for payment of £95-11-3 to Messrs. Kelly & Co., Timber merchants, New Ross, which was not furnished to the County Council in time, owing to the death of the manager of the firm, and subsequently in consequence of the death of the caretaker of the Bridge"

"That permission be given to Mr. Gaffney, County Surveyor, to prosecute the following Road Contractors, should be con-



sides it necessary:

Hugh Kenny, no 162, Gorey; Joseph Murphy, no 222 Gorey; David Power, no 159 & 182 New Ross; and Charles Breen, Mangan, Killanne; Charles Breen, Bolabawn, Davidstown; Michael Breen Mangan, Killanne, for neglect of Special Works."

"That Mr. Gaffney consult with Mr. Elgie, Solicitor, as to damage at Ferrycrossing Bridge by the Steam Barge of the Ennisceorthy Steam Boat Co. That Mr. Elgie be instructed to recover from the Steam Boat Co. the amount spent by Mr. Gaffney in having the repairs carried out."

The various minutes of the Finance Committee in respect of the Rate Collection just closed were also agreed to, as were those approving of purchase of coal bags by the Courstown Harbour Committee.

Recommendations of Finance Committee relative to payment of poundage to Rate Collectors, and of irrecoverable rates were also confirmed.

Dublin Development Association  
Mr. W. J. Branagan, Secretary to Dublin Development Association wrote asking the County Council to appoint six delegates to the all Ireland Industrial Conference, to be held in the City Hall, Dublin on June 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>.

"Referred to County Council Meeting in May."

#### Coals for County Courthouse

The following tenders for coals for use of the County Courthouse were received:— J. N. Barlow @ 24/- per ton; Murphy, Bros. & Co. 24/- per ton; Patrick Byrne 23/- per ton.

On the motion of Mr. Stafford, Seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the tender of Mr. Byrne was accepted.

#### Coneduff Pier.

The following memorial extensively signed was read:—

"We, the undersigned beg to draw your attention to



a defect in the structure of the old part of Poulduff Pier. Said defect consists in the slip, which is wrongly constructed. The steps facing the sea are a grave danger to property and life. Mr. Webster intended in his last estimate for repairs to include said slip. During the last South East Storm which prevailed around our Coast it was a miracle of Providence that some of our Boats were not lost. It is also the means of keeping one of our Boats from a Quay Berth.

As the cost is not very large we beg you to consider the opinion of Mr. Stafford Gaffney who saw the defects a few days ago."

Under date of 7<sup>th</sup> February the following letter was read from Mr. Kinsella, County Councilor:-

"In reference to the Memorial from the Fishermen of Poulduff which has been forwarded to the County Council for consideration at their meeting to-morrow in connection with some improvements to the Pier and landing-place at Cahore as particularly mentioned in the Memorial.

I believe that such improvements are absolutely necessary for the due safety of the men and boats engaged in the Fishing Industry there, and furthermore, I understand that the work does not involve any considerable outlay.

In my opinion the Memorial of the Fishermen should be granted and the work carried out with as little delay as possible.

I regret very much that owing to a very important engagement I shall be unable to attend the meeting of the Council to-morrow, and I shall be much obliged if you will place this letter before the meeting so that the Council may have an expression of my views on the subject."

"Referred to proposal Committee"

### Kilmore Harbour.

In connection with the dredging of Kilmore Harbour the following letter No 844-11 F.B., was read from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, Ireland:-

"adverting to your letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> ultimo,



I have to state, for the information of the Wexford County Council, that up to the present time the Department have been unable to secure plant which would be likely to deal effectually with the material which awaits removal from Kilmore Harbour.

The state of the Department's funds precludes the possibility of their purchasing a specially constructed dredger for work on the harbour in question and of providing for its annual upkeep, but certain representations in regard to the desirability of providing the Department with a second dredger have been made to the Development Commissioners, and if these are favourably entertained the case of Kilmore Harbour will take its place with those which will engage the consideration of the Department."

Marked "Read."

#### Capstans for Curraclloe Fishermen

Under date 13<sup>th</sup> February, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (Letter No 1314 - F.B.) forwarding copy of the following letter which they had sent Messrs W. H. Morris & Co. Solicitors, Wexford; in reference to the necessity for the provision of two capstans for the use of the Curraclloe fishermen:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> ultimo in which you refer to the correspondence between Sir Thomas Esmonde and the Department on the subject of the necessity for the erection of a Capstan at Curraclloe, and point out the necessity for the erection of a similar engine at Ballyniskar, I have to state that in view of the fact that the County Council appear to have no statutory authority to contribute to the cost involved, the Department are prepared to provide - within a limit of £20 in each case - two-thirds of the necessary expenditure; and would themselves erect the engines, subject to the existence of permission to do so from the owner of the site or person or body having control thereof.

The Department will later on, decide on the relative advantages of winches or capstans."

Marked "Read"



Report of County Surveyor  
On the Condition of the New Bridge

December 30th 1910.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to make the following report  
to you on the above:

The Bridge, I believe, was constructed about 1863, and is therefore 47 years old. It is impossible to say for how much longer it will be economically useful, but at the outside I think it will be about 50 years. It may quite probably be less, as of course the structure will deteriorate the more the older it grows. In accordance with your instructions I made a careful examination of every member of the Bridge and I attach a detailed account of the result to this report.

Before going further I should say definitely that this report excludes the opening span and the two adjoining ones, which at the present moment are being repaired.

Considering the Bridge as a whole its condition cannot be called satisfactory. To put the case concisely before you I think it will be necessary immediately to repair or replace 16 Piles, 17 crossheads, 34 Beams, 6 Stringers 2 diagonals and 53 Saddles, and the cost of these repairs I estimate at £2,600.

In another couple of years more repairs will be required, consisting of the repairing or replacing of 34 Piles, 11 Crossheads, 40 Beams, 14 Stringers, 11 diagonals and 15 Saddles and the cost of this I put at £2,450. This includes 18 broken castings and 2 tie bars which are a bit wasted. The castings are bolted to the top of the Crossheads and the ends of the beams rest in them; they also serve as anchorages for the tie bars. Some are tied up with chains and the remainder held up with wrought iron bars.

In five or six years from now I think it will be necessary to carry out further work. This will consist of the repairing or replacing of 44 Piles, 67 Beams, 7 Stringers and 4 diagonals which will cost £3,700. Some of Piles Stringers and diagonals may last a bit longer, but all the Beams, I think should certainly be repaired.



Looking a little further ahead I expect that in ten or twelve years from now, further repairs will be required. as well as can be decided at present these will comprise the repair or replacing of 11 Piles, 11 Beams, 1 Stringer and 2 Diagonals, and the probable cost will be £830. It must be remembered, of course, that the Bridge is getting older all this time and materials which are now sound may not be sound then.

After this period it is impossible to say with any degree of accuracy what the annual cost of repairs will be; but sooner or later the Piles will have to be repaired and this will be a difficult and expensive matter, as a very large amount of work will have to be done under water.

I think I might venture to say, however, that if these repairs be carried out, the Bridge will be in good order and condition and will remain so for perhaps fifteen or twenty years with minor repair.

Finally I would add that I have made the most careful examination possible of every member of this structure, but there, probably may be defects I have failed to discover.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant  
Stafford Gaffney  
County Surveyor

County Surveyor's Office,

Wexford, 30<sup>th</sup> December, 1910.

New Bridge, Wexford  
Detailed Report on Structure  
Numbered from the Railway Side

First Span -

1 <sup>st</sup> beam South	Poor
1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> beams North	Bad

First Pier -

2 top stringers	Bad
4 <sup>th</sup> Pile South	Bad
1 Diagonal	Bad
Saddles	Bad



## Second Span -

2nd beam North	Bad
3rd beam North	very Bad
4th beam North	very Bad
3rd beam South	Bad
2nd beam South	Poor

## Second Pier -

Top stringer	very Bad
3rd pile North	Bad
Crosshead South end	Bad
Saddles	Bad

## Third Span -

1st & 2nd beams South	Bad
3rd Beams North & South	Poor
2nd beam North	Bad in Centre

## Third Pier -

1st 2nd & 3rd Piles North	Bad
4th pile North	Poor (old portion)
2nd pile South	Bad
Crosshead, South	Bad
Top stringers (2)	Bad
Diagonal (right)	Bad
Saddles	Bad

## Fourth Span -

1st beam North	very Bad
2nd & 3rd beams North	Bad
1st beam South	Not very good
3rd beam South	Bad at end

## Fourth Pier -

3rd and 4th piles North	Not very good (scraped)
1st & 3rd piles South	Poor.
Crosshead, South end	Bad
Diagonal (1)	Bad
Saddles	Bad

## Fifth Span -

2nd beam South	Bad
1st & 2nd beams North	Bad at ends
1st beam South	Poor generally. bad at one end
3rd beam North	Poor on top.



4<sup>th</sup> beam South      not very good  
3<sup>rd</sup> beam South      very bad

## Fifth Pier -

1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Piles South      Poor  
1<sup>st</sup> pile, north      Poor  
Crosshead      Bad at both ends  
Top stringers (2)      Bad  
Diagonals (2)      Bad  
Saddles      Bad

## Sixth Span -

1<sup>st</sup> beam north      very bad  
3<sup>rd</sup> beam north      Bad  
4<sup>th</sup> beam north      Bad to top  
1<sup>st</sup> beam South      Bad on bottom  
2<sup>nd</sup> beam South      Bad

## Sixth Pier -

1<sup>st</sup> Pile South      very Bad  
2<sup>nd</sup> Pile north      Bad low down  
Crosshead      Bad at both ends  
Stringers (1) Diagonal (1)      Bad  
Saddles      Bad

## Seventh Span -

1<sup>st</sup> beam north      Bad  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> beams north      very Bad  
3<sup>rd</sup> beam north north      Rather Bad  
1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> beams South      very Bad  
3<sup>rd</sup> beam South      Rather Poor

## Seventh Pier -

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Piles north      Bad  
3<sup>rd</sup> Pile north      Poor  
4<sup>th</sup> Pile South      Poor  
Crosshead      very Bad  
Stringers (1)      Bad  
Saddles      Bad

There are three broken Castings on this Pier

## Eighth Span -

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> beams South      very Bad  
4<sup>th</sup> beam South      Bad  
1<sup>st</sup> beam north      Rather Bad



## Eighth Pier -

1st Pile North	very Bad
1st Pile South	Bad
2nd Pile South	Fair
Grosshead	Bad
Stringer (1)	Bad
Diagonal (1)	Poor
Saddles	Bad

## Ninth Span -

2nd beam North	Rather Bad
3rd beam North	Bad
1st beam North	very Bad
1st beam South	Bad

## Ninth Pier -

1st & 3rd Piles South	Bad
1st & 2nd Piles North	Poor
Grossheads & Saddles	Bad

## Tenth Span -

2nd beam South	very Bad
1st beam South	Bad
1st beam North	Bad
2nd & 3rd beam North	Poor
4th beam North & South	Fair

## Tenth Pier -

1st Pile North & South	Bad
2nd Pile South	Rather Bad
3rd & 4th & 5th pile South	not very good
Grosshead saddle pieces	Bad
Stringer	Rather Bad

## Eleventh Span -

1st beam South	Rather Bad
2nd beam North	very Bad
3rd beam North	Fair

## Eleventh Pier -

1st & 3rd Piles North	Bad
2nd & 4th piles North	Fair
1st Pile South	old portion bad
3rd & 4th piles South	going
Stringers (2) Saddles	Bad



Diagonals (1)	Poor
Twelfth Span -	
1 <sup>st</sup> beam north	Very Bad
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> beams north	Bad
4 <sup>th</sup> beam north	Weak at Bearing
Twelfth Pier -	
1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Piles north	Bad
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Piles south	Soft; Rather Bad
Crossheads and Saddles	Bad
Stringers (1) and Diagonal (1)	Bad
Thirteenth Span -	
1 <sup>st</sup> beam north	Rather Bad
2 <sup>nd</sup> beam north	Very Bad
2 <sup>nd</sup> beam south	Bad
3 <sup>rd</sup> beam south	Top Bad
4 <sup>th</sup> beam south	Fair
Thirteenth Pier -	
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> piles south	Very Bad
1 <sup>st</sup> pile south	old portion poor; new Bad
4 <sup>th</sup> pile north	Fair
Crosshead north and 4 saddles	Bad
Fourteenth Span -	
1 <sup>st</sup> beams north & south	Very Bad
2 <sup>nd</sup> beam north	Rather Bad
2 <sup>nd</sup> beams north & south	Getting soft and Bad
Fourteenth Pier -	
1 <sup>st</sup> pile south	Bad
2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> piles north	Soft
3 <sup>rd</sup> pile south	Soft
Crosshead, south end	very Bad
Stringers (1) & Diagonal (1)	Bad
Saddles	Bad
Fifteenth Span -	
1 <sup>st</sup> beam north	Bad, tie Rod wasted
2 <sup>nd</sup> beams north & south	Gone a bit on top
3 <sup>rd</sup> beam north	Going abit at Bottom
4 <sup>th</sup> beam south	Going abit at Bottom
Fifteenth Pier -	
1 <sup>st</sup> pile north	Bad above



2nd pile north	Poor
crosshead + saddles	Bad
diagonal (1)	very Bad
From Pier no 16 to Pier no. 19	The Bridges at present being repaired.
Sixteenth and Seventeenth Span -	
Beams continuous, 1st north	
and south	Being replaced
2nd south	Poor
4th north	Bad
2nd & 3rd north	very Bad
Sixteenth Pier -	
Piles 1st and 4th north	Bad
Piles 1st 2nd & 3rd south	Bad
Crosshead	Bad
Saddles	Bad
Nineteenth + Twentieth Span -	
Beams continuous, 2nd north	very Bad
Nineteenth Pier -	
Crosshead	very Bad
Saddles	Bad
Twentieth Pier -	
1st pile north	Bad
3rd pile south	soft, new portion
Crosshead + Saddles	Bad
diagonal (1)	very Bad
Twenty-First Span -	
3rd Beam south	very Bad
2nd beam south	Bad
4th beam south	not very good
Twenty-First Pier -	
2nd Pile north	a Bit soft
1st Pile south	Bad at top
Crosshead + Saddles	Bad
Stings (1)	very Bad
Twenty-Second Span -	
First second & third beams south	Rather poor
1st Beam north	Gone on top
2nd & 3 beams north	very Bad



Twenty-Second Pier -	
1 <sup>st</sup> and second Piles South	very Bad
Crossheads & saddles	Bad
2 <sup>nd</sup> pile North	Going on top
Diagonal (1) Stringer (1)	Bad
Twenty-Third Span -	
1 <sup>st</sup> beam North	Rather Poor
2 <sup>nd</sup> beam South	Fair; the rod wasted
Twenty-Third Pier -	
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> piles North	Bad
1 <sup>st</sup> pile South	Bad
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Piles North	not very good
Crosshead & Saddles	Bad
Diagonal (1) Stringer (1)	Bad
Twenty-Fourth Span -	
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Beams South	Bad
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Beams North	Poor on top
2 <sup>nd</sup> Beam South	Bad on top
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> beams North	Bad
Twenty-Fourth Pier -	
1 <sup>st</sup> pile South	Poor
Crosshead & Saddles	Bad
Diagonal (1)	Bad
Stringer (1)	Very Bad
Twenty-Fifth Span -	
1 <sup>st</sup> beam South	Bad
2 <sup>nd</sup> beam South	very Bad
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> beams North	Going
Twenty-Fifth Pier -	
1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> piles North	Bad
3 <sup>rd</sup> pile South	Bad at Bottom
1 <sup>st</sup> pile South	Bad at Bottom and going a bit at top.
Crosshead	Bad
Saddles	Bad
Stringer (1)	Poor
Stringer (1)	Bad
Twenty-Sixth Span	
1 <sup>st</sup> beam North	Top Bad



1st & 3rd Beam South	Bad
3rd beam north	casting Broken
Twenty - Sixth Pier -	
1st 2nd & 3rd Piles north	getting soft and worn
2nd & 3rd piles south	Bad
4th pile south	new portion going
crosshead & saddles	Bad
diagonal (1)	Bad
Twenty - Seventh Span	
1st Beam South	very Bad
2nd & 4th beams South	Poor; going a bit
1st beam north	Bad
Twenty - Eighth Pier -	
1st & 3rd piles South	Portion Bad & going
Crosshead & Saddles	very Bad
Stringer (1)	Bad
Twenty - Eighth Span -	
1st Beam north	Poor on Top
2nd beam north	very Bad, Rotten
3rd beam north	Fair
2nd and 4th beams South	Bad
3rd beam South	Rather Bad
Twenty - Ninth Pier	
1st & 4th Piles South	getting a bit soft
4th pile north	a bit soft
1st & 3rd piles north	Bad
Crosshead & saddles	very Bad
Diagonals (1)	Bad on top
Stringer (1)	Rotten.
Twenty - Ninth Span -	
1st & 2nd Beams South	Very Bad
3rd Beam South	going on top
1st & 2nd beams north	Poor
all beams are sagging, due to broken casting.	
Twenty - Ninth Pier -	
1st Piles north & South	very Bad
Crossheads & saddle Pieces	Very Bad
Stringers (2)	Bad.



## Thirtieth Span -

1<sup>st</sup> + 2<sup>nd</sup> Beams South

Bad

4<sup>th</sup> Beam South

Fair

1<sup>st</sup> Beam North

awful Bad

2<sup>nd</sup> Beam North

Bad on top

4<sup>th</sup> Beam North

Fair; Broken casting

## Thirtieth Pier -

3<sup>rd</sup> + 4<sup>th</sup> Piles North

Going a Bit Soft

2<sup>nd</sup> Pile South

Soft

2<sup>nd</sup> Pile North

Very Bad

1<sup>st</sup> Pile South

Bad, one side

Crosshead and saddles

very Bad

Diagonals (2) Stringers (1)

Bad

## Thirty-First Span -

1<sup>st</sup> beams North & South

very Bad

2<sup>nd</sup> beam South

Bad on top

2<sup>nd</sup> beam North

Bad at Bottom

## Thirty-First Pier -

1<sup>st</sup> pile North

Very Bad

4<sup>th</sup> pile North

new portion young

1<sup>st</sup> pile South

Bad

2<sup>nd</sup> pile South

Top Bad

Crosshead, saddles &amp; stringers (2)

very Bad

## Thirty-Second Span -

1<sup>st</sup> + 3<sup>rd</sup> beams North

Very Bad

2<sup>nd</sup> beam North

Going

1<sup>st</sup> beam South

Poor

3<sup>rd</sup> beam South

Fair; Going bad at bottom.

4<sup>th</sup> beam South

Bad

2<sup>nd</sup> beam South

Jie Rod wasted

## Thirty-Second Pier -

1<sup>st</sup> pile South

Outside Poor

2<sup>nd</sup> pile South

Old part Bad

Crosshead &amp; saddles

Bad

## Thirty-Third Span -

1<sup>st</sup> beam South

Bad

2<sup>nd</sup> beam South

Fair; going a little

1<sup>st</sup> beam North

very Bad

2<sup>nd</sup> beam North

Bad over casting; latter broken



3 <sup>rd</sup> Beam north	Rather Bad
Thirty - Third Pier -	
1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> piles south	Bad
1 <sup>st</sup> Pile north	Rather poor
Crosshead and saddles -	Bad
Thirty - Fourth Span -	
3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> beams south	Castings broken
3 <sup>rd</sup> Beam south	going at bottom
1 <sup>st</sup> Beam north	going on top
2 <sup>nd</sup> Beam north	very Bad
Thirty - Fourth Pier -	
1 <sup>st</sup> Pile north	very Bad
3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Piles north	Rather Bad
1 <sup>st</sup> Pile south	Fair
Crosshead + saddles	very Bad
Stringers (2)	Poor
Thirty - Fifth Span -	
1 <sup>st</sup> + 4 <sup>th</sup> beams south	Very Bad
2 <sup>nd</sup> Beam south	Bad
2 <sup>nd</sup> + 4 <sup>th</sup> Beams north	Poor
1 <sup>st</sup> Beam north	Bad.
	Stafford Gaffney
30 <sup>th</sup> December, 1910.	

### Wexford Bridge.

Reports from George L. Webb & Co, Submarine  
and General Contractors, West Grove, Wood Green, Essex.

15<sup>th</sup> March 1911

Sir,

I beg to make the following report  
to you of my survey of Wexford Timber Road Bridge,  
which you were good enough to trust in our hands to  
survey:

On the 20<sup>th</sup> February, 1911, I went to Wexford as  
arranged, and accompanied you to the site of this Bridge,  
over which we walked and found, after inspection, that  
it had dropped in several places.



The next morning, 21<sup>st</sup> idem, and the three following days we examined and surveyed the Bridge by Boat, commencing at West side, and underneath we examined every Bay, with the exception of the opening span and the two small Bays on each side of same, these being already under repair.

We give you on a separate sheet details of timber and iron work required for each Bay. We find very little with the timber work below ordinary tides, the bottom wailings are sound, and all the piles could be scarfed at or above these wailings.

We consider if these repairs are carried out and the Bridge tarred and painted it will then be in good and proper repair, and I consider if the same amount of repairs are necessary and are carried out in ten or twelve years time you will have a good Bridge for at least 30 years.

We have also allowed for new bolts for fixing all new timbers, and also for tarring, as low down as possible in the water, the whole of the timbers from end to end of the Bridge, also to clean and paint with two coats of oil colour the whole of the Parapet fencing, and make good the roadway and footpath with ballast and shingle wherever it has been disturbed getting in new timbers &c.

We have allowed £200 in our estimate for unforeseen things, such as the provision of a few more stringers and caps which may be found necessary when opening up the roadway, which will then open up the tops of these timbers which is impossible to get at underneath, also there may be several cast-iron flooring plates cracked and broken, and by allowing £200 as a provisional sum, it can be added or deducted from the estimate.

We estimate the whole of this work to cost £4,540-16-4.- Four Thousand Five Hundred and Forty Pounds, sixteen Shillings, and Four Pence - and the material estimated to be used is good, sound, creosoted pitch pine. Both timber and bolts to be the same size as those now in the existing old Bridge.

I have gone very carefully into this survey and estimate and to the best of my knowledge I believe it to be a true and faithful statement. I enclose you estimate to this amount; we should be only too pleased to enter into a contract to



carry out the repairs for you on the lines we have based in our estimate.

We are, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,  
W. G. Webb.

Report of Survey of "Wexford Timber Bridge"  
Starting from "west side of Bridge."

13<sup>th</sup> March 1911.

Bay	No	Struts	Caps	Corbels	Top Railings	Beams	Piles	Broken Castings
"	1	3			1		1	
"	2	4			1		1	
"	3			2	1		3	
"	4	1				1		
"	5	2	1	2	1			
"	6	2			1	1	1	
"	7	4	1	2	1		2	3
"	8	3			1		1	1
"	9	3	1	2			1	
"	10	4			1		3	
"	11	3		2			1	
"	12	1			1	1	1	
"	13	3		2			3	
"	14	2			1		2	
"	15	1	1	2		1		
"	16	1	1	2				
"	22	1	1	2	1			
"	23	2	1	2			3	
"	24	2					3	
"	25				1	1		
"	26	3	1	2	1		1	
"	27	1		2				
"	28	2	1	2				2
"	29	5	1	2			1	
"	30	4	1	2	2		2	6
"	31	2	1	2	2	1	2	1
"	32	4	1	2	2		2	
"	33	4		2			1	1
"	34	5	1	2	1		2	1
"	35	3	1	2	2		1	2
"	36	4						
Total		49	15	40	22	6	38	17



13<sup>th</sup> March, 1911

Sir,

We have much pleasure in enclosing you our estimate to carry out the repairs to Wexford Bridge. We agree to find all timber and ironwork of the best quality according to our report and survey, and the amount of work which is reported to be done in each Bay.

We propose to carry out the work as under:

To block half the roadway and footpath, and fence off same in about 150 feet lengths. Cut all caps in two in the centre, where they have to be renewed and put in the new caps in two also, scarfed in the centre, renew stringers where specified, then relay cast iron decking and kerbing and make the road good. Then carry on the same till we reach the centre, work back and finish off the other half of the bridge in the same way. We will complete the East side of the Bridge first, as this side is in a worse condition than the other side.

We shall also find all the tools, plant, cranes, temporary staging, timber, watchmen, lights &c., necessary to carry out the whole work in a proper workmanship manner. We will keep all the traffic on the roadway going, and finish the whole of the Contract to the satisfaction of your appointed engineers and Clerk of Works for a lump sum of Four Thousand Five hundred and Forty Pounds, Sixteen Shillings and Four Pence (£4,540.16.4) If necessary, we could make a start at once, and we estimate it will take about five months to complete the Contract.

All old material is to become our property.

We are, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,  
W. G. Webb & Co.

13<sup>th</sup> March 1911.

Sir,

Reference to the examination of the Piles under Water at Wexford Bridge. I beg to state that we went to Wexford on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 1911, and made arrangements to commence diving on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> March. We continued until we had



surveyed the whole 36 Bays and Piles; we completed our survey on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 1911.

I have great pleasure in saying that as far as our bows could ascertain each Pile is perfectly sound and well down into the bed of the river.

We are, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

W. & L. Webb & Co.

Dear Sir,

I find when I got back to Waterford to-day that there was more cubic measurement in the timber required to repair your Waterford Bridge than I told you. But if the 15 Caps and the whole of the Corbels were put in oak instead of pitch-pine, which is about 1,100 cubic feet at 2/- per cubic foot more, would be £110 and if the 38 Piles were Scarfed with oak instead of pitch pine, which is about 1000 cubic feet at 2/- per cubic foot extra it would be £100, making, if those Caps, Piles and Corbels were down in oak it would add to the timber about £210. We consider for the little difference it makes in the price it would be best to have oak. Of course the Walings and Braces would do in pitch pine, as being in such long lengths oak would be too expensive.

With regard to the Graded Scheme I am doing all I can to let you have it by the end of the week. Also I have sent away for the prices of Tar Macadam land.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully

For W. & L. Webb & Co

G. Webb

(Copy)

Dear Sir,

We have as promised gone to a lot of trouble to get this Scheme out for you this week to replace your temporary Bridge with steel and concrete at top as follows:

All main stringers to be of the best steel rolled joists in 40 ft lengths, with the exception of 4 small bays by opening span; there will be 16 48 ft. and 240 40 ft.



x 12 in. x 5 in. fixed in the same shoes and bolted to the Truss bar brackets with 4  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. bolts by means of a saddle plate 9 in. x 9 in. x  $\frac{3}{4}$  in., either rivetted or bolted on to the underside of the joists, the ends in each of the brackets to be filled in and packed tight with hard wood; then this takes the place of the 14 in. x 14 in. top stinger; then on the top across the 12 in. x 5 in. longitudinal joists are placed 1 ft 6 in. centre  $4\frac{3}{4}$  x  $1\frac{3}{4}$  steel rolled joists forming concrete bars and bolted down on the top;  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. bolts to every main joist reversible, 1 on one side and 1 on the other and so on right through the bridge; then underneath these are used ordinary timber sheeting and 7 in. of 5 to 1 concrete spread all over the bridge; after this is properly set the shuttering to be removed. you could then add on top 2 in. to 3 in. thick of good Tar Macadam, which would then make a splendid bridge, and take over a rolling load on four wheels, 12 tons, or you could use the ordinary round metalling that is there now on the old bridge on the top of the concrete, as you will see the Tar Macadam is very expensive.

The following is copy of a letter to hand:

From John Rheinhardt and Son, Limited, Marks Lane, Gt. Brunswick St., Dublin.

"In reply to yours of 21<sup>st</sup> inst. we could supply the Tar Macadam you require at Wexford at the rate of 15/- per ton, free on rail, Wexford Station."

Without using the Tar Macadam and only put back the ordinary road metalling and rolling same in, we could do the whole of this work for the lump sum of £4518-6-8.

All this includes as well, to scarf the number of piles; also to renew Walings and Braces we have already specified in our estimate. It also includes to put on 36 new oak 38 in. x 14 in. x 14 in. baps scarfed in the middle; also the whole of the Corbells on top, Tar the whole of the bridge as specified, paint and refix the iron parapet.

Trusting now this information will be satisfactory and enable you to get things passed at your meeting either in one way or the other but we strongly recommend the latter scheme which we think and quite believe would have a good substantial bridge for the next 50 or 60 years with very little



upkeep.

Signed G. L. Webb & Co.

Wexford Timber Bridge.

Report of James Price, Ainst. C. E.

4<sup>th</sup> April 1911.

To the County Council of Wexford.

Gentlemen,

As directed I beg to report that on March 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> I examined Wexford Timber Bridge at high and low water.

Mr. Stafford Raffney supplied me with copies of his own report and notes and Messrs Webb's Tender for repairs of the more defective parts of the bridge. From my own observations and from the information supplied I am satisfied that at least one third of the woodwork above half tide level is decayed and defective. When the work is opened up for repairs I fear that half the timber will require renewal.

Below half tide level the timber is obviously sound.

The iron tie rods are so heavily rusted at parts as to interfere materially with their strength.

The combined effect of these defects approximately reduces the strength of the structure to half of what it was originally.

The cause of this state of things is the misuse of Tar on the timber and iron work - periodically the bridge has been tarred to hide defects and no attempt seems to have been made to scale the iron and clean the old tar from the timber.

The iron work should have been scaled and painted every five years and the timber painted with hot creosote occasionally.

Obviously the bridge cannot be allowed to remain in its present state; I note repairs of the moving portion have been commenced. Messrs Webb's Tender provides for the renewal of something less than one third of the timber work for the sum of £4,540; to this should be added say, £160 for new iron tie bars; when the bridge is opened up further defects will doubtless be found which will run the cost of repairs up to nearly £6,500. In ten years time it is probable that the remainder of the timber work will require renewal at the same expense - making the



total cost of reconstructing the bridge by patchwork £ 13,000.

I cannot advise this method of treating the question; it is both expensive and inconvenient to the public using the bridge.

I have considered carefully three methods of complete reconstruction of the Bridge above water level, viz. in Treasured Pitch Pine Australian Hardwood (Karri) and Ferro Concrete. The cost of each would be as follows:-

Treasured Pitch Pine - Cost to reconstruct with new wood throughout, using part of the present iron work, estimated at £ 9,300.

	£	s.	d.
Annual Cost - Interest @ 4 per cent	372	0	0
Repairs	465	0	0
Painting	60	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Karri - Cost as above £	11,200	0	0

Annual Cost - Interest @ 4 per cent — £	448	0	0
Repairs £	162	0	0
Painting £	60	0	0
<b>Total £</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

The amounts put down for repairs would not be necessary during the first years after reconstruction, but the money should be put aside to cover heavier expenditure at a later date - they do not include repairs of the road surface which depend on the amount of traffic.

These two methods of reconstruction would bring the bridge back to its original strength and allow loads of 2 ton per axle to cross the bridge with safety.

It is expedient however to consider the future; what was strong enough for 60 years ago may be quite out of date in a few years, when the trade of the North East of Wexford may be developed by heavy commercial motors, and the navigation of the River Slaney becomes important. I therefore suggest the consideration of a Ferro Concrete Bridge to take the heavy weights that may be necessary.

For a Ferro Concrete bridge the existing timber piles might be surrounded by Sika Concrete to half tide level; above these Ferro concrete work might be constructed, with complete Ferro Concrete



deck and beams.

I estimate the cost of such a bridge as follows:

Fixed spans	£ 17,200
Movable spans - steel truss bridge, 2 spans of 50 ft. on caste piers 30 ft. with suitable fendering - hand moving gear	£ 4,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 21,700</b>

The important point about a Ferro concrete bridge is that it is practically everlasting; there is no wood to decay, and no unprotected iron to rust.

The annual cost to the County, would be as follows:

Interest 4 percent on £ 21,700	-	£ 868. 0. 0
Paint - movable part, etc.		50. 0. 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>918. 0. 0</b>

The annual expense is thus only £121. over the Geosted Pitch Pine Bridge, or £248 over the Harri bridge, and for the price stated the Ferro Concrete bridge might be made strong enough to take steam rollers up to 15 tons weight.

I have noted the site of the old bridge nearer the town as a possible site for a new Ferro Concrete bridge. The distance to be crossed is about 300 ft. less; as against this the depths of water are greater, and the whole structure below water should be Ferro Concrete; the land abutments would require widening and refacing. A new site with no existing traffic to be provided for is an advantage - certain public roads would have to be reconstructed.

Taking into all these points into consideration, I doubt if any money would be saved by changing the site.

Owing to the position of the Dublin & South Eastern Railway jetties, more frequent openings of the bridge would be required, so that it might be necessary to provide a gas engine with a regular attendant for opening, which would add to the maintenance charges about £80 a year.

Vested interests should also be considered - the Harbour authorities might object to the change of the site which would deprive the Port of the valuable sheltered anchorage.

I have considered the suggestions in the letter of Messrs.



George B. Webb & Co., of March -

These are to repair certain timber work in the piers, and construct in these piers a complete deck of concrete on rolled steel joists of a strength to take moving loads of 12 tons on four wheels, for £7,518. As no drawings are supplied I cannot test the figures.

Girders formed of the present tie rods and steel joists would be defective in design, as they would not have sufficient depth in proportion to span to give the rigidity required for a concrete deck.

The work so proposed would be incomplete unless the piers were converted into permanent concrete piers, and the opening portion converted into a steel swing bridge to take loads up to 12 tons on four wheels - with these corrections, and the cost of the bridge in this form would be about £15,000.

There would also be considerably more expense in painting exposed iron than in the Ferro Concrete bridge - so that the annual cost would be little less than for Ferro Concrete, the design being imperfect as regards rigidity. I cannot recommend a bridge of this nature.

Some suggestions are made as to using oak. This timber at the best is not more durable than Creosoted Pitch Pine, and costs twice as much per cubic foot; and if not carefully selected, may have an extremely short life.

Generally, I am strongly adverse to patching the present bridge. Even when the amount of defective timber is known, patching costs 50 per cent more than reconstruction, but in this case, until the bridge is opened up it is impossible to say exactly how far defects extend. For instance I would not be surprised to hear that every bolt in the bridge was reduced by rusting to half its original strength.

Again, if the bridge is to be reconstructed, it is important to consider the question of the requirements of the future; if the trade of the County is likely to be improved the bridge should be of a nature to take heavy traffic, and not such as to become obsolete in a few years.

Whatever form of reconstruction is decided on, some immediate strengthening of the present bridge is required.

As to the moving part, the works now in hands should



be completed, with respect to fixed spans the strengthening need not be expensive, say £400 in all. The chief danger is from the breaking under traffic of one of the main beams, as the cast iron road castings are not continuous transversely, this would allow a portion of the roadway to fall into the river.

To remedy this defect, I would suggest transverse beams of Pitch Pine, 25 ft. by 12 ins. by 12 ins., laid across the tie rods, one or two to each span, as shown on sketch (A), herewith, and each defective beam should be supported by wooden blocks and wedges from these transverse beams.

This would distribute the load from the decayed beams to those adjoining that were sound. The tie rods should also be examined, and extra rods, as shown in sketch (B), put in where the sectional area of the tie rod is found to be materially reduced. With this strengthening, I consider the bridge safe for traffic of one ton per pair of wheels.

In conclusion, I wish to thank your County Surveyor, Mr. Gaffney, for the full information he supplied to me, and for his assistance in the examination of the bridge.

I am, Gentlemen,

your obedient servant,

Jas. Price.

April 14<sup>th</sup> 1911.

### Report of County Surveyor to Wexford County Council

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

With further reference to the new bridge, and Mr. Price's report thereon, which I received on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst., I have to say that I agree generally with that report.

In my report to you last January I estimated the cost of repairs in the next 12 years at almost £10,000 and the future life at 40 years.

Messrs. Webb & Co for the same period gave the cost of repairs at a little over £9,000 with a further life of 30 years. In an additional report they suggested a scheme costing about £7,500 with a life of 50 to 60 years. This, however, if the design were satisfactory, would be unnecessarily strong.



and the future maintenance would be difficult and expensive.

Mr. Price in his report gives three estimates of the cost of reconstructing the bridge above water level, viz.:

1. - In Creosoted pitch pine, £ 9,300.

2. - In Kauri pine, £ 11,200.

3. - In Ferro Concrete, £ 21,700.

This first estimate is between Messrs. Webb's and mine for the same class of work.

This second estimate is also for the same class of work, but with better timber.

These estimates, you will note, have been arrived at in three entirely different ways, and I may say that substantially they are in agreement.

I would point out, however, that in my report I said that there would probably be defects which I had failed to discover. Similarly Messrs. Webb include a sum in their estimate for repairs which are at present not discoverable, and now Mr. Price reports that until the bridge is opened up it is impossible to say how far defects extend.

As regards Mr. Price's third estimate I am not prepared to differ with it, but it seems high. From information I have received I think a new ferro-concrete bridge could be erected on the present site for £ 18,500, and on the old site opposite the Courthouse for about £ 13,500.

These estimates of course, are contingent on the results of soundings and borings at the two sites, and I have assumed an opening span of the type of the existing one. A swing span like the one at New Ross, such as Mr. Price favours, has many advantages, but would cost between £2000 and £3000 more.

As regards the question of site for a new bridge it would be useless to provide one on the present site unless the railway were reconstructed also, or adapted to take the same load, and further it would be useless to build a new bridge without making it strong enough to take any load that possibly may come onto it.

As to the Courthouse site, the frequent opening of the bridge will, in a way, be a benefit, as it will tend to insure the machinery being kept in working order.



with regard to Messrs. Webb's second scheme I quite agree with Mr. Pries remarks, and point out in addition that the difficulty of the railway bridge still remains.

Mr. Pries suggestions and recommendations for the immediate repair of the present bridge are very good and most valuable, but I think he underestimates the cost which I expect would be about £750.

Finally I would add that the Road Board have power to contribute to the cost strengthening or reconstruction of weak bridges which seriously limit the use for commercial transport of roads of first class importance.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant

Stafford Gaffney  
County Surveyor.

County Surveyor's Office  
Wexford,

7<sup>th</sup> April, 1911.

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. O'Neill,  
and passed:—

"That the Finance Committee be appointed a Committee to consider the question of the repair or reconstruction of the bridge of Wexford, or erection of a new bridge on either of the sites referred to in the Engineers' reports, the Committee to have power to approach the Board of Trade, the Harbour Commissioners, Railway Company, and any others interested, so that the Committee may be in a position to lay a definite report before the Council as soon as possible"

"It was decided that the Committee meet at 10 A.M. on 24<sup>th</sup> April."

B. H. Peacocke.



Half-yearly meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1911.

The Half-yearly meeting of the County Council was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Court-House, Wexford, on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1911.

Present :- Mr. C. A. Peacocke, (vice chm.) presiding.  
Other members :- Messrs J. Asple, Mr. Browne, John Bolger, J. Bolger, John Cummins, Mr. Codd, James Codd, Mr. Doyle, Mr. A. Ennis, P. J. Fanning, P. Fortune, A. Kinsella, John J. Kehoe, P. Creane, G. Walsh.

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

Confirmation of minutes.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Fethard & Courtown Harbours.

Proposed by Mr. Cummins.

Seconded by Mr. Fanning and passed :-

"That this Council are willing to contribute a sum not exceeding £1,000 to the improvement or reconstruction of Fethard Pier, and a sum of £500 to Courtown Harbour according to the plans prepared by the Engineer of the Department and laid before the Development Commissioners in the event of the application for a Grant for the carrying out of the plans being acceded to."

Notices of motion.

Fishery Harbour at Blackwater.

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

"That pursuant to Mr. Birrell's letter of 12<sup>th</sup> April



to Sir Thomas Esmonde, we, the County Council of the County of Wexford, agree to contribute one thousand pounds towards the construction of a fishing harbour at Blackwater - provided that the Development Grant Commissioners contribute two thousand pounds towards the same.

That we request the Development Grant Commissioners to make a grant of two thousand pounds towards this undertaking.

That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Secretary to the Treasury.

That our County Surveyor do prepare the necessary plans and specifications for the carrying out of this work on the lines of the original project submitted to our Secretary by Sir Thomas Esmonde.

And that our Secretary be instructed to ascertain from the Board of Works, if they will assist the Council with their expert advice in having the work carried out."

A similar motion had been tabled by Sir Thomas Esmonde, Bart., M. P.

In connection with this the following letter under date 14<sup>th</sup> April, was read from Sir Thomas Esmonde:

"I enclose a letter I have received from Mr. Birrell with reference to Courtown and Blackwater, for the information of the Co. Council.

I am very glad that at long last these two matters are in a way of settlement.

When we have the Board of Works final report we can deal with Courtown; and as to Blackwater we should instruct our County Surveyor to draw up the necessary plans and specifications.

On a separate sheet I give you a rough



sketch of the proposed work, I think, which was decided upon as the most suitable method of dealing with the case, when I visited the place some years ago with our late County Surveyor, and the Engineer of the Fisheries Department."

The following is the letter under date 11<sup>th</sup> April from the Chief Secretary referred to in Sir Thomas Esmonde's communication:-

"I shall use my best efforts with the Development Commissioners with regard to your suggestion that they should contribute £2,000 or two-thirds of the proposed works at Blackwater, Co. Wexford, the Co. Council contributing the remaining third.

As regards Courtown I am asking the Board of Works for their views as to the best way of improving the Harbour, and the probable cost."

after discussion Mr. Fortune moved his motion to read as follows:-

"That pursuant to Mr. Birrell's letter of 13<sup>th</sup> April, to Sir Thomas Esmonde, we, the Co. Council of the County of Wexford agree to contribute £1,000 towards the construction of a fishing harbour at Blackwater, provided that the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction obtain from the Development Commissioners a contribution of £2,000 towards the same.

That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction. That the Department of Agriculture be asked to request their Engineer - Mr. Oliver - to prepare the necessary plans in conjunction with the County Surveyor. and that our Secretary be instructed to ascertain from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction



if they will assist the Council with their expert advice in having the work carried out."

Mr. J. Bolger seconded. "Passed."

### Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

applications for renewal of licenses under Poisons and Pharmacy act, were received from Joseph J. Haughton, Ferns.

John Culleton, Wellingtonbridge

Mrs K. Bolger, Skeltown, Ballynitty

Matthew Harpur, North Main St Wexford

On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by the Chairman, renewal of licenses were granted in above cases.

### Newtownbary National Bank.

Under date 11<sup>th</sup> April, the following letter was read from Mr. Heard, manager National Bank, Newtownbary :-

"Would you kindly get the sanction of the Co. Council for liberty for this bank to put an ornamental metal paling in front of the Bank, taking in the present foot-path that ends at the private entrance and is not otherwise a thoroughfare.

The Bank is about to lay out a large sum of money on the present premises and I trust that your Council will be kind enough to grant my request as it will be a great improvement and advantage to the locality."

Proposed by Mr. Michael Doyle, seconded by Mr. Kehoe and passed :-

"That the application of Mr. Heard, manager of the National Bank, Newtownbary, for the erection of railing be acceded to, the railing to be erected subject to the approval of the Co. Surveyor."



meat marking Bill

The following resolution adopted at a conference of co-operative societies, was laid before the meeting :-

"That this conference representing the co-operative farmers of the county Wexford desires to place on record its approval of the principle of the Bill introduced by Mr. W. Field, M.P., for the purpose of securing the marking of such, of all imported meat exposed for sale in Ireland, and calls on the Government and all Irish members of Parliament to support same and to spare no effort to secure its passage into law.

That copies of this resolution be sent to Mr. Field M.P., and our county Wexford Parliamentary Representatives, the Co. Council, and the various District Councils and Urban Councils in the county, and also to the Secretary of the I. A. O. S., with the request that it be transmitted to the leaders of the various Parliamentary Parties and laid before the various District Conferences."

"Adopted on the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Kehoe."

Change of Sureties- Road Contractors

Letters were received from Mr. Thomas Pettit, Ballyhit, Broadway; and Mr. William Busher, Ballychary, Kilmore; asking to be relieved from Security of Road contracts.

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

"That the request of Messrs Pettit, and Busher, to be relieved from their suretyship be agreed to."

Secondary Education

The following resolution of the Limerick County



Council was submitted to the meeting:-

"That inasmuch as the finance of Irish Secondary Education has broken down, we, the members of the Limerick Co. Council earnestly request the Government to place this important branch of Education on a sound financial basis, and in addition we urge the necessity of:-

- (a) Paying the teachers of the Secondary Schools salaries commensurate with the duties they discharge.
- (b) Establishing a Pension Fund for their benefit.
- (c) Giving them such reasonable security of tenure as will enable them to avail of the advantages of such a Fund.
- (d) Establishing a recognised Profession of Secondary Teachers.

That copies of this resolution be sent to the Chief Secretary, Mr. John Redmond, and the Parliamentary Representatives for the County Wexford."

"adjourned."

### Ferryarrig Bridge.

Under date 18<sup>th</sup> April, the following letter was read from Mr. R. Colhoun, Contractor, for the erection of Ferryarrig Bridge:-

"In reply to yours of the 14<sup>th</sup> April re delay on Ferryarrig Bridge. I deeply deplore the series of delays which have occurred on this job. Most of them and the most serious of them was caused through no fault of mine.

I have taken such steps as will ensure that the execution of the work will progress with greater speed, and hope in a short time to satisfy Mr. Gaffney, the Engineer, that good progress is being made."

On the motion of Mr. Asple, seconded by Mr. Sanning, the following resolution was adopted:-



"that the County Surveyor be requested to furnish the meetings of Co. Council with the weekly reports of Mr. Kimm, Resident Engineer; at Ferryarrig Bridge."

#### Shivebawn Quarry.

On the motion of Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. John Bolger, the following was adopted:-

"That tenders be invited for the working of Shivebawn Quarry, as per arrangement at present prevailing for the working of Derlogue Quarry."

#### Monart Quarry.

Mr. M. Codd proposed, & the Chairman seconded the following resolution which was passed:-

"That a committee be appointed to inspect Quarry at Monart and interview owner, etc., to ascertain the probable cost of same with a view to its acquirement by the Co. Council and report to next meeting."

The following were then appointed:- Messrs M. Codd, P. O'Neill, and J. Bolger. The County Surveyor was instructed to accompany the committee."

#### Newly Tarred Roads.

Under date 18<sup>th</sup> April the following letter No. 2304-11 F.B. was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"I have to state, for the information of the Wexford Co. Council, that the attention of the Department has been called to the alleged pollution of streams and other waters in England by washings from newly tarred roads, and consequent damage to fisheries. The Department think it well to bring this matter under notice in view of the improvement of roads in Ireland for which special grants will be available under the Develop-



ment and Road Improvement Act, 1909.

In expending advances sanctioned under this act local authorities will, no doubt, in a great many cases, decide, on the score of cheapness and convenience, to apply water gas tar or coal gas tar to the surface of the roads.

The Department are advised that these kinds of tar, and especially the former, contain constituents which, if washed into a stream in any quantity, would undoubtedly be injurious to fish, but they are further advised that, if the first application of water gas tar be made when the road is thoroughly dry, the material penetrates and sets so quickly that there is little fear of its being washed out by subsequent rain. If, however, a second application of water gas tar be made to the road before the crust formed by the first dressing has been thoroughly broken up, the material will not penetrate readily, and is liable to be washed off the road in considerable quantity if rain occur soon after its application.

Coal gas tar, while containing less noxious matter than water gas tar, takes a much longer time to penetrate and set, and there would seem to be considerable danger of its being washed off the road if rain should occur within a few days of its application.

The Department express the hope that in all cases in which the gradients of roads are such as to involve possibility of surface drainage finding its way, either directly or indirectly, into streams or other waters, the Council will cause special care to be taken to avoid excessive use of tar or similar material, and to prevent its application at times when rainfall may be expected.

marked "Read"



Road Board Grant.

under date 19<sup>th</sup> april the following letter was read from the Secretary to the Road Board:-

"I am directed by the Road Board to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> april and note that your county council have decided to incur a liability of only one fourth of the cost of works of improvement on the selected road in Co. Wexford.

The Board would be prepared to contribute up to three fourths of the net cost of the expenditure ascertained as shown on the enclosed form, but if the total expenditure is dealt with, without isolating the cost of improvement, and deducting from the total the sum which should be charged to maintenance account, and their contribution will not be more than 50 per cent of the total."

On the motion of Mr. J. Bolger, seconded by Mr. Ennis the following resolution was adopted:—"That this matter be adjourned to special meeting to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> may, and that it be specially mentioned on the agenda paper."

Dublin Development Association

Circular letter was read from Mr. W. J. Branagan Secretary to the Dublin Industrial Development Association asking the Co. Council to appoint six delegates to the all-Ireland Industrial Conference to be held in Dublin on 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> June.

Proposed by Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Doyle the following were appointed:- Messrs B. A. Peacock, John Bolger, A. Kinsella, M. A. Ennis, P. J. Fanning and J. Bolger.

Ballyhack Pier.

In connection with the proposal for the Council to take over the boat slip at Ballyhack



the following letter under date 20<sup>th</sup> April was read from Mr. Allingham, Secretary Waterford Harbour Board :-

"Replying to yours of the 14<sup>th</sup>, I am directed to say that as a matter of usual procedure, a plan showing the work proposed to be done at Ballyhack should be submitted to the commissioners for approval, and in the case of any work planned by the Engineer to the Department of Agriculture their sanction would doubtless be accorded."

On the motion of Mr. Ennis, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted :-

"That in the event of the Waterford Harbour Commissioners agreeing to the plan of piling submitted to them relative to Boat Slip at Ballyhack that they transfer this slip to the Co. Council providing that the cost of obtaining <sup>Provisional</sup> ~~Provisional~~ Order (if such be necessary) be not more than £25, that we also agree to accept the offer of the Department of Agriculture etc., to contribute one-third of the total expenditure not exceeding £300, the Department to undertake the execution of the work as stated in their letter of 17<sup>th</sup> November 1910."

#### Oyster Fishery at Courtown.

Under date 20<sup>th</sup> April the following letter No. 3417-11, F. O., was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction :-

I have to state, for the information of the Waterford County Council, that the Department are endeavouring to develop the oyster fishery from Courtown. There appears to be a good prospect of a profitable fishery if means can be found to store, pending sale, the Oysters in unpolluted water. The Department would therefore



feel much obliged if your council could see their way to permit them to construct a sea pond among the rocks a little to the south of the harbour. It is understood that the council are owners of this part of the shore. The work contemplated consists of the building of a concrete wall, with sluices, across the mouth of one or more of the small creeks in the rocks, of providing a concrete floor for the enclosure so formed and of such cutting away of rock as may be necessary. The Department would be prepared to hand over the work, when completed, to the council, or alternatively to retain possession of it for such period as the council may think fit.

The matter is urgent, and it is desirable that the pond should be completed before September, next."

The following was received from the Bourtown Harbour Committee:-

A special meeting of the Bourtown Harbour Committee, was held on the 27<sup>th</sup> April.

Members present:- Mr. Kavanagh (in the chair) also Messrs Kelly; Goland; and Shuldham.

The Committee considered letter from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction re Oyster tank, and can see no objection to their utilising one on both creeks north of the men's bathing place.

As to the taking over of tank by the Co Council we are not in a position to form an opinion on the matter."

In connection with the improvement of Bourtown Harbour, the following letter was read from Mr R. Brighton, Clerk of Gorey Rural District Council

"At last meeting of my District Council a resolution in reference to the improvement of



Courtown Pier was received from the Gorey Town Commissioners and was unanimously adopted: It is as follows: - "That we press the claims of Courtown Harbour on the Development Grant Commissioners as being worthy of immediate consideration. Courtown is an important fishing centre, but the condition of the bar there, is destroying the industry. An extension of the pier is absolutely necessary in the interests of the general trade of the District and the town of Gorey in particular.

Proposed by Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. Kinsella and passed: - "That the Co. Council agree to the Department of Agriculture constructing a seapond at Courtown Harbour for Development of Oyster Fishing; the Department to retain possession of the pond as long as they consider necessary in the interests of the Fishing Industry."

The Proposed appointment of Rate collector, vice Mr. John Walsh, resigned.

Under date 15<sup>th</sup> April 1911, the following letter was read from Mr. J. Walsh, Rate collector: -

"I will resign my position as Rate collector from this day so as it is made certain to me to get superannuation of £25. per year; it is small after thirtytwo years of honest work."

On the motion of Mr. J. Dolger, seconded by Mr. M. Doyle, the following resolution was adopted: - "That we accept the resignation of Mr. John Walsh, Rate collector, as we are aware that from the state of his health he is not able to satisfactorily discharge his duties.

That we recommend to next meeting of the Co. Council to agree to grant Mr. Walsh, a superannuation allowance of £25."



under date 20<sup>th</sup> April 1911, letter No. 19663-11 Wexford County, was read from the Local Government Board extending the time for the closing of Mr. John Walsh's collection to the 13<sup>th</sup> April."

The following notice of motion in the name of Mr. Cummins, was withdrawn by him with the approval of the Council:-

"That the Rate Collection District rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. John Walsh be divided into two districts and that two Rate Collectors be appointed at the same rate of poundage."

#### Irrecoverable Rates

The lists of Irrecoverable Rates from collector Walsh, in respect of half-year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1911, were agreed to on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Sheehy.

#### Gravel Pit - Ballyearney.

Mr. John Bolger proposed, Mr. M. Doyle, seconded and it was passed:-

"That Mr. Elger be instructed to have the agreement in reference to the purchase of Ballyearney Gravel Pit, completed as soon as possible."

#### Dates of meetings.

The following are the dates of meetings for Rural District Councils, Proposal Committee, and Co. Council, for the half-year ending the 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1911.

Enniscorthy	Monday	6 <sup>th</sup>	November	at 11 o'c. a.m.
Gorey	Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	"	" 11.30 o'c. a.m.
Wexford	Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup>	"	" 10.30 " "
New Ross	Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	"	" 11 " "
Proposal Committee	Friday	10 <sup>th</sup>	"	" 10.30 " "
Co. Council	Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	December	" 10.30 " "
Quarterly meeting Co. Council	Wednesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	August	10.30 " "



Irish Peace Society.

Memorial for signatures in favour of the peace of the world, was read from the Irish Peace Society.  
"adjourned."

Heating of National Schools.

The following resolution was submitted from the New Ross School Attendance Committee:-

"That this Committee urge upon the State authorities the absolute necessity of having the National Schools properly heated, and disinfected daily; and that this Committee consider that to compel children to attend schools badly heated and otherwise unhealthy amounts to a great hardship on children in the country; and that copies of this resolution be sent to Mr. French M.P., the County Council and other Educational Bodies in the County."

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Fanning the above resolution was adopted."

Change of Suretyship.

Mr. P. Redmond, Rate Collector, wrote offering the name of Mrs. Kehoe, widow of Andrew Kehoe, Ballinamona, as one of his sureties, viz her husband, deceased.

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Kehoe:  
"That Mr. Redmond be requested to submit the name of a male surety instead of that of Mrs. Kehoe already submitted."

Sheep Dipping Orders.

Under date 10<sup>th</sup> April the following letter (No 1567-11 Z.B.) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"The Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for Ireland desire to transmit herewith, for the information of your local authority



copies of an Order made by the Department, on 31<sup>st</sup> ultimo, under the Diseases of Animals Act, entitled the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order of 1911.

This Order revokes and re-enacts the provisions previously contained in the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order of 1910, with the following principal amendments, viz:-

(1) Article 6 (2). A Declaration as to Dipping in the autumn Dipping period will now be required to accompany sheep exposed for sale at any Fair, market, or Saleyard in Ireland from 1<sup>st</sup> September, inclusive, instead of, as previously, from 1<sup>st</sup> October.

This change has been found necessary to meet conditions arising in connection with the sheep export trade.

(2) Article 9. The time allowed sheep-owners for sending into the Police the required Declaration at the close of each Dipping period has been extended to twenty-eight days, instead of, as formerly, a fortnight. It is hoped that this change will diminish the probability of offences against the Declaration requirements.

In other respects the new Order is practically identical with the Order of 1910.

A Notice drawing attention to the provisions of the Order is also enclosed, and the Department will, as before, forward, in due course, a supply of such Notices, for posting throughout the District of your local authority. Copies will at the same time be sent to the Police, to be displayed at the various Barracks.

A revised list of approved dips suitable for use under the Order is now in preparation, and copies thereof, when available, will be sent to your local authority.

The Department will further arrange, as in recent years, for the distribution to sheep-owners of envelopes (specimens enclosed) containing Forms



required for use under the Order; but, with a view of meeting the possibility of this supply proving insufficient, the local authority should provide, on their part, for the printing and distribution to the Police Stations in their District of a moderate additional stock of the B (I), B (II), C (I) and C (II) Forms.

The Police will continue to give the same assistance as before in relation to the carrying out of the Order.

In conclusion it is suggested that one of the accompanying further copies of the circular, No 4507/07, of 12<sup>th</sup> September 1907, on the subject of precautions against the pollution by dip of streams, etc., containing fish, should be sent to each Inspector of the local authority who may have had to do with the working of the Order."

The following resolutions were submitted from the Co. Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction:-

"That we request the Co. Council to adhere to their resolution not to put in force the autumn Dipping Order."

"That the Co. Council consider the advisability of purchasing three small swim baths for portion of Gorey District in which sheep scab has been prevalent."

With reference to autumn Sheep Dipping Order the following letter under date 24<sup>th</sup> April was read from Mr. Joseph R. Morris, Rahenduff, Foulkesmills:-

"Please let me know if we will have to dip brood ewes a second time this year. I, for one, object to it. Several of my ewes are barren, which is a serious loss, and I cannot think of any other reason only the second dipping,



besides it seems most unnecessary when ewes are bred on the one farm and none bought in."

On the motion of Mr. John Bolger, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That as recommended by the Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, the Department of Agriculture be requested to consent to the Co. Council renting three small swim baths at 10/- per annum from Messrs Cooper & Nephews for the portion of Gorey District in which sheep scab has been most prevalent."

— Polling Districts & Registration of Voters (I) Act 1898.—

On the motion of Mr. James Codd.

Seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"We the Council of the Administrative County of Wexford, acting in pursuance of the powers vested in us by the Polling Districts and Registration of Voters (Ireland) Act, 1898, having duly considered the Report presented by the Committee appointed under Article 3 of the Polling Districts and Polling Places Order, 1909, do hereby make and adopt the scheme as set out in Schedule to the report for the alteration and constitution of Polling Districts in the North Parliamentary Division of the County of Wexford."

On the motion of Mr. James Codd.

Seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following resolution was adopted:-

"We the Council of the Administrative County of Wexford acting in pursuance of the powers vested in us by the Polling Districts and Registration of Voters (Ireland) Act, 1898, having duly considered the Report presented by the Committee appointed



under article 3 of the Polling Districts and Polling Places Order, 1909, do hereby make and adopt the scheme as set out in Schedule to the Report for the alteration and constitution of Polling Districts in the South Parliamentary Division of the County of Wexford."

— Proposals for Payment. —

Proposed by Mr Kehoe.

Seconded by Mr Asple, and passed :-

"That we approve of payments as recommended by the Co. Surveyor to the Rural District Councils of the County and to the Proposal Committee for the half-year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1911, and as appearing on Form 22, also the transfers to Public Bodies and payment for matters other than Public Works and recommended by the Proposal Committee and Finance Committee subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

— Proposals for Works. —

Proposed by Mr Kehoe, seconded by Mr Asple and passed :-

"That we hereby approve of the several contracts as appearing on Form 20 for the Rural Districts of the County and Proposal Committee of the County-at-large subject to the modification and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

The following report from the County Surveyor was read :-

"In my last report I called your attention to the matter of putting lanes into repair and maintaining them thereafter. At the recent Road Congress a paper was read by Mr. Shannon, Solicitor to the Dublin Co. Council, on the same subject which



is of exceptional value as that Council was in litigation last year with reference to this matter.

Although it is the Rural District Councils which initiate such matters, yet it is the Co. Council which pays for the work done, and the auditors claim the right to surcharge the latter in respect of these works and their claims has been upheld by a recent decision of the Law Courts.

It is necessary, therefore, to be very cautious in approving such proposals of the District Councils, and you should not approve any of them unless the Road or Lane had not been previously maintained by the County.

When the road has not previously been maintained by the County the procedure is different and it must be treated as a new road.

The Rural District Council must pass a resolution requesting you to acquire the land under Section 10 of the Local Government Act, 1898, and if there be any hitch you must obtain compulsory powers.

A new Road cannot be less than 16' 0" wide in the clear, and hence in treating lanes as new roads they must be, at least, that width throughout their entire length.

Three such proposals come before you from the Wexford District Council; two of which, viz: Lambstown Lane, and the track across the Forth Mountain, I reported as being in my opinion of no public utility. The third, Ballindinias Lane near Barnstown, is, in one place, not the requisite width. I think you should reject all three.

Two other cases from the Enniscorthy District they are near Newtownbarry, Borah, and Blonegal, I have not reported against them on the ground of public utility, but they are not the necessary breadth throughout, so I think you would be wise in rejecting them also.



I do not think that any such proposal passed before the decision of the courts, will be effected by that decision, but proposals after that date will be considered in an entirely different light."

No. 98. in Wexford was one of the proposals in the Co. Surveyor's Report referred to.

Mr. Walsh proposed and Mr. Kehoe seconded that tenders for this work be considered. Passed.

A tender as appearing on List of Proposals for Works (Form 20) was accordingly accepted.

With regard to nos 502 and 503 in Enniscorthy District referred to in Co. Surveyor's Report. On the motion of Mr. J. Bolger, seconded by Mr. M. Doyle the proposals were accepted.

#### Question of Lanes & New Roads

On the motion of Mr. Aspley, seconded by Mr. J. Bolger, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. Elger, Solicitor to the Council, be directed to point out to the several District Councils of the County, their present position with regard to the repairs of lanes in view of the recent decision of the Lord Chief Baron."

The following letter signed by 9 residents of the Electoral Division of the Harrow, was read:-

"We, the undersigned, ratepayers in the above Division, protest against the proposed new bridge being built at Kilcoishy, as we consider the old one good enough, and with a little outlay capable of standing for years."

Under date 19<sup>th</sup> April the following letter was read from Mr. James Loughlin, Groustown, Loughmon relative to erection of Gullet at Groustown (Wexford District):-

"I saw by last week's papers a proposal was



made by Mr. Browley to put a gullet across the road at Groustown. I do not think this work is necessary. The water does not harm the road in any way and should the work be carried out in the way suggested it will deprive my two fields of water where there has been water for ages. I am in the place twenty years, and my fields were always watered from this stream during that time. If the gullet were put there now it would take the water away from those two fields, and the water would enter my lands again in a place where I do not want it and where it would only do me harm and cause me a great deal of inconvenience and expense. I attach a sketch showing the position of the stream."

Messrs Huggard & Brennan, Solicitors, Wexford, wrote under date 12<sup>th</sup> April :-

"Mr. John Kenny, of Ballymore, Camolin, Road Contractor, has called on us and asked us to bring his case before you.

Several sums of money have been struck off this contractor, amounting in all to £ 18 : 19/-. The reason of this is that owing to the excessive traffic on this road the amount of stones specified to be put out by the contractor is not sufficient to keep the road in repair.

The contractor claims that he has put out the full amount required by his contract and in every way fulfilled the terms of his contract and it is only by reason of the excessive use of the road by traction engines that the road is not in a good state of repair. He claims, therefore, that he should be paid the full amount of the contract, and we would be glad if you would bring this matter before your Council at their next meeting.

We understand that one objection against



him is that the water-tables are not in good condition. This is entirely due to the fact that the road has sunk and it is impossible now to make any use of the watertables without sinking them correspondingly."

The following letter signed by Denis Murphy, Riverchapel, Gorey; and John O'Connor, Kildermot, Gorey; Road Contractors:-

"We desire to bring under your notice the fact that we had an excess in quantity of Road metalling on our contracts No 49. Quantity specified 86 cubic yards; Quantity measured 94 cubic yards - Excess 8 yards. No. 167 Quantity specified 110 cubic yards; Quantity measured 128 yards. - Excess 18 yards.

As we were unaware of the excess in quantity, and spread all metalling on the roads, we hope your Council will give us some consideration as is being given to contractors who having an excess becoming aware of same did not spread the extra amount on the roads.

We ask to be given credit for excess in next year's measurement."

"On the motion of the Chairman the letter from Messrs Murphy and O'Connor was referred to the Co. Surveyor."

— Capitation Grant for District Asylum —

Under date 22<sup>nd</sup> April, the following letter was read from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle:-

"I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to transmit to you herewith a draft for £2101 being a payment on account of the cost of maintenance of pauper lunatics for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1911, in the Wexford District Lunatics Asylum.

In previous years it was found practicable



when making this payment on account in April to supplement the amount of the advance, which has been annually made by the Treasury for the purpose in that month, from a balance of funds in the Local Taxation account under Section 58 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, thus enabling the payment made in April to be equal, approximately, to 50 per cent of the preceding year's asylum claims against the account. There is no balance, however, at present available in the account and it becomes necessary, therefore, to make a rateable distribution of the amount of the advance, the sum included in the enclosed Order being calculated on this basis."

marked "Read."

#### Erection of Danger Signs.

The following letter from the Irish manager of the automobile association & motor union, 12 College Green, Dublin; to the Co. Surveyor, was read :-

"many thanks for your letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> inst. re Danger Signs. I believe the matter of the supply of Danger Signs for your County by the automobile association and motor union has been brought before you on a former occasion.

I do not know, however, whether anything definite has been settled and in view of the approach of the touring season, I think some move should be made in the matter. At the moment I have received a requisition for the supplying of a large number of Danger Signs for erection throughout Ireland. In view of the magnitude of the work entailed in getting the dangerous places properly marked it is the custom of the association to make arrangements with the local authorities on the lines that the association will supply the



signs provided they (the local authorities will bear the cost of erection. I would draw your attention to section 10 of the motor car act under which local authorities are empowered to erect danger signs when deemed necessary.

You will therefore see that our offer to assist in this case by supplying the signs provides a very desirable opportunity for your Council to carry out this work at a minimum cost.

With regard to the Direction Signs, I believe the Co. Council were willing to erect such provided we supply them, but they also make the stipulation that the wording should be done in Irish as well as English.

To be perfectly frank, this constitutes an insuperable barrier, since it would put us to a very considerable expense.

I think it most desirable that your Council should give their decision and I would be obliged if you would put this matter before them as well as the question of Danger Signs, at their next meeting.

"Adjourned."

#### Tara Hill Quarry.

A number of tenders were received for supplies for Tara Hill Quarry: viz: - Oils, coals; Sledge Handles, etc.,

On the motion of Mr John Bolger, seconded, by Mr Fanning:-

For supply of oil, Messrs Tuck & Co., were accepted at 1/6 per gallon of machine oil; and 1/6 per gallon for cylinder oil, to be supplied in 10 gallon drums.

For coal - Messrs Wallace Bros. Ltd. were accepted at 23/6 per ton.

For Sledge-handles - Martin Kinsella, of Gorey was accepted at 6/- per dozen.



Under date 22<sup>nd</sup> April the following letter was read from John Davis, Mongarrow-bottage; Inch, Castle town :-

"I the undersigned, being an employe at the Carastill Quarries since it first started find it necessary for me to have to apply to the kindness of your Council for some relief, as I have been sick of the last eight weeks with influenza and I will be unable to resume work for the next three weeks. The Doctor and the S. B., for the division have made two applications to the Gorey Board for some provisional relief which they were unable to get for me.

Wishing Gentlemen you will kindly consider my case at your next meeting as I have three in family depending on me."

"No Order."

The following Report was read from the Co. Surveyor:-

"I beg to report as follows on the progress of the works at Carastill Quarry:-

The earth works and retaining wall to the feeding bank have been completed as at first intended. Certain alterations were, however, suggested by the Committee which visited the site on Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. These are being actively carried out.

The weigh-bridge and brake gear machinery are on the ground and the work of erecting them is proceeding. As soon as these are fixed the rails will be laid and the work finished off."

— Confirmation of minutes. —

On the motion of Mr. Kehoe, seconded by Mr. Ennis, the minutes of the Finance Committee meetings since last Co. Council meeting were confirmed. These included the following in



reference to repair, etc., of Wexford Bridge:-

"That our County Surveyor be instructed to communicate with Mr. G. B. Webb, and ask him to furnish an estimate as to the replacing in creosoted pitch-pine the timber work of the present bridge above water, and any iron work where necessary, and that Mr. Gaffney report on the matter to the Co. Council."

"That the scheme submitted by the Secretary under the Polling Districts and Registration Order of 1908 be approved of."

"That the date of election for the vacancy of Rate collector in No. 8 collection District be fixed for Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> May."

"That as recommended by the Courtown Harbour Committee, 12 oar poles required for Courtown Harbour be procured at a cost not exceeding £2."

#### New Quarries.

On the motion of Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the following resolution of the Finance Committee was adopted:-

"That in cases of Road contracts for which new Quarries are specified by the County Surveyor, and to which contractors find difficulty in securing entrance, the Council's Solicitor be instructed to appear on behalf of the contractors and assist them in obtaining an Order from the magistrates."

G. H. Peacocke



meeting - 16<sup>th</sup> May 1911.

A meeting of the county council, was held in the council chamber, Courthouse, Wexford on 16<sup>th</sup> May 1911.

Present :- Mr. E. Hore, Chairman, Presiding.  
Other members :- Messrs J. Asple, Mr. Browne, John Bolger, J. Bolger, John Cummins, Mark Codd, James Codd, Michael Doyle, J. A. Doyle, Patrick Fortune, P. J. Fanning, J. S. Hearn, Mr. Hickey, A. Kinseella, John J. Kehoe, P. Creane, Patrick O'Hill, G. H. Peacocke, Jas. J. Stafford, G. Walsh.

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

#### Wexford Bridge

A communication from Mr. Webb, was referred to a special meeting of the Finance Committee.

#### Supplies Tara Hill Quarry.

Messrs Wallace, Bros., Gorey, who had been accepted contractors for supply of coal for Tara Hill Quarry, wrote that they could not supply the coals as per advertisement, viz :- 40 tons of Orrell coal and 40 tons of Newport, mixed; as they did not import Newport coal. They however offered to supply 80 tons of Orrell coal.

The County Surveyor stated it was necessary that the coal should be supplied as per advertisement, and it was decided on the motion of the Chairman that Robert Connors of Courtown, who had tendered in accordance with the advertisement at 25/- per ton be accepted.

#### Election of Rate Collector.

applications for the position of Rate Collector



were received from the following :-

James J. Bolger, Boolnahorna, Ferns.

James Byrne, Kilbora, Ferns

Joseph Cummins, Oylegate, Enniscorthy

Owen Cloney, Forristalstown

Denis Kavanagh, Knockekimolun

Randal McDonald, Tinnahack, Oylegate.

James Murphy, Boolbawn, Ferns

Thomas Murphy, Ballypaleon.

Peter O'Brien, Kiltomas, Ferns.

Messrs O'Brien, and McDonald withdrew their applications.

Mr J. Bolger proposed, Mr M. Doyle seconded the appointment of Mr J. J. Bolger.

Mr John Bolger proposed, Mr A. Kinsella seconded the appointment of Mr James Byrne.

Mr Stafford proposed, Mr Peacocke seconded the appointment of Mr Joseph Cummins.

Mr Creane proposed, Mr P. Fortune seconded the appointment of Mr Kavanagh.

Mr Fanning proposed, Mr M. Codd seconded the appointment of Mr James Murphy.

Messrs Cloney and Thomas Murphy were not proposed.

A Poll was taken with the following result:-

For Mr Bolger :- Messrs J. Bolger, and M. Doyle. - 2.

For Mr Byrne :- Messrs Kinsella, and J. Bolger. - 2.

For Mr Cummins :- Messrs Browne, Stafford, Hore, Peacocke, Kehoe, Walsh, J. Codd, Asple, Cummins - 9

For Mr Kavanagh :- Mr Fortune. - 1.

For Mr James Murphy :- Messrs O'Neill, Fanning.



breane, m. bodd, james Doyle and Hickey. - 6.

Mr. Kavanagh dropped out, and a poll was taken as follows:-

For Mr. Bolger:- Mr. J. Bolger. - 1.

For Mr. Byrne:- Messrs Kinsella, and J. Bolger. 2.

For Mr. Cummins:- Messrs Browne, Stafford, Hore, Peacocke, Kehoe, Walsh, J. bodd, Asple, Fortune Cummins. - 10.

For Mr. James Murphy:- Messrs O'Neill, Fanning, breane, m. bodd, james A Doyle, Hickey, m. Doyle. 7.

Mr. Bolger having dropped out, the following poll was taken:-

For Mr. Byrne:- Messrs Kinsella, J. Bolger, J. Bolger. 3.

For Mr. Cummins:- Messrs Browne, Stafford, Hore, Peacocke, Kehoe, Walsh, J. bodd, Asple, Cummins, Fortune. - 10.

For Mr. Murphy:- Messrs O'Neill, Fanning, breane, m. bodd, james A. Doyle, Hickey, m. Doyle:- 7.

Mr. Byrne dropped out, and a poll was taken between Messrs Cummins and Murphy:-

For Mr. Cummins:- Messrs Browne, Stafford, Hore, Peacocke, Kehoe, Walsh, James bodd, Asple, Fortune Cummins:- 10.

For Mr. James Murphy:- Messrs O'Neill, Kinsella, John Bolger, Fanning, breane, m. bodd, james A. Doyle, m. Doyle, J. Bolger, m. Hickey. 10.

The Chairman then gave his casting vote for Mr. Cummins and declared him elected.

The following is the application of the successful candidate:-

"I beg to offer myself as candidate for the position of Rate Collectorship of Division no. 8 in accordance with the terms of your advertisement. If elected I promise faithfully to discharge the duties entrusted to my care in accordance with the



wishes of your Council, and to the satisfaction of the Ratepayers."

As security I am prepared to enter with an approved Guarantee Society."

M<sup>r</sup>. Cummins submitted recommendations from Rev W. Codd, President St Peter's College, Wexford; Rev J. Murphy P.P., Oylegate; and Rev. Thomas Hore, adm., Wexford.

### The Road Board Grant.

Under date 19<sup>th</sup> April, the following letter (which was adjourned from last meeting) was read:-

"I am directed by the Road Board to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> April and note that your Co. Council have decided to incur a liability of only one-fourth of the cost of work of improvement on the selected road in County Wexford.

The Board would be prepared to contribute up to three-fourths of the net cost of the expenditure ascertained as shown on the enclosed form, but if the total expenditure is dealt with, without isolating the cost of improvement, and deducting from the total the sum which should be charged to maintenance account, then their contribution will not be more than 50 per cent of the total."

"Referred to Finance Committee, who are to report to the County Council at the next meeting."

### Proposed Pier at Blackwater.

Under date 8<sup>th</sup> May the following letter was read from Sir Thomas H. G. Esmonde:-

"I telegraphed to the County Council last Wednesday, as soon as I learned the result



of their deliberations on Blackwater but I fear my message arrived too late for the meeting.

I will therefore ask you to convey to the members of the council my sincere thanks for their prompt action in the matter, from which I hope for a good result."

marked "Read."

### Ballyhack Harbour.

Under date 6<sup>th</sup> May the following letter (No 3,855-F. B) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> instant, on the subject of the improvement of the landing accommodation at Ballyhack; and to state, for the information of the Wexford County Council that the Department are prepared to carry out their undertaking as promised to the Harbour Commissioners when they shall have learned that the property is vested in your Council."

marked "Read"

### Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

The following applied for renewals of Licences under Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Edmund Doyle, Broadway.

James Sinnott, The Ballagh

J. J. Turcell, Broadway

Alexander Kinisella, Gorey

John Lambert & Son, Enniscorthy

Margaret Roche, Ballyanne

Edward Brennan, Loughmon

Mr. Pierce Barron, Co-operative Society Ltd. Enniscorthy and Messrs J. Donohoe, Ltd. Enniscorthy; applied for new licences under this Act."

"On the motion of the Chairman the applications were granted."



— Mr. M. Howlin, Assistant Surveyor. —

The following letter under date 29<sup>th</sup> April, was read from Mr. Michael Howlin, Assistant Surveyor:-

"I have now twelve months service as Assistant Surveyor to your Council, which term entitles me to an increase in my salary (£5). During this period I have laboured incessantly with a view of performing my duties satisfactorily, and I hope your Council will consider that in the performance of my several duties, I have earned their esteem. I shall always be glad to please the Council in everyway and hope they shall favourably consider this application.

The following recommendation was made by the Finance Committee, and adopted on the motion of Mr. Leacocke, seconded by Mr. Kehoe:-

"That in view of the favourable report of the County Surveyor we recommend that an increment of £5 be added to the salary of Mr. Howlin in accordance with the terms of his appointment."

— Collector Redmond —

Rate Collector Pierce Redmond, submitted the name of John Colleton, of Ballytarena, Oulart; as one of his sureties, vice Andrew Kehoe, Ballinamona; deceased.

On the motion of Mr. Creane, seconded by Mr. Kehoe, the surety submitted by Mr. Redmond was approved."

— Danger Posts Etc. —

A letter (which appears on last minutes) under date 28<sup>th</sup> April, from the Irish manager of the Automobile Association & Motor Union; was read.

"Referred to Co. Surveyor."



By-Laws.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Peacocke, the following resolution was adopted:— "That By-Laws of new Ross Bridge and Bridges over the River Slaney be sealed and signed."

Sheep Dipping Order.

In connection with the autumn Sheep Dipping Order the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. Peacocke:—

"That as this County Council have decided not to enforce the autumn Sheep Dipping Order our Secretary be instructed not to have the posters forwarded by the Department of Agriculture published in accordance with the resolutions of the Co. Council, and Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction."

Road Contracts

Letters were read from messrs Walter Dooley, Ennraun, Blackwater; and Richard Howlett, of Grange, Campile; in connection with Road Contracts; and it was ordered that they be referred to the County Surveyor.

Irrecoverable Rates.

The lists of Irrecoverable Rates of collector J. L. Doyle, as submitted by the Secretary, were approved.

Road metalling.

Proposed by Mr. John Bolger, seconded by Mr. Scafford, and adopted:—

"That the agreement submitted by messrs Sinnott & Co., Solicitors, Enniscorthy; as regards Ballycarney Gravel pit be accepted."

"That the Co. Council take the management of



of this pit into their charge, and have it properly opened.

That it be placed in the hands of the Co. Surveyor and his deputies, and that the material be supplied to Road Contractors at such a price as will cover working expenses."

That a sum of £10 be set aside for the proper opening of this gravel pit, said amount to be a County-at-Large charge."

That the County Surveyor or his Deputy employ the necessary men to open the gravel pit.

That the Committee which reported in connection with this matter meet the Deputy appointed to take charge, by the Co. Surveyor."

Mr. M. A. Ennis.

The following letter, under date 14<sup>th</sup> May 1911, was read from Mr. M. A. Ennis:-

"I very sincerely regret my inability to attend next Tuesday's meeting of the Council, by section 2 (6) of the L. G. Act is so clear that there can be no doubt that I ceased to be a member of the Council the moment I ceased to hold the necessary qualification, viz: that of being a local government elector for the County, and having satisfied myself that I have at least temporarily forfeited this qualification I should not, in my view, treat the Council fairly by attending a meeting after this fact had come to my knowledge.

I was particularly anxious to have had an opportunity to personally express to my late colleagues my very grateful appreciation of the many acts of kindness and courtesy for which I am indebted to the members of the Wexford County Council collectively and individually to convey to them how highly I value the fact that through their confidence in me I have been honoured



with a seat at their Board as a co-opted member during the past nine years, and to record the regret which I feel at severing my connection with a body which has won for itself a position second to that of no other county council in Ireland in regard to wise and prudent administration.

To you personally, for the great help you have always given me particularly during my term of office as vice chairman, I wish to offer my sincere thanks and to say that at all times you may command my poor services in any small way in which I may be helpful to my native county just as fully as I were still a member of the Wexford Co. Council."

Mr. Peacocke proposed, Mr. John Bolger seconded the following resolution which was adopted:

"That we desire to place on the records of this Council our appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Mr. M. A. Ennis, while our colleague, and sincerely regret that he is no longer able to continue as one of our members."

B. H. Peacocke



Annual meeting - 12<sup>th</sup> June 1911.

The annual meeting of the Co. Council was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford; on 12<sup>th</sup> June 1911.

Present :- Mr. C. H. Peacocke, (vice chairman) presiding.

Other members :- Messrs Browne, M. Bloney, Michael Doyle Sr., James A. Doyle, J. L. Comond, Richard A. Rice, John S. Hearn; Michael Doyle Jr.; A. Kinsella, John O'Connor, David Sinnott, John J. Mayler, Patrick O'Neill; J. J. Stafford; J. Lynch, Patrick Rossiter; M. Hickey, P. J. Fanning, Mark Codd.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor; and Mr. R. W. Elger, Solicitor to the Council; were also in attendance.

— The late Mr. J. Bolger. —

On the motion of Mr. J. J. Stafford.

Seconded by Mr. O'Neill; the following resolution was adopted :-

"That we offer to the family of our late colleague, Mr. Shaddus Bolger, our deepest sympathy in his demise. By the death of Mr. Bolger, the members of this County Council, have lost a dear personal friend, the public life of our County has been deprived of the services of an unselfish active and capable administrator, and Ireland mourns one of her most loyal and patriotic sons."

That our Secretary forward a copy of this resolution to Mr. Bolger and to Mr. John Bolger."

— Chairmen of Rural District Councils. —

Letters were read from the clerks of the Rural District Councils concerned, that the following



had been appointed chairmen :-  
 James Lynch, Templestowly, - Ennisecorthy District.  
 Patrick Rossiter, Brookfield, Murrinstown - Wexford "  
 Michael Hickey, Garryrichard, Foulkhamills - New Ross "  
 and Mr. P. J. Fanning, Ahullen, Kilanerin, had  
 been appointed as representative for Gorey Rural  
 District Council under section 3 (1) of the Local  
 Government (Ireland) Act.

Co-option.

On the motion of Mr. Fanning, seconded by  
 Mr. Michael Doyle, Sr., the following resolution  
 was adopted :-

"That two members be co-opted on the Co. Council."

"On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by  
 Mr. Michael Doyle Sr., Mr. James Codd was unanim-  
 mously co-opted a member."

Mr. Fanning proposed, and Mr. <sup>O'Neill</sup> ~~Peacocke~~  
 seconded - "That Lord Stopford be co-opted."

Mr. Kinisella proposed, Mr. James Doyle  
 seconded :- "That Mr. Cornelius Furlong be co-opted."

Mr. Rossiter proposed, Mr. Michael Doyle Jr.  
 seconded :- "That Mr. Gregory Walsh be co-opted."

Mr. Michael Doyle Sr. proposed, Mr. James Lynch  
 seconded :- "That Mr. John Murphy be co-opted."

On a poll being taken the following was the  
 result :-

For Lord Stopford :- Messrs Browne, O'Neill, Hearn,  
 Stafford, Fanning, Sinnott, Camonde. 7.

For Mr. Furlong :- Messrs Kinisella, Hickey, Cloney,  
 and J. A. Doyle. 4.

For Mr. Murphy :- Messrs Lynch, M. Doyle Sr., and



J. J. Mayler. 3.

For Mr. Walsh:- Messrs O'Connor, M. Doyle J.; Rice,  
P. Rositer, Peacocke. - 5.

Mr. Murphy having dropped out a further  
poll was taken as follows:-

For Lord Stopford:- Messrs Browne, O'Neill, Hearn,  
Stafford, Fanning, Sinnott, Emonde. 7.

For Mr. Furlong:- Messrs Kinsella, Hickey, Cloney,  
Mayler, J. A. Doyle. - 5.

For Mr. Walsh:- Messrs O'Connor, M. Doyle J.; Rice,  
Rositer, Peacocke, Lynch, M. Doyle Sr. - 7.

Mr. Furlong having dropped out a final  
poll was taken as follows:-

For Lord Stopford:- Messrs Browne, O'Neill, Hearn,  
Stafford, Hickey, Fanning, Sinnott, Mayler, Emonde,  
J. A. Doyle. - 10.

For Mr. Walsh:- Messrs O'Connor, M. Doyle, J., Rice,  
Kinsella, Rositer, Peacocke, Cloney, Lynch, M.  
Doyle, Sr. - 9.

The chairman declared Lord Stopford elected.

#### — Election of chairman. —

On the motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr.  
Kinsella:- "Mr. John Bolger was unanimously  
elected chairman."

#### — Election of vice-chairman. —

On the motion of Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr.  
Fanning:- "Mr. Peacocke was unanimously elected vice-  
chairman."

#### — Proposal committee. —

On the motion of the chairman, seconded by  
Mr. Fanning, the following resolution was adopted:-  
"That the entire council be appointed as a proposal



Committee."

— Finance Committee —

On the motion of Mr. Broune, seconded by Mr. Stafford, the following were appointed a Finance Committee:-

Messrs Peacocke, Bloney, James Codd, J. J. Stafford, John Bolger, Patrick O'Neill, Michael Doyle Jr, Mr. Broune, James Lynch, John S. Hearn, Patrick Rossiter, J. Asple, Mr. Hickey, Sir J. Emonde, John J. Mayler.

— Haythorn Committee —

Mr. Stafford proposed, and Mr. O'Neill seconded that the following be appointed:- Messrs J. Bolger, Mark Codd, A. Kinsella, C. H. Peacocke, J. Asple, James Codd, Michael Hickey, Michael Doyle Sr., R. J. Fanning, James Lynch, J. L. Emonde, J. J. Stafford, Mr. Doyle Jr, D. Sinnott, Patrick Rossiter, James Hore, John Sinnott, Rev R. Fitzhenry, Mr. Furlong, and the Mayor of Wexford.

Passed.

— County Infirmary Committee —

On the motion of Mr. Broune, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, the following were elected:- Messrs Patrick Bolger, New Ross; John Bolger Enniscorthy, Mayor of Wexford, Administrator of Wexford, Archdeacon Latham, Edmond Hore, Michael Bloney, Lady Maurice Fitzgerald, J. J. Stafford, A. Scallan, Slaney view; W. J. Devereux, Comhaggara, Mr. Jeffries, Very Rev Canon Doyle, James Hore, George Street, Wexford. James Codd, J. L. Emonde, John J. Kehoe, J. P. Rossiter."

— Representatives on Co. Councils General Councils —

On the motion of the Chairman:- Messrs John Bolger, and Mr. A. Ennis were appointed Represent-



atives on Co. Councils General Council."

Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction  
On the motion of the Chairman the following  
were appointed on Co. Committee of Agriculture  
& Technical Instruction :-

Messrs C. H. Peacocke, C. W. Lett, John Sinnott, Andrew  
McCann, James Codd, L. Walsh, Patrick O'Neill,  
Michael Doyle, Wm. Thorpe, Edmond Doyle,  
Patrick Fortune, Nicholas Cosgrave, Michael  
Doyle Jr, J. A. Doyle, Michael Goff, Gregory  
Walsh, F. Guilbride, M. Hickey, Philip Creane,  
Lord Stopford, R. G. Wordsworth, M. M. O'Donohue,  
Major Barrett Hamilton, J. J. O'Byrne, John Bolger,  
M. Lyons, R. A. Rice, Nicholas Howlett, and  
J. L. Esmonde.

Mr. John Walsh, Late Rate Collector  
Mr. A. Kinsella moved the following notice  
of motion :-

"That in view of the fact that Mr. John  
Walsh, late Rate Collector is physically  
incapacitated from efficiently performing  
his duties as Rate Collector, and of his thirty  
years service in this position, we award  
him a superannuation allowance of £25  
per annum as from 31<sup>st</sup> March 1911."  
Mr. O'Neill seconded. Passed.

#### State Insurance Bill

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

"That the report and resolutions of the County  
Councils General Council on the State Insurance  
Bill be adopted by this Council."

The following is a copy of the resolution of  
the General Council, referred to in Mr. Browne's  
motion :-

"That whilst the principle underlying the



provisions of the National Insurance Bill are admirable, and whilst the provisions themselves may be well adapted to the conditions prevailing in industrial England, the application of the Bill in its present form to Ireland would, in our view, create more hardship and suffering than it could possibly relieve and, further, we are of opinion that amendments designed to render this Bill even tentatively suitable to Irish conditions would be necessarily of such a drastic character as to practically involve the framing of a new Bill. We therefore desire to suggest that the estimated cost to the Imperial Exchequer of applying the provisions of this Bill to Ireland should be put in a suspense account to the credit of Ireland and placed at the disposal of the coming Irish Parliament to be applied in aid of a measure specially framed to suit Irish conditions."

Mr. Rice seconded.

Mr. John O'Connor proposed as an amendment:—"That we, the Co. Council do hereby adopt the principle of the State Insurance Bill now before Parliament introduced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer."

The amendment fell through as it was not seconded. Mr. Brown's Notice of Motion was declared passed.

#### Slievebawn Quarry.

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

"That a sum of £10 be allocated for the purpose of properly opening Slievebawn Quarry, said amount to be charged to Gorey Rural District."

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

"That a sum of £10 be allocated for the purpose



of opening Slievebawn Quarry, said amount to be a county charge from which urban Districts are exempt.

Mr. Kinsella seconded.

Passed.

Proposed by Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. Lynch and adopted :-

"That tenders for working Slievebawn Quarry be invited for a period of three years, to be considered at the August meeting of the Co. Council."

### Wexford Bridge.

The County Surveyor brought forward a letter from Mr. G. B. Webb, London, estimating that it would cost £10,407 to put Wexford Bridge in good order. Mr. Webb also furnished a specification of the work he proposed to carry out.

On the motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Brown the following resolution was adopted :-

"That further consideration of the repairs to Wexford Bridge be deferred for the present."

### Ferryarrig Bridge.

Proposed by Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. O'Neill and passed :-

"That Mr. Elger, Solicitor to the Co. Council, be instructed to write to the contractor for Ferryarrig Bridge, and his sureties, and point out to them that the Council are determined to enforce the penalty in the specification for neglect to finish the contract within the proper time. The Council are greatly dissatisfied with the manner in which the work is at present proceeding."



Application from County Surveyor.

The following letter under date 10<sup>th</sup> June, was read from the County Surveyor :-

"I beg respectfully to invite your attention to the question of the expense I have necessarily to bear in the discharge of my duties.

I am confident I am well under the mark when I say it costs me fully a quarter of my salary to earn the remainder.

Travelling expenses are bound to be high considering the size of the County, nearly 600,000 acres and the length of the roads 2,000 miles. I have also to pay my own clerk and for the caretaking of the office. As regards my clerk, he has recently applied for an increase of salary, and if I possibly could, I would give it to him. Clerical work is constantly increasing in connection with the Road Board and main Roads.

Some of you will remember that when advertising two years ago for the post of County Surveyor, the Council were inclined to grant an extra £50 for clerical assistance, but they were unable to agree as to whether it should be in one sum or in two instalments.

In many Counties the clerk is an officer of the Council, but here, I think, he is the only one of your Staff, who is not.

I respectfully ask you, Gentlemen, to help me and also my clerk, in this matter."

On the motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Hearn the following resolution was adopted:

"That the matter be referred to next meeting of the Finance Committee."

Sara Hill Quarry

The following letter under date 10<sup>th</sup> June was read from Mr. John Lannen, Foreman, Sara Hill



Quarry :-

I find that I cannot look after the engine, stonebreaker, contractors accounts, drawing material, men's accounts. If I had a man that would be competent to look after the engine, of course he would have to work in the quarry when not engaged at the engine; I would not complain, you would do me a favour if you would draw the Council's attention to this at your next meeting."

Mr Stafford proposed, Mr Hearn seconded :-  
"That the matter be referred to Finance Committee."  
Passed.

The Road Board & Trunk Road Scheme  
Letter of the Road Board under date 19<sup>th</sup> April 1911, relative to trunk road scheme was read for the meeting. This letter already appears on the minutes of the Council.

Under date 28<sup>th</sup> May, the following letter was read from the Secretary of the Road Board :-

"In reply to your letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> instant, I am directed by the Road Board to state that up to the present moment they have received no proposal from the Carlow County Council for the improvement of the Athy-Newtownbarry Road."

In connection with this subject the following letter under date 31<sup>st</sup> May, and No. 27462 was read from the Local Government Board :-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to refer to your letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> instant in reference to a proposed system of trunk roads in County Wexford, and I am to state that in view of the large amount of



public business, the Board do not anticipate that a Provisional Order Confirmation Act, amending the Local Government (Procedure of Councils) Order 1899, as amended, will be passed by Parliament this year."

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the matter be referred to the following Committee, to meet on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> inst., at 2.30 o'clock. - The Chairman, Vice Chairman, of Co. Council; four Chairmen District Councils, and Messrs Hearn, O'Neill, Stafford, Comonde, and Myles Webb, Gorey Town Commissioners."

#### Barnsore Pier.

The following letter from the Board of Works No. 4728-11, under date 31<sup>st</sup> May, was read:-

"I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works, to refer to your letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> ultimo, enclosing report of the County Surveyor respecting the condition of Barnsore Pier, and I am to ask whether the repairs have since been completed."

"The Secretary explained that about two-thirds of the work had been completed, and the remainder would be carried out as opportunity offered. It could only be done as the tides permitted."

#### Dispensary Houses (Ireland) Act 1879.

The Board of Works wrote under date 3<sup>rd</sup> June, that they had advanced a sum of £210 to the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union under the Dispensary Houses (Ireland) Act 1879.

#### Imperial & Local Vaccination Committee

The following circular letter under date 26<sup>th</sup>



may, was read from the Secretary, Imperial & Local Taxation Committee :-

"The above-mentioned Committee has been appointed "to inquire into the changes which have taken place in the relations between Imperial and Local Taxation since the Report of the Royal Commission on Local Taxation in 1901, to examine the several proposals made in the reports of that Commission, and to make recommendations on the subject for the consideration of His Majesty's Government with a view to the introduction of legislation at an early date.

I am directed by the Committee to ask whether the Wexford Co. Council have any suggestions to make, limited to the method of distributing Imperial aids to Local authorities towards onerous or national services, and, if so, whether they will favour the Committee with a memorandum embodying such suggestions briefly by 30<sup>th</sup> June 1911."

Mr. Stafford proposed, Mr. Fanning seconded the following resolution which was adopted:

"While the Council regard any re-adjustment of local taxation as a matter which will be dealt with by a Home Rule Government, pending this and as a tentative arrangement we suggest, that the Capitation Grant for Asylums should be restored to its original figure of one-half."

#### Main Roads Declaration

The following letter under date 18<sup>th</sup> February 1910, (and No. 14579-1910 Wexford County) was read :-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the resolution of the County Council of Wexford of the 9<sup>th</sup> instant,



relative to main roads in the county; and with reference to the declaration proposed to be adopted by the Council that there be no main roads in the county; I am to point out that under section 8 (3) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, a main road declaration can only be reconsidered at an interval of not less than five years from the making of the previous declaration.

It appears from the replies to queries furnished by the County Secretary on the 16<sup>th</sup> May 1906, that the last declaration was finally made on the 15<sup>th</sup> May 1906. Consequently a fresh declaration cannot be made until after the 15<sup>th</sup> May 1911. This declaration must in the first instance be provisional, and the procedure laid down in the Act and in the Board's Order of the 17<sup>th</sup> February 1909 must be strictly adhered to.

I am also to call attention to the Board's letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> May 1906 in which it is pointed out that it was doubtful whether a no main road declaration was not *ultra vires*."

Proposed by Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Kinsella the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the matter be referred to the Committee appointed to deal with the Scheme of the Road Board."

— Omnium Insurance Company. —

Under date 29<sup>th</sup> May, the following letter (No 27859) was read from the Local Government Board:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them your letter of the 23<sup>rd</sup> instant, transmitting the fidelity bond proposed to be entered into by Mr. John Sinnott, as collector of Poor Rate in the County of Wexford.

The Board observe that the security in this case



is to be given by the Omnium Corporation, Limited, and they desire me to enclose for the consideration of the County Council, an extract from a recent issue of the Irish Investor's Guardian with regard to the financial position of this Insurance Co.

Before approving of the bond now submitted the Board would be glad to be furnished with the observations of the Council in the matter."

Under date 8<sup>th</sup> June 1911, the following letter (No 30,344/1911 Wexford County) was read from the Local Government Board:-

"With reference to your letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> inst., respecting the bond of Mr John Sinnott, Poor Rate collector in Wexford County, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to return the bond herewith, and to state that the Board have approved of the form thereof pending consideration of the general question of security of collectors by the County Council on the 12<sup>th</sup> instant.

I am to add that the ruling of the Board is duly stamped thereon."

On the motion of Mr O'Neill, seconded by Mr Stafford the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Rate collectors covered by the Omnium Insurance Co., be asked to furnish personal bonds - the cost of preparation of said bonds to be paid by the Co. Council. In the meantime as from the period covered by the Omnium Co., to the close of the present collection, the collectors concerned be asked to supply the name of an approved Guarantor Society for successive collections."

#### — audits of accounts. —

The Local Government Board (letters Nos 27,235-1911; 2<sup>nd</sup> June: 27,236-1911, 2<sup>nd</sup> June; and 27,596-3 June)



wrote forwarding reports of their auditor as to his audit of the accounts of Gorey Union and Rural District Council, and District Asylum for half-year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1911."

marked "Read."

———— motor car Acts. ————

Under date 24<sup>th</sup> May the Local Government Board wrote letter No 75,325 stating they had authorized the Irish automobile club to perform for a further period of twelve months the duties as regards Ireland specified in article 1(1) of the Order in connection with the examination of motor cars and drivers travelling in foreign countries.

The Local Government Board also wrote letter No 12784-1911 miscellaneous forwarding copies of Orders which they had made amending the Heavy motor car (Ireland) Order 1905.

No Order.

———— Poisons & Pharmacy Act. ————

Applications for renewals of licenses under the Poisons & Pharmacy Act were received from:-

John S. Hearn, 4 South Street, New Ross.

Patrick J. Doran, 26 Main Street, Gorey.

and for new license from:-

John Roche, Camolin.

"On the motion of Mr Stafford

Seconded by Mr O'Neill, the applications were granted."

———— Road Contractors Sureties. ————

Under date 24<sup>th</sup> May, the following letter was read from Mr James Druhan, Tacumshane:-

"I am a candidate for the Electoral Division of Tacumshane and Security for Road No 147. I am wanting to be relieved of it, so as to go forward. I will name Richard Ruice, Sigginstown in my place."



as he will act."

Mr Patrick Healy, Castlebridge, wrote as follows under date 6<sup>th</sup> June:-

"Having been elected on District Council, I find I cannot act as Security for E. Davis, but Mr George Daly, is willing to take my place, would you kindly bring it before the meeting of Co. Council next time."

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Bodd, the following resolution was passed:-  
"That the applications be acceded to."

— Closing Post Offices on Bank Holidays —  
under date 13<sup>th</sup> May the following letter No 55426 was read from the Secretary, General Post Office London:-

"With reference to your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> ultimo, I am directed by the Postmaster General to state that so far as can be ascertained, no difficulty arose in connection with the closing of the Post offices at Bridgetown and Foulk Mills at noon on Easter Monday. Only one telegram was received for each place during the closing time, and these were duly delivered from the Post offices at Cornhaggard and Wellington Bridge respectively.

In these circumstances the Postmaster General thinks you will agree that the inconvenience caused cannot be great."

Proposed by Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Hearn and passed:-

"That the County Council have nothing to add to their resolution of 18<sup>th</sup> April."

— Telephone Employees —

The following resolution was read from the



amalgamated Society of Telephone Employees:-

"That this meeting of the Irish metropolitan staff of the National Telephone Company, being aware that Royal Engineers have practically replaced the Civil Engineering Staff of the Post Office in the Southern (Ireland) District, calls upon the representatives of Ireland in the House of Commons, all Public authorities, and other representative Irish Bodies to prevent the employment of the military upon any of the duties at present performed or upon such new duties as should be legitimately performed by the staff of the National Telephone Company after the transfer to the State of the Company's undertaking."

Proposed by Mr. Stafford, Seconded by Mr. John O'Connor, and passed:-

"That we protest against the employment of the military on any of the duties that can be performed by the staff of the National Telephone Co., on the transfer of the property of the National Telephone Co., to the State."

— Royal Sanitary Institute —

The Secretary of the Royal Sanitary Institute wrote asking the County Council to appoint three delegates to the Congress of the Institute to be held in Belfast from July 24<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>.  
marked "Read."

— Association for the Prevention of Consumption —

The Hon Sec to the National Association for the Prevention of Consumption and other forms of Tuberculosis, wrote asking the Council to appoint delegates to the Annual Conference to be held at Carlton Hall, Westminster - July 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>.  
marked "Read."



The Irish Peace Society.

Mr. B. M. Coghlan, Secretary, Irish Peace Society, wrote asking for signatures to a world petition to the third Peace conference which will be held at the Hague in 1914.

"Signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Council."

Resolutions.

The following resolution was read from Ballymena Rural District Council :-

"That this Rural Council considers that the Irish Forestry Society ought to have a bye-law to enable an auxiliary Branch of that Society to be established in each county in Ireland."

That each county council should appoint a sub-committee of their agricultural committee to take action and give advice on all matters concerning the duties and powers of the council in relation to the acquisition of land for afforestation or tree planting."

"On the motion of Mr. Hearn, seconded by the Chairman the resolution was referred to the County Committee of Agriculture."

The following was submitted from the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction :-

"That the County Council be requested to take steps with the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction to have thistles declared noxious weeds, under part 1 of the Weeds and Seeds Ireland Act."

Mr. Browne proposed, Mr. Kinsella seconded :-  
"That the request in the resolution of the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction be agreed to."



On a show of hands. 7 voted for the resolution and 5 against it.

The Chairman then declared the resolution carried.

From Gorey District Council, the following resolution was received:-

"That we learn with pleasure as per letter received by Sir Thomas Esmonde from Mr. Birrell, that the latter has promised to have the Board of Works direct their attention to the improvement of Courtown Harbour, and that they are about to send down Engineers to draw up plans and make estimate of the proposed improvements there. With the view of emphasising the urgent necessity of improving Courtown both from the point of view of the fishing industry, and the commercial interests of the district in general, we offer to contribute from the public rates any reasonable proportion of the cost estimated by competent engineers, always providing that the improvement will be directed towards permanency believing as we do that money spent on patching is mere waste. We ask that immediate attention be given to this very urgent matter on which hangs the fate of one of our few remaining Irish industries and which affects the agricultural and commercial interests of a wide area."

On the motion of Mr. Kinsella, seconded by Mr. Fanning the following resolution was adopted.

"That we request the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction to inform us what are the Harbours and Piers in Co. Wexford for which they applied for Grants to the Development Commissioners, and what amount they propose to expend on each."



Gorey Rural District Council also submitted the following :-

"That in view of the disgraceful manner in which Wexford County is being treated in the disbursement of the funds of the Irish Development Grant, especially in the matter of fisheries, we ask all the public bodies in the County to take united action with the object of having some semblance of justice done, and to this end we propose that a conference be held in Enniscorthy, consisting of two representatives from the County Council, the District Council of Wexford, New Ross, Enniscorthy, and Gorey, and the various Harbour Boards."

On the motion of Mr. Kinsella, seconded by Mr. Fanning the following resolution was adopted :-

"That the question of taking part in the conference proposed by Gorey District Council be adjourned till the reply of the Department of Agriculture has been considered."

The following resolution was received from Newcastle West Rural District Council :-

"That in view of the appointment of a Committee almost wholly English to advise the British Government on Irish Finance, and the fact that Government has declined the request of many Irish Representative Bodies to nominate an equal number of qualified Irishmen to act on the Committee, this Council considers that an Irish Finance Committee should be constituted to report and advise the people of this country on the present financial position."

And holding that this matter transcends differences of Party, this Council urges Messrs Thomas Sexton, Barry O'Brien, Laurence Waldron, A.W. Samuels, Wm. Murphy, Arthur O'Connor, Murragh O'Brien, and



Lord Dunraven, to act on such a committee, and to co-opt any other Irishman whom they consider advisable."

"On the motion of Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. Broune, the above resolution was adopted."

#### Courtown Harbour.

Under date 7<sup>th</sup> June the following letter (No 1802-11, J. B.) from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, was read:-

"With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of the overhauling of the sluicing arrangements at Courtown Harbour, I have to state, for the information of the Wexford County Council, that the work in connection therewith has been completed at a total of £305: 5: 3, and to request that the Council's contribution of £100. referred to in the resolution passed on the 12<sup>th</sup> November 1909- be lodged to the credit of the Department.

A Receivable Order to enable this to be done is enclosed."

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

"That the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction be asked to furnish to our County Surveyor the details and cost of the work carried out at Courtown Harbour in regard to the improvements in the sluicing arrangements."

#### Secondary Education

The following resolution was received from Limerick County Council:-

"That inasmuch as the finance of Irish Secondary Education has broken down, we, the members of the Limerick County Council earnestly request the Government to place this important branch of



Education on a sound financial basis, and in addition we urge the necessity of :-

- (a) paying the teachers of the Secondary Schools salaries commensurate with the duties they discharge.
- (b) Establishing a Pension Fund for their benefit.
- (c) Giving them such reasonable security of tenure as will enable them to avail of the advantages of such Fund.
- (d) Establishing a recognised Profession of Secondary Teachers.

"On the motion of Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. M. Doyle J., the resolution was adopted."

#### Summer Sheep Dipping Order.

On the motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Stafford the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we ask our Representatives on the Council of Agriculture to bring before that Body the necessity of having the Summer Sheep Dipping Period altered, so that Dipping can begin from the 15<sup>th</sup> May instead of at present on the 15<sup>th</sup> June."

#### University Scholarships.

On the motion of the Chairman, it was decided that the question of advertising University Scholarships and making the necessary arrangements as to Examination &c be referred to the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee to have power to make what arrangements they consider most desirable.

#### Revision of Valuation

It was decided that the Council meet on 28<sup>th</sup> June at 3.30 p.m., to consider cases of revision of valuation.

#### Dredging Kilmore Harbour.

Mr. Browne proposed, Mr. J. A. Doyle seconded



the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That in view of the long standing promise to dredge Kilmore Harbour we request the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction to send their new dredger there without further delay."

Confirmation of minutes

The minutes of the Proposal Committee of this day's meeting were confirmed.

Analyst's Report.

The following report was read:-

City Laboratory  
17 Castle Street  
Dublin. 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1911.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, B. Sc., M. D., Public Analyst for the County Wexford, on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1911.

96 articles were received from the Food Inspector R. J. C., as follows:-

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number.</u>
milk	44
Butter	33
Whiskey	9
Buttermilk	7
Cheese	1
Claret	1
Ginger Wine	1
Total	<u>96.</u>

Three certificates were sent to Sergeant Donaghy Wexford; for specimens of milk adulterated with at least 6.25, 7.5 and 8.9 per cent of added water respectively, and two certificates for specimen of buttermilk adulterated with at least 30 and 48 per cent of added water respectively, exclusive of 25



per cent allowed for churning purposes.

For the Guardians of Wexford union one specimen of meat and one of water were received. The meat was sent to ascertain if it was foreign. The specimen of water had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.  
Total solid matters. 44.100

Including  
albuminoid ammonia 0.008  
saline ammonia 0.004  
nitric acid 1.250  
chlorine 11.330

A good water.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy union nine drugs, eight specimens of port wine and one of butter were analysed. The drugs were correct. The specimens of port wine were sent to determine which was best for use in the workhouse.

For the Guardians of Gorey union three drugs were analysed. One was incorrect.

Two specimens of feeding stuff were analysed for J. Whelan Esq. Wexford.

A most careful analysis failed to trace poison in viscera of dog and fowl which were sent for analysis by R. Malone Esq. J.P. & S., Wexford.

For Shillelagh union which is partly situated in the county Wexford, three drugs were analysed, and were correct.

For Shillelagh Rural District Council, which is partly situated in the county Wexford, two specimens of water were analysed and had the following compositions.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

	No. 1.	No. 2.
Total solid matters	5.520	6.500

Including



Albuminoid ammonia	0.008.	0.008
Saline ammonia	0.0015	0.006
Nitric acid	Trace	1.000
Chlorine	0.890	1.090.

No. 1 was an unusually pure water. No. 2 was fit for use.

In the original reports on the waters above referred to, full details, chemical and microscopical, were given, but in the foregoing only the more important points are given.

Total analyses..... 128.

Adulterated & defective articles 6.

"No Order." b. A. Cameron

John Bolger



Special Meeting - 28<sup>th</sup> June 1911.

A special meeting of the Wexford Co. Council was held in Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford; on 28<sup>th</sup> June 1911.

Present :- Mr. John Bolger, Chairman, (presiding)  
Other members present :- Messrs C. A. Peacocke, Mr. Browne, J. S. Hearn, J. J. Stafford, P. Rossiter, James Codd, D. Sinnott, J. Asple, J. J. Meyler, J. H. Esmonde, M. Doyle, Jr., J. A. Doyle, R. A. Rice.

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

Collectors' Security

Proposed by Mr. Rossiter, seconded by Mr. Asple, and adopted :-

"That the names submitted by collectors Sinnott, Sheehan, M. Walsh, and James Cogley, as additional security, be approved of and that Mr. Elger be instructed to prepare the necessary bonds."

Insurance Workmen's Compensation Act

Mr. Stafford proposed and Mr. Rossiter seconded the following recommendation of the Finance Committee :-

"That the Finance Committee recommend the insurance of employees under the Workmen's Compensation Act at the rate of 6%.

That we also commend to the consideration of the Co. Council the Irish Public Bodies Insurance Scheme formulated by Captain Carew of the Waterford Board of Guardians, as we consider that Irish Public Bodies should be their own underwriters and thus save the present high Insurance Rates."

Passed.



Revisions of valuation

Proposed by Mr. Leacocke.

Seconded by Mr. Sinnott.

"That we agree to the Revisions of valuation being carried out in the several cases submitted by our Secretary except in the case of the application for revision from the D. & S. E. Railway Co., in which case the Co. Council consider no change should be made by the Commissioner of valuation which would, in anyway, reduce the assessable value of the premises of the Dublin & South Eastern Ry Co., at Gorey, and request to have the valuation of these premises revised so as to reinstate the figures which stood originally in the valuation lists, viz: £187 on the valuation of other hereditaments.

They also desire to call the attention of the Commissioner of valuation to the fact that Gorey is not an urban District."

Passed.

Roads committee

Mr. Hearn proposed, the Chairman seconded and it was adopted:-

"That a Roads committee be appointed to consist of three members from each Rural District in the county. Three to form a quorum; and to act for one year.

The following were appointed:-

Enniscorthy District:- Messrs Asple, Emond, & Lynch.

Gorey District:- Messrs Fanning, Kinsella, and Sir Thomas Emond.

New Ross District:- Messrs Rice, Hickey, and Kearne.

Wexford District:- Messrs Michael Doyle, Jr; Stafford; and Rossiter.

The principal business for consideration by the committee to be the acquisition of quarries and general upkeep of the roads."



Reconstruction of Council Chamber.

The following were appointed a committee to recommend the reconstruction etc., of the seating accommodation in the Council Chamber:—  
Messrs Hearn, Stafford, and Peacocke, with the Secretary.

Watchman Courtown Harbour.

Mr. Asple proposed, and Mr. Emond seconded the following recommendation of the Finance Committee:—

"That Andrew Byrne be appointed Watchman at Courtown Harbour at a wages of 8/- per week."  
Passed.

Road Contractor's Application.

The County Surveyor submitted correspondence from Messrs O'Flaherty & Son, Solicitors, relative to an application from John Kenny, Ballymore Enniscorthy; as to Road No. 92 having been damaged by traction engine traffic, and enquiring if the County Council would proceed against the owner of the vehicle.

"On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Codd it was decided that the matter be left in the hands of the County Surveyor."

Food & Drugs Acts.

Under date 26<sup>th</sup> June the County Inspector R. J. G., wrote asking that Sergeant Patrick J. Scully be appointed Ex-officio Inspector for the petty sessions district of Wexford, and acting Sergeant Patrick E. Carey, for the petty sessions district of Killinick, vice acting Sergeant Matthew Donaghy, and Sergeant James Consideine, respectively.

"On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Stafford the following resolution was adopted:—



"That Sergeant Patrick J. Scully, be appointed Ex-officio Inspector for the Petty Sessions District of Wexford; and Acting Sergeant Patrick E. Darcy, Ex-officio Inspector for the Petty Sessions District of Killinick, under the Food & Drugs acts. (38 & 39 Vic Cap 63)."

The late Mr. Thaddens Bolger.

The following letter was ordered to be placed on the minutes :-

Milltown House

Ferns. 18. 6. 11.

Dear Mr. Fuzille

My mother desires me to acknowledge the kind letter received from you on yesterday, and asks you to convey to the members of the Co. Council our grateful thanks for their very kind sympathy in our great loss. She also wishes me to thank you personally, and say how much she appreciates your good words of my poor father.

yours very sincerely  
David J. Bolger.

Bye-Laws on Locomotives.

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Rossiter, and passed :-

"Resolved that the Bye-Laws with respect to the use of Locomotives propelled by steam or by other than animal power on Public Roads in the administrative county of Wexford, as provisionally approved of by the Local Government Board, be adopted, and that the Seal of the County Council be affixed thereto. and that application for the confirmation of such Bye-Laws be made to the Local Government Board."

The following is a copy of the Bye-Laws :-



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Bye Laws.

made by the County Council of Wexford with respect to Locomotives propelled by steam or by other than animal power in the administrative county of Wexford (exclusive of the Urban Sanitary Districts of Enniscorthy, New Ross and Wexford) By virtue of their powers under section 6. of 'The Public Health (Ireland) amendment act 1879.'

1.- Every locomotive propelled by steam, or by other than animal power, traversing any public road or highway situate within the administrative county of Wexford, exclusive of the Urban Sanitary Districts of Enniscorthy, New Ross, and Wexford, shall during the period between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise, have affixed conspicuously thereto in front two efficient bright white lights, and in the rear one green light. In case waggons are being drawn by the locomotive the green light shall be affixed to the rear of the hindmost waggon.

2.- No such locomotive shall be propelled at a pace greater than that at which the person who shall precede it, as hereinafter provided for in Bye-Law No. 3, can conveniently walk.

3.- Every such locomotive while in motion shall be preceded by a person at least sixty yards in advance of the locomotive who, during the periods when lights are required to be displayed, shall carry and display an efficient Red light, and during all other periods, shall at a like distance, carry and display a Red flag.

4.- and whereas, the County Council of Wexford is satisfied that such use would be attended with danger to the public, the use of any such



Locomotive is hereby prohibited upon Weaford, Deep, Edrmine, Hodges mill, and Mountgarrett Bridges.

5.- When such a Locomotive drawing a waggon or waggons comes to any Bridge at which the County Council has placed a notice to the effect that such Bridge is weak or of doubtful strength, the Locomotive shall first pass over by itself, and then shall draw each waggon over separately by means of a wire rope or otherwise, the Locomotive itself not going again on the Bridge.

6.- No such Locomotive nor any loaded waggon attached thereto, shall be allowed to remain at rest so that any wheel of the Locomotive or Waggon be on any Bridge, arch, or culvert, or within ten feet of the face of any abutment thereof, except when such Locomotive must be instantly stopped to comply with the requirements of any statutory provision or when the stoppage is due to accident or other unavoidable cause.

7.- No such Locomotive when under steam shall be allowed to remain on any part of a highway unless one of the persons in charge remains with it.

8.- Nothing in these Bye-laws shall apply to a Steam Roller for the time being employed as such by the County Council.

9.- Every person who shall offend against any of the foregoing Bye-laws shall be liable for every such offence to a penalty not exceeding Five Pounds, provided nevertheless that the justices or court before whom any complaint may be made or any proceedings may be taken in respect of any such offence may, if they think fit, adjudge the payment as a fine of any sum less than the full amount of the fine imposed by this Bye-law.



Given under the Common Seal of the County Council of Wexford, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June 1911.

Chairman

Secretary

The foregoing Bye-laws are hereby confirmed by us, the Local Government Board for Ireland this day of 1911.

Note :- The attention of owners and users of Locomotives on highwarp is directed to the provision of the Locomotives Act 1861 and 1865 which further regulate their use.

Light Locomotives are exempted from the above Bye-laws, their use being regulated by the motor car Act 1896 and 1908 and the Heavy motor car Act (Ireland) Order of the Local Government Board 1905 but the following Bye-law shall apply to them:

"No light Locomotive shall come on or pass over Wexford, Deepo, Edermine, Hodges mill, or Mountgarrett Bridges, except in an unladen condition.

Chairman

Secretary

John Bolger



Quarterly Meeting:- August 2<sup>nd</sup> 1911

The quarterly meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford; on August 2<sup>nd</sup> 1911

Present:- Mr John Bolger (Chairman) Presiding.  
other members present. Messrs John O'Connor,  
J. T. Mayles, J. J. Stafford, M. Browne, R. A. Rice,  
J. S. Hearn, P. O'Neill, P. Rossiter, C. H. Peacocke,  
P. J. Hanniff, James Gadd, James A. Doyle, J. L. Esmonde,  
J. Asple, Michael Doyle, J. Michael Doyle, Michael Bloney,  
James Lynch, Michael Hickey, David Sinnott &  
Mark Gadd.

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

Confirmation of Minutes:-  
The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Proposals for Payments  
Proposed by the Chairman:-

"That the several proposals for payments, for  
matters other than public works, as sent up by the  
Proposal Committee, be adopted and initialled  
by the Chairman."

Safe for County Council Offices.  
The following motion handed in by the Chairman,  
was considered:-

"That the County Council provide a safe,  
or a strong room, for the books of the Council."

By permission of the meeting, the Chairman made  
his notice of motion to read as follows:-

"That the Committee appointed to consider



the re-arrangement of the Co. Council Chamber, be asked to report, as to the provision of a safe or strong room for the books of the County Council."

Mr. Stabbord Seconded. Passed.

### Malicious Injury Claims

The following motion, handed in by Mr. Michael Doyle senr. was considered:—

"That any claims, for malicious injury, or for any damages of any kind, served on the County Council or Mr. Elger, be notified by the County & District Councillors, of the Division concerned."

Mr. O'hull Seconded: Passed

### Old Age Pension Committee

Under date 3<sup>rd</sup> June, the Local Government Board, wrote (Letter No. 28929 Monaghan County) that the terms of office, of a person appointed, to be a member of a Pension Committee, shall be three years, or such less term, as shall be fixed by the appointing Council, not exceeding three years, provided that if any member, ceases to be a member of the appointing Council, he also ceases, to be a member, of the Pension Committee.

"The Office of Clerk to a Pension Committee, is held during the pleasure of the Committee"

Mr. O'hull proposed, Mr. Peacocke Seconded, and passed:—

"That the County Council, be appointed County Pension Committee, and that the following members of Sub-committees be appointed:—

Bannow, Rosslare, & Bridgetown Sub-committees:—



Messrs M. Hickey, M. Browne, James Dodd, Rev. J. Scallan C.C.  
 Rev. P. Doyle P.P. Rev. J. Lynam P.P. P. Hugley, Rev. J. Howe C.C.  
 Rev. M. Wickham C.C.

Intern & Rathard Sub-Committee:—

Very Rev Canon O'Connor P.P. Rev. N. T. Sheridan P.P.  
 Rev. J. Roche P.P. Rev. D. Dwyer C.C., Brother Theodore.  
 Rev. O. W. Darling, Major Barrett Hamilton J.P.  
 R. A. Rice, Michael Bloney.

Taghmon & Kellium. Sub-Committee:—

Very Rev Canon Turlong P.P. Very Rev Canon  
 Quin. Gregory Walsh, Thomas Seple. D. L. O'Brien.  
 W. Whitty, Mark Browne, W. Keating.

Coolgeary & Gorey. Sub-Committee:—

Very Rev Canon O'Neill P.P. Very Rev Canon  
 Rossiter P.P. Very Rev Canon Murphy P.P. Rev. P. Ridgway,  
 Alexander Kinsella, P. J. Manning. Dr. W. W. Murphy.  
 John Byrne. Patrick Doyle.

Enniscorthy & Kilkenny Sub-Committee:—

Rev. R. Fitzhenny Adm. Rev. H. C. Hyatt, P. O'Neill.  
 John Bolger, George St. Enniscorthy, Matthew Ryan.  
 Very Rev Canon Meehan P.P. Mark Dodd, James Johnson,  
 & Rev. H. K. Atkinson.

Newtownbarny & Ferns Sub-Committee:—

Very Rev Canon Doyle P.P., Rev. W. R. B. Fry.  
 Rev. J. W. Kennedy. John Bolger, Patrick Nolan. John Sinnott,  
 Very Rev Canon Whitty P.P., James Sinnott, Michael Doyle.

New Ross & Old Ross. Sub-Committee:—

Very Rev Dean Kavanagh, Rev. W. Gibson,  
 Michael Hickey, James O'Gorman, Denis Cummins,  
 Wm. Thorpe. Patrick Bolger, Peter Murphy, & James O'Connor

Monamolin & Ballyhuskad Sub-Committee

Very Rev Canon Sylward P.P. Rev. J. Augley P.P.



David Linnott, Moses Fortune, George Barty,  
Philip Redmond, J. L. Esmonde, Walter Boggan & Mark  
Kavanagh.

To hold office from 29 August 11 to 12<sup>th</sup> June 1914  
Motor Services in Rural Districts.

Under date 8<sup>th</sup> July 1911, the Local Government Board forwarded letter (no 3644-1911) the following statement, which they had received, from the Development Commissioners, and asked the Co. Council, to communicate, with the several Rural Districts of the County, on the subject:—

"The attention of the Development Commissioners, has recently been called, to the question of assisting by advances, from the Development Fund, the establishment of motor services, in Rural Districts.

They have adopted the following as conditions, with which they think, that all schemes, for that purpose, should comply, before they can be recommended to the Treasury:—

- (1) Application should be made only, for an advance towards the initial Capital expenditure necessary.
- (2) The application should be for an advance, by way of loan, rather than by way of grant; rates of interest, and terms of repayment, will be fixed, according to the circumstances of each case.
- (3) A local contribution, should be forthcoming, of a reasonable proportion, of the capital sum required.
- (4) It should be shown, that full provision, is, or will be made, for putting in order (where necessary) and for maintaining the roads on which the service is to run.
- (5) Proper provision should be made, for maintaining the service, without recourse to the Development Fund.



The Secretary stated, that he had sent the blocks of the Rural Districts concerned, a copy of the letter of the Local Government Board, and the statement of the Development Commissioners.

Mr Peacocke proposed, Mr Fanning seconded, the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the consideration of this question be postponed until the Co. Council come to an agreement as to steam-rolling"

Scaled Order:- St. Bridget's well - Blackwater  
The Local Government Board forwarded under date 15<sup>th</sup> June 1911, Scaled order determining that the expense of improving and maintaining St Bridget's well at Blackwater, should be levied off the Rural District of Enniscorthy.

Marked "Read"

### Audits of Public Bodies

The Local Government Board forwarded copies of their report of their Auditor, and abstract of accounts for Enniscorthy Union (12<sup>th</sup> June 30.629-1911) and for Enniscorthy Rural District Council (12<sup>th</sup> June 30.630) in respect of half-year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1911.

Marked "Read"

Polling Districts & Registration of Voters (I) Act 1908.

Under date 13<sup>th</sup> July, the following letter no. 28.188 was read from the Local Government Board:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to state that they have had under consideration, the Schemes adopted by the Wexford County Council, under the Polling Districts and Registration of Voters (Ireland) Act 1908, at their meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> ultimo, for the alteration and constitution of polling districts of the north."



And South Parliamentary Divisions of Wexford County.

The Board observe, that the Schemes as adopted, by the Wexford County Council, involve an extensive increase in the number of Parliamentary Polling Districts in the County, the intention apparently being to secure, that the polling places at Parliamentary Elections, shall be the same, as those of Local Government Elections.

In this connection, the Board would point out, that the Act of 1908, contemplates an adjustment of the District Electoral Divisions, in the existing Polling Districts in a County, so that each Polling District, should, if possible, comprise complete

District Electoral Divisions, rather than an increase in the number of polling districts, but if the Co. Council are satisfied, that their scheme as adopted, will tend to public convenience, the Board are not disposed, to offer any objection to the proposal.

As regards, however, the form in which the Schemes have been drawn up, for adoption and approval, it appears to the Board, that some modification will have to be made, before they will be in proper form, for confirmation.

Article 4 of the Board's Order of the 12<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1909, made in pursuance of Section 4 of the above named Act, provides, that every such scheme, shall set forth, the name and constitution, by one or more District Electoral Divisions, of each polling district as proposed to be constituted. In this connection, the Board note that in the Council's scheme for the North Parliamentary Division which at present comprises nine Polling districts, and addition of eleven new districts is involved, while in the case of the Scheme for the South Division, the present six districts are to be expanded to sixteen. In setting out the Schemes, however the Council do not specify, as required by the Board's Order, the District Electoral Divisions, to be comprised, in the new Polling districts.



but merely indicate the details of the proposed alterations, in so far as they affect the existing polling districts.

For example, in the scheme for the North Division, Page 5, it is stated, that the District Electoral Division of Killeenagh, is to be transferred, from the polling district of Ballycanew, to a new polling district of Ballygarrett" but the scheme do not show specifically the names of the District Electoral Divisions, comprised in this new polling district, which is proposed to be constituted under the Act, although perhaps, it might be held, that the information given, on Pages 5 & 20, indicate the constitution of this polling district.

Accordingly, before the scheme will be in proper form for approval, it will be necessary for the Council, to add to them, a description of the new Polling Districts, showing under Part I, the names of the District Electoral Divisions, comprised in each of the new districts, and under Part II the details of the transfers which are to take place.

As this merely involves a change in the form, rather than the substance, of the scheme, it will not be necessary, for the Council, to go through the prescribed procedure again, but they should have the schemes reprinted on the lines above indicated, before submitted, for the Board's approval, and forwarded, to the persons and bodies prescribed.

At the same time, the Board desire, to draw attention, to a few minor points, which appear to require alteration, in re-drafting the Schemes:-

On Page 17 of the scheme, for the North Westford Division, the reason given for the transfer, of Rossard District Electoral Division, to the Polling District of Killealy, viz:- "to bring the entire District Electoral Division, into the same Polling District" appears to be inappropriate, inasmuch as the entire District



Electoral Division, is already comprised in the same Polling District, i.e. Newtownbarny.

The words in italics may therefore be omitted.

In the scheme for the South Division, it is to be observed that the present Athurstown Polling District comprises a small portion of the District Electoral Division of Inch, which, it is presumed, together with that portion, situate in the existing Taghmon Polling District, is to be transferred to the new Polling District of Gussereane.

Further on page 11, there appears to be no mention of the transfer of the portion of the District Electoral Division of Glynn, situate in the existing Polling District of Taghmon to the new Glynn Polling District. Under the heading of this district, also Newtown District Electoral Division, appears twice, both on page 12, and also is referred to, in the same connection on pages 13 + 14, while it would appear that the District Electoral Division of Whitechurch, has been by a printer's error, given as Whitechurch - Glynn.

On Page 10, reference to the Old Ross District Electoral Division, has been omitted, in setting out the Constitution of the existing Polling District of New Ross, although it is referred to, on Page 11.

I am also to point out, that there is nothing in either of the schemes as to the appointment of polling places for the proposed districts, and to add, that the Act under which the schemes have been adopted, is wrongly quoted, all through as having been passed, in 1898, instead of 1908.

The Board would suggest, that these matters be considered by the Council, and that the schemes be again submitted, with the necessary

modifications effected. The schemes should be submitted in duplicate, duly sealed, with the Council's seal, and authenticated, by the signature of the Secretary or Chairman.



On the motion of the chairman, the matter was referred to the Secretary to report to next meeting.

### Rate Collector Cummins:-

Under date 14<sup>th</sup> June (letter no. 30127) the Local Government Board wrote, approving of the appointment of Mr. J. Cummins, as Rate collector;

Continuing the Board stated:-

"The Board presume that the bounceil are satisfied, that the fact, that Mr Cummins does not reside in his Collection district, will not interfere with the efficient discharge of his duties.

I am to add, that the bond of Mr Cummins, should be submitted, for the Boards Inspection in due course"

Moved Read

### Autumn Sheep Dipping Order.

Under date 19<sup>th</sup> June, the following letter (no. 2706-11 D.B.) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"Adverting to the resolutions adopted by your Local Authority, on the 13<sup>th</sup> April and 17<sup>th</sup> ultimo, refusing to enforce, the Autumn Sheep Dipping requirements, in their District, the Department, now wish to say, after further careful enquiry on the point, that any objection, to these requirements, on the ground, that they are prejudicial, to Sheep-breeding arrangements, appears to be ill-founded.

If such an objection were valid Complaints as to the injurious effects of the Autumn dipping, would be bound to arise, from other parts of the Country, and the non-existence of such complaints notwithstanding the fact, that nearly two millions, of Sheep, are dipped, throughout Ireland, in the Autumn period, ought to re-assure your Local Authority, that there are no special reasons, for entertaining apprehension,



in the matter, in County Wexford.

While a continuance by the Local Authority in their refusal, to administer the order, as regards the Autumn dipping, would not in any way, relieve sheepowners in the County, from the obligation, to carry out such dipping, it might, none the less, impose on this Department, the necessity, in the interests of the rest of Ireland, of placing restrictions on the movement of sheep, out of the County.

Such a step, it is needless to say, would be very distasteful, to the Department. And they hope that the Local Authority, will on further consideration, decide to fall into line, with the other County Councils, in giving full effect to the Order.

I have to add, that the Department, will be happy should such a course be desired, to instruct a representative to attend the next meeting, of the Local Authority, or their Executive Committee, in connection with this question.

On the motion of Mr O'Neill, Seconded by Mr Rice, the following resolution was adopted:—

"That this Co. Council, Agree under protest, to enforce the Autumn Sheep Dipping Order, provided the dates are changed, so as to read, from 1<sup>st</sup> August to 15<sup>th</sup> October"

That we call the attention, of the Department of Agriculture &c, to the resolution, already adopted by this Council, asking them, to alter the date of the Summer Dipping period.

### Food & Drugs Act:—

Under date 1<sup>st</sup> July, the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction wrote (letter no. S. 2702-11) that an officer of the Department, purchased three samples of butter, at Gorey, on the 8<sup>th</sup> ultimo, and three samples, at Enniscorthy on the 9<sup>th</sup> ultimo. The samples were duly submitted to the Public



Analyst. for the County Wexford. who certifies, that they proved to be pure"

Marked "Read"

### Increases of Salaries—Messrs Howlin & Hassett

" Under date 31<sup>st</sup> July, 1911. letter no. 38,959-11 Wexford Co., was read from the Local Government Board:—

In reply to your letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> inst. respecting the remuneration of Messrs Hassett and Howlin, Assistant Surveyors in Wexford County, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to state that they see no objection, to the increases of Salary referred to in your letter, which have been granted, to these Officers, in accordance with the terms of their appointments"

Marked "Read"

### Land for Afforestation.

Under date 31<sup>st</sup> July, 1911. the following letter was read from the Estates Commissioners:—

" Estate of the Irish Land Commission, formerly the Estate of W. A. J. Wallace, Record number L. D. 19. County. Wexford.

" I am directed by the Estates Commissioners, to state, that included in the above Estate, are two plots of land in the townland of Dranagh, shown on the accompanying Map no 12, comprising 18a. 3r. 10p. suitable for planting, and no 19, containing 22a. 3r. 10p. under timber, and I am to ask, whether your Council, would be prepared, to purchase these parcels, of the Estate, pursuant to Section 18, of the Irish Land Act, 1909, and under Section 4, of the Irish Land Act 1903, for the purpose of the preservation, of woods or plantations, by means of an advance under the Land Purchase Acts of £120 K. payable by Annuity, at the rate of 3¼% per annum of £3. 10.

I am to add, that the Commissioners, have brought



the matter under the notice of the Enniscorthy Rural District Council. but they regret to say, that the Council has refused, to take the lands for the purposes of afforestation."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Rice, the following Resolution, was adopted:—

"That the Estates Commissioners, be informed that as we consider the land offered by them, as suitable arable land, we cannot see our way, to take it over for planting. We are of opinion, that so long as there are hundreds of acres remaining unplanted on the slopes of the hills of this County, no arable land should be taken up for afforestation"

### Wexford County Infirmary.

Mr J. L. Esmonde explained, that he did not wish to continue a member of the Co. Wexford Infirmary Committee.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Asple, Mr John O'Connor was appointed to the vacancy."

### Weeds & Seeds Act.

Under date 16<sup>th</sup> June the following letter (No A.12803-11) was read from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction:—

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> inst, and to state that the Department are prepared to make an order under part 1 of the above Act. declaring that throughout County Wexford, all plants of the following species, viz:—Thistle, are noxious weeds for the purposes of the Act. They are advised, however that before they can do so, they will require, to be furnished with a sealed copy.



of a resolution passed at a meeting of the Council, and signifying the Council's consent to the making of such an order. It is desirable that this resolution should be in the form of the draft, which accompanied the Department's letter on the subject addressed to you on the 31<sup>st</sup> March last (no. 4.4111-11) a further copy of which is enclosed.

I have, therefore, to request that you will be so good, as to take steps to have the necessary resolution passed, and that you will kindly furnish the Department with a sealed copy thereof.

The following resolution was read from the Forth Agricultural & Industrial Association:-

That we strongly disapprove, of the action of the County Council, in passing the Seeds & Weeds Act. as we consider, the application of such an Act, will entail considerable hardship on farmers whose farms will now be subject to inspection by Department Officials.

On the motion of Mr. Asple, seconded by Mr. Fanning, the following resolution was adopted:-  
"That the County Council decline to put the Act in force for this year."

### Foot and Mouth Disease

The Department of Agriculture, and Technical Instruction, forwarded a copy of order prohibiting the importation of cattle, etc. into Ireland, from Great Britain, owing to the re-appearance of Foot and Mouth disease, in that country.

The Department also forwarded copy of their order prohibiting the landing of hay and straw from Great Britain, into Ireland, in consequence of foot and mouth disease.

Marked "Read"



## Courtown Harbour

Under date 13<sup>th</sup> July 1911, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, forwarded copy of the report of their Engineer on the work carried out by him, in connection with the sluicing arrangements at Courtown Harbour, with a statement of the cost involved.

Mr Fanning proposed, Mr Peacocke seconded, and the following resolution was adopted:—

"That £100 be paid to the Department of Agriculture for the work at Courtown Harbour.

## Grants to Fishery Harbours

Under date 17<sup>th</sup> June, the Department of Agriculture etc. wrote as follows (letter No. 4941 F.B.) relative to grants to Fishery Harbours:—

"I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> inst. embodying a resolution passed by the Wexford County Council, on the previous day, asking for information, as to the piers and harbours, in the county, for which applications for grants were made, to the Development Commissioners, and what amount it was proposed to spend on each.

In connection therewith, I am to state that the Department are not at present in a position to make any communication to the Council on the subject.

The Department are awaiting Treasury sanction, to the provision of funds, for such schemes, as may be recommended by the Development Commissioners"

Under date 22<sup>nd</sup> July, the following letter (No 69059. F.B) was also read from the Department:—



"Adverting to your letter, of the 21<sup>st</sup> instant. I have to state, that the Department are not yet in a position, to make any Communication, to the Wexford County Council, as to grants, which have been recommended, for Fishery Harbours, by the Development Commissioners"

Under On the motion of Mr Fanning, seconded by Mr Bloney, the following resolution, was adopted:-

"That we ask, the Department, to give us the names, of the six specified harbours, for which they have applied for a grant of £32,500 (vide Development Commission Report - page 29)"

### The Road Board

Under date 4<sup>th</sup> July 1911, the following letter was read, from the Secretary to the Road Board:-

"I am directed, by the Road Board, to acknowledge, the receipt, of your letter, of the 30<sup>th</sup> June. It is assumed, that your inquiries, refer to the expenditure, of the grant of £2,120, which the Board, have intimated, that they are prepared, to contribute to a Scheme, of improvement, approved by them, and not to the National scheme, which was discussed, at the conference, with the County Councils, in Dublin.

The Board are not prepared, to contribute more, than 50 per cent, of the total cost, of works of improvement, by strengthening surfacing, with approved stone, and steam-rolling. If the estimated cost, of re-surfacing, the existing width, of metalled Carriageway, with the same material, as existing surface, and without improvement, is deducted, from the total cost, of the works, than the Board, are prepared, to contribute up to 75 per cent, of the balance, which is the net cost, attributable to improvement. A form showing how the net



improvement cost, is arrived at, is enclosed herewith.  
In reply to your questions, I am to state that

- (a) The Board have now under consideration, a standard form of Specification, for steamrolling.  
In the meantime, they are asking each County Surveyor, to submit a detailed specification, of the work he proposes to carry out.
- (b). The work will be carried out, by the County Surveyor, under the direction of the County Council.
- (c). The Board's contribution, is usually paid, by instalments, as follows:—

One-third on requisition, when applicants are ready to commence work.

One-third when 50 per cent. of the work, has been completed.

One-third on certificate, of County Surveyor, that the works, have been completed, and stating the amount, of actual expenditure.

- (d) The Board do not as a rule, contribute, to the purchase of plant, and if they did, the amount, would also be nominal, as the bulk, of the cost, would have to be treated, as provision, for maintenance work, in the future."

Under date 21<sup>st</sup> July, the following was read, from the Secretary, to the Road Board:—

"I am directed by the Road Board, to acknowledge the receipt, of your letter, of the 17<sup>th</sup> inst. and to say that before replying thereto, they would be glad, if the information given, by the County Surveyor could be furnished, in a little more detail.

I enclose herewith, forms showing the information required, and I shall be glad,



if you will draw the attention of the County Surveyor to the specimen printed on Page 2 and ask him to show in a similar manner, how his total figures are arrived at, both for the re-construction and for the estimated cost of resurfacing in the present manner and without improvement."

"Adjourned for further information"

### Kilmore Harbour.

Mr Browne proposed, Mr O'Connor seconded, and it was passed:—

"That we beg to remind the Department, that the dredging of Kilmore Harbour, has now been delayed, for the past three years, that we are of opinion, the Department is not free from blame in the matter, and we protest against any further delay"

### Holidays. County Surveyor

On the motion of the Chairman, Mr Gaffney County Surveyor, was granted, a fortnights holidays"

### Sheebawn Quarry.

The following letter was received, from James Devine, Clonattin Road, Gorey:—

"With reference to the quarry, in Sheebawn Hollyport, Gorey. I beg to state, that if you have no tender, to work this quarry, I will take it, at 3/- per cubic yard. A reply is requested, at your convenience"

The matter was adjourned, to Special meeting to be held, within the next month.

### New Members of Co. Committee of Agriculture &c.

A resolution was received, from the Co. Wexford



Committee of Agriculture, and Technical Instruction, asking that Mr John Stamp, Clonmore House, Glenbrien should be appointed, a member, of the Committee.

On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Lynch, the name of John Stamp was added to the Committee.

### Waterford Joint Bridge Committee.

On the motion of Mr Rossiter, seconded by Mr Sinnott the Chairman, Messrs B. H. Peacocke, James J. Stafford, & John S. Hearn, were appointed, the representatives, of the Waterford County Council, on the Waterford Bridge Joint Committee.

### Injury to a mare.

Under date 13<sup>th</sup> July, 1911, Mr W. Fitzpatrick, Upton, Kilmuckridge, wrote, stating that a mare of his, had trod on a loose stone, on the road, between Kilmuckridge and Ballyhask, and fell, and was badly hurt, and requesting the Co. Council, to grant him, some compensation.

"Marked Road."

### Application re Road Contract.

The following letter under date 27<sup>th</sup> July, was read from Mr James Banham, Broom, Crossabeg:-

"With reference to my Contract 168, 169, 170, Waterford District, I must ask the County Council, to take this road, off my hands, and give it, to somebody else. I was perfectly prepared, to carry out my Contract, if I could have, obtained the necessary material, for which I was prepared to pay. I have applied to the Magistrates for an Order to enter a quarry, on Patrick Doran's land of."



Tubberfinnuck, which is only 500 yards. from my Contract, and the material good, and was refused, I then applied to the Court, for an Order, to enter Bashin's quarry at Bzory, which is the next nearest quarry, and was also refused. The next quarry, is John Connolly's of Castle Son, which is run out of stones altogether. There is a quarry at Murphy's of Bally Boggan, which is two miles away, and impossible to get into, from this road, so it is impossible for me to carry out, this Contract, and keep this road, as it should be kept. So I must ask the Council, to take over the contract, and give it to someone else. The nearest and best quarries, have been closed against me, so I cannot do any more with it"

On the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr Fanning, the following resolution was adopted:-  
 "That the representatives of the Wexford District, on the Roads Committee, with Mr Asple, inspect the quarries, referred to, in the letter of Mr Banham, and report to meeting of Co. Council."

### Prosecution of Road Contractors.

On the motion, of the Chairman, the County Surveyor, was given permission to prosecute James Myles, Tomfarney Bree; for Road No 199, Ennis Corthy, should he consider, it necessary.

### University Scholarships.

The Secretary submitted draft advertisement, for University Scholarships, and which, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Browne, was approved.

On the motion, of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:- "That we agree, to the payment of £1. for the rent, of the Town Hall,



new Ross. for Scholarship Examination.

### Local & Imperial Taxation Committee.

On the motion, of the Chairman,  
Seconded by Mr Rossiter.

The action of the Finance Committee, in adopting a series of resolutions forwarded by the General Council, of County Councils, in connection with Imperial and Local Taxation, was approved.

### Local Government Elections

Messrs G. H. Peacocke, and James J. Stafford, as a committee, submitted the following report:-

"At the request of the Society, Secretary, we, the undersigned, examined on the 19<sup>th</sup> July 1911, the vouchers, with the expenses, of the recent Local Government Elections, and find that all amounts, are covered by the scale of expenses.

The only matter, to which we desire to direct attention, is an item of 3/- for taking charge of the ballot boxes, and which is made, by each of the presiding officers, in the Wexford district.

Notwithstanding, that this sum, is covered by the scale of expenses, and although it was allowed, at the Elections of 1908, we recommend that, in future, it should be disallowed, as we consider, that where mileage is allowed to, and from the polling station, a presiding officer, should not receive, a special fee, even of the small amount, referred to, for taking charge, of the ballot box.

We find that the total cost, of the Elections is £648.16.3 as against £645.16.8 in 1908.

The number of contests in 1911 is  
County Divisions 6  
District " 29



The number of contests in 1908 was:-  
 County Divisions 5.  
 District " 14.

(Signed) C. H. Peacocke.  
 James S. Stafford.  
 (Co Councillors)

The report of the Election Committee, was adopted on the motion, of Mr Rossiter, seconded by the Chairman.

### Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

On the motion of Mr Stafford. Seconded by Mr Rossiter, renewals of licenses under the Poisons & Pharmacy Act, were granted, the following:-

Mr Anastasia Lett. Ferns.  
 Thomas Bogley. Killurn  
 John Doyle. May St. New Ross.

### Ballyhack Slip.

Under date 13<sup>th</sup> June. Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor, wrote forwarding the following letter from the Local Government Board, under date 13<sup>th</sup> June (no. 29.230):-

"With reference to your letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> ultimo, and to previous correspondence, relative to the proposal, of the Wexford County Council, to take over a boat slip at Ballyhack, I am directed, by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to state that, from the information before them, it appears to the Board, that there is no enactment, which would enable the County Council, to take over this Boat Slip, or the Board, to make a provisional order, empowering them to do so."

Under date 23<sup>rd</sup> June the following letter, was read from Mr J. Allingham, Secretary, Waterford Harbour Board:-



"Replying to yours of the 16<sup>th</sup> perhaps if Mr. Elgee would communicate with the Harbours Department of the Board of Trade, they might obtain for you, an order of his Majesty in Council giving the necessary authority to take over the boat slip. In regard to pilotage matters, we have from time to time, obtained these orders, which do not entail any expense, and the peculiar complications, attending this Ballyhack affair, might induce the Board of Trade, to take the matter up for you, especially, if your Members of Parliament would see Mr. Pelham, the Assistant Sec., of that Department of the Board of Trade."

On the motion of the Chairman, the matter was referred to Mr. Elgee.

### Resignation of Accountant

The following letter was read, under date 31<sup>st</sup> July 1911, from Mr. Patrick Donohoe, 56<sup>th</sup> St. Werburgh:

"I wish to tender my resignation as your Accountant"

As I intend going abroad, I would like the Co. Council, to give me a recommendation, that I have discharged my duty with regard to the Accounts, in a satisfactory manner, during my period of office, viz:- 12½ years"

Proposed by Mr. Asple. Seconded by Mr. Doyle J. R. And adopted:-

"That we dissent from the resolution of the Finance Committee of the 22<sup>nd</sup> July, dismissing the Accountant from office, but confirm the resolution, of the Finance Committee Meeting, of 13<sup>th</sup> July, calling on the Accountant to resign."

That the resignation of the Accountant be accepted, and that his salary be paid up to the 22<sup>nd</sup> July."

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by the



Chairman. the following recommendation was drawn up:—

"This is to certify that Mr Patrick Donohoe, has been in the service of the County Council, during the past 12½ years as Accountant; He is strictly honest, has a good knowledge of his work, and was accurate with the accounts.

He has now handed in his resignation to the Council, as he is going abroad.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Stafford, the following recommendations of the Finance Committee, were agreed to:—

That we invite the Co. Council, to offer a salary of £80 per annum, to the incoming Accountant.

That we recommend the Co. Council, to appoint a Stenographer, and Typist, at a salary of £52 per annum.

The following draft advertisement, for the position of Accountant, was agreed to—

Wexford County Council.  
Accountant wanted

The above County Council, require the services of Accountant.

to keep the various accounts of the Co. Council.

Salary £80 per annum.

The appointment will be determinable by a month's notice, at either side.

The successful Candidate, will be under the control of the Secretary, and when not engaged at the Accounts, must assist in the general work of the office.

Preference will be given to Candidates, who can produce evidence that they are able to read, write,



and translate Irish.

Applications should be lodged, with the undersigned before 4 p.m. on 23<sup>rd</sup> August.

The appointment will be made, at Special Meeting, of the Co. Council, to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> August at 2.30 p.m.

The following draft advertisement, for the position of Stenographer, and Typist, was agreed to.

### Stenographer + Typist wanted.

The Waterford Co. Council, require the services of Stenographer and Typist.

at a salary of £52 per annum.

The appointment will be determinable, by a month's notice at either side.

The successful Candidate, will be under the control of the Secretary, and must assist in the general work of the Office of the Council.

Preference will be given to candidates who can produce evidence, that they are able to "read, write" and translate Irish."

Applications should be lodged, with the undersigned, before 4 p.m. on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August.

The Appointment, will be made, at a Special Meeting, of the County Council, to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> August, at 2.30 p.m.

### Proposed Irish Public Bodies Insurance.

Under date 17<sup>th</sup> June, Mr John Mackey, Clerk Waterford Union, wrote forwarding copies of proposed "Irish Public Bodies Insurance Scheme"

In connection with this matter, a circular letter, was read from the Mayor of Waterford, asking the County Council, to nominate delegates.



to a conference of representatives of public bodies from the Counties of Tipperary, Kilkenny, Wexford, and from the City of Waterford, to a meeting, to be held at the Town Hall Waterford; on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September, at 12.0'clock noon, to discuss the Scheme."

On the motion of the Chairman.  
Seconded by Mr Fanning.

The following were appointed on behalf of the Council:-  
"Messrs Rice, Heam, and Macocke"

### National Insurance Bill.

The report of the Law, and Parliamentary Committee, to the Council, of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce, with reference, to the National Insurance Bill, was read for the meeting.

Marked Read

### Old Ferrycong Bridge

Under date 24<sup>th</sup> July, the following letter was read, from R.W. Elgee Solicitor:-

"Referring to the directions given to me, at the meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> June ult. to look into the matter of the payment made to Mr Colhoun, for repairs to the old bridge at Ferrycong, in the month of April last, and as to the possibility, of recovering the amount, then paid him, and if not from him from the Co. Surveyor, I came to the conclusion, on considering the matter, that having regard, to the fact that it would be sometime, before the new Bridge was completed, and that up to the date, of such completion, further repairs, would most probably become necessary, to the old Structure, it was very desirable, to lay the matter, before Counsel for his opinion, so as to be sure, that my view of the meaning, of Clause 31, of the specification was correct, and also my view, as to the recovery, of



the amount paid, from Mr Colhoun, and further to obtain his opinion, as to the liability, of the County Surveyor, to refund that amount. And I accordingly did so, and I enclose herewith, a copy of the queries, I submitted to him and of his opinion thereon, and by nos. 1 & 2 thereof, you will see that he confirms, the view, I expressed, at the meeting, as to the meaning, of the clause, in the Specification, and that the amount, could not be recovered, from Mr Colhoun, and by no. 3, what his opinion is, as to the liability, of the County Surveyor."

The following is a copy, of the queries to Counsel, and his replies:—

(1) Having regard to the clause, no 31, in the Specification is the Contractor, for the new Bridge, bound to keep, the old Bridge, in a proper state of repair, and carry out, at his own expense, all necessary repairs to it.

Answer:— Having regard to the words of the clause, especially, the last portion of it, from "He must" to end, I am of opinion, that all necessary repairs, must be made, at the expense of the Contractor.

(2) If so, can the County Council, recover from the Contractor, the £24.5, which was paid to him, for such repairs, in the month of April last.

Answer:— In my opinion, this cannot be recovered from the Contractor, having been paid under a mistake in the interpretation of the contract, that is, a mistake of law, and not one of fact.

(3) If such amount be not recoverable, against the Contractor, can the Council require the Co. Surveyor, to refund the amount, having regard to the fact, that he either overlooked the clause, in the Specification, above referred to, or else misinterpreted it?

Answer:—

I think not, unless there is some



special provision, in the contract, of employment of the County Surveyor, by which he is rendered liable, for losses sustained by the Board, by reason of any action of his— The general rule of law, is that a servant is not liable, to his employer, for losses occasioned, to his master, by reason of the servant's actions, unless the loss, was caused, by gross negligence, of the servant.

I do not think any Court, would hold, the Surveyor guilty, of gross negligence, simply because he misinterpreted, a somewhat difficult legal contract— But though this is my clear view, after reading many of the cases, they all come to this, that there is no exact measure, of what is culpable, or gross negligence, and it is quite possible, that the Court, might consider, the Surveyor's neglect, to consult the Council's solicitor, did amount to such negligence, as it would hold to be gross— The opinion of the Court, can be taken, at very small expense, by issuing a Bill, against the Surveyor. If I ever desire to proceed, I shall be happy, to settle the Bill.

Annesly St. G. De Kenzy.  
21<sup>st</sup> July 1911

The following recommendation of the Finance Committee, was adopted, on the motion, of Mr. M. Doyle & seconded by Mr. Jas. Dodd:—

"That Mr. Elgee be instructed, to communicate with the Co. Surveyor, and Mr. Robert Colbourn, as to the payment, of £ 24. 6. for maintenance, of the old bridge of Ferryconig."

"That in the event of Mr. Elgee, requiring Council's opinion, he first obtain, the sanction, of the Finance Committee, except in urgent cases"

### Annual Revision of Valuation.

Under date 20<sup>th</sup> July, the Commissioner of Valuation, wrote, that he had appointed Mr. Mills, of his



department, to make the annual Revision, of the Valuation, of the several Rural Districts, of the County, which would be Commenced at once.

marked "Read"

### Poor Rate Collectors Security.

Mr Laurence Hacy, Rate Collector, Oulart; wrote, that one of his securities, Mr Laurence Dempsey, had died, and submitted the name of Mr Patrick Dempsey, Oulart, as substitute.

On the motion of Mr Michael Doyle Jt. Seconded by Mr James Codd, the following recommendation of the Finance Committee, was adopted:—

"That the name of Mr Patrick Dempsey, be accepted, as surety, provided he can furnish proof, of title, to his father's farm at Oulart"

### Public Health & Sanitary Conferences in Dublin

Letters were received, from the Town Clerk, Dublin, relative to appointment of delegates, to the proposed conference, of Sanitary Authorities to be held in Dublin, from 15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> August, and also asking the County Council, for subscriptions, in connection with the reception of the Public Health Congress, which is to be held in Dublin on the same dates, as the conference of Sanitary Authorities.

marked "Read"

### Architectural Competitions

Regulations of the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland, for Architectural Competitions, were laid before the meeting.

"Referred to County Surveyor"

Lectureship in Spanish & Italian National University.



The following resolution, was received from Monaghan Co Council.

That having had read for us, the statement made at a recent meeting of Convocation of the National University, with reference to the appointment to the lectureship in Spanish and Italian a statement involving charges, of flagrant jobbery, in favour of a foreigner, and of grave injustice to two talented Irishwomen, we the members, of the Monaghan Co. Council, one of the first of Irish Councils, to strike a vote in aid of the University, hereby call upon the responsible authorities, in the interests of the purity of Irish public life, to investigate the aforesaid charges, and to vindicate thereby the honour of the University, whose welfare, we have so much at heart.

"No action taken"

### Afforestation:-

Under date 27<sup>th</sup> July, the following resolution, adopted at the All Ireland Industrial Conference, held in Dublin on the 11<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> June, was forwarded for the consideration, of the Council:-

(a) "That ample powers, should be given, to the Forestry Department, enabling them, to take effective measures, to check the felling of growing timbers, unaccompanied by any provision for replanting.

(b) That funds be provided, by the State, for defraying expenses, in connection therewith, and for enforcing, the proper upkeep, of woods, as a matter of public policy.

(c) That the state, following the example, of other countries, should acquire upon a large scale, woods and lands suitable for afforestation; and to offer inducement, to tenant purchasers, and woodland proprietors for the planting, cultivation, and upkeep of trees"

"On the motion of Mr Fanning, seconded



by Mr. Stafford. The foregoing resolution was adopted"

Tara Hill Quarry.

In connection with the letter of 10<sup>th</sup> June, from Mr. John Lannen, Foreman, Tara Hill Quarry, stating that he was not able to look after the Engine, Stone breakers, Contractor's Accounts, drawing material, and men's accounts. And asking that the Council would appoint some man to look after the engine. It had been decided, that no action be taken, until the tram road, had been completed.

"Postponed, pending report from Tara Hill Quarry Committee."

Omniun Insurance Corporation:-

Under date 30<sup>th</sup> June 1911, the following was read from Irish Branch Manager of the Omniun Insurance Corporation:-

"I understand that your Council, are now refusing, to accept of this Corporation, before you finally make a decision. I would like to point out to you, that there is at present pending an amalgamation, with the United London & Scottish Insurance Co Ltd. Subscribed Capital of the combined companies, will be £ 215,000. odd, the paid up Capital, will be £ 55,000. odd, and the total security, to Policy Holders, will amount to, nearly £ 300,000.

With this information before you, we hope you will see your way, to accept our Security as formerly.

Marked "Read"



## Discharging Boats at Courstown:-

Under date 14<sup>th</sup> July 1911, the following was read from Hon. G. Stopford. Hon Sec.  
Courstown Branch Royal National Life Boat Institution.

"I beg to ask permission, for the use of one of the discharging boats, at Courstown Harbour, when it is not in use, for the purpose of shooting a haul off warp, for the use of the Life Boat, the Institution being responsible for any damage done to the discharging boat. I may mention, I understand, the Harbour Master, in former years, gave leave, but for some reason he refuses this year. It would be a great convenience, if you would give the required leave.

Thanking you in anticipation"  
On the motion of Mr Fanning, seconded by the Chairman, permission to utilise the discharging boat, was granted on the conditions of the letter, of the Hon. G. V. Stopford"

## Action against County Council:-

The Secretary stated, he had received from Mr W. J. O'Dempsey, Solicitor, Enniscorthy; a letter on behalf of Miss Kavanagh, Gorey; sister of a patient in the Asylum, named Kavanagh, who committed suicide in April, asking him to accept service of writ, against the Council, for damages, sustained through the suicide.

"Mr Elgee mentioned, that no writ, had been served on him so far"

## Acknowledgments of Appointment on Committees:-

Acknowledgments of appointment, to Committees, were read from Mr M. A. Ennis, Canon Doyle, Lafoat



Lady W. Fitzgerald

Marked "Read"

Governors Co. Infirmary:

Under date 16<sup>th</sup> June. Mr M. J. Kavanagh, Registrar, Co. Infirmary, wrote. That the following had been appointed, to represent the Governors and Governesses, on the Joint Committee, of management, for the County Wexford Infirmary:-

Hon. Mrs Deane Morgan. Ardcarrisk  
Rev. Canon Furlong P. P. Taghmon.  
Lady Doran. Ely House. Wexford.  
R. W. Edge. Esq. Wexford.  
E. A. Gibbon Esq. St. Steedagh House.

Marked "Read"

Ferrycarraig Bridge.

Under date 11<sup>th</sup> July. the following letter was read from Mr J. S. E. Debesian (Mouchel & Partners) London relative to Ferrycarraig Bridge:-

"We think it may be of interest to you, to know, with regard to the above matter, that our Engineer, when inspecting the work last week, reports that the work, is good, that the progress is good, and that the materials are excellent.

This bears out the writer's opinion, formed on the occasion, of his visit, a few weeks ago.

We believe that the Foreman, now in charge of the work, is a thoroughly competent man, keen, and likely to make a satisfactory job.

It is most regrettable, that the Contractor, should have allowed, so many valuable months, to slip by, when he started the work. This delay, has been of course, ruinous to him, we can well understand, extremely annoying to you, and of course detrimental to us, because your Council



may form the opinion, that ferro-concrete work is slow, which is not the case, if properly handled.

As this delay, was so much against the interests, of the Contractor, we can only believe, he was misled, in the foreman, he put in charge of the work, and that the work, being some way from his place of business, he was possibly not able, to give as much personal attention, to the work, as he should have done. We have been in communication with your Engineer, from the start, and are aware of the steps, he took, to expedite the work.

We do not see, what other steps, could have been taken, except the removal of the Contractor altogether, and this would have been a very stringent measure, and one seldom, resorted to, owing to the difficulty, and likelihood of subsequent legal trouble.

We feel sure, that when the bridge is finished, it will give you every satisfaction, and we sincerely hope, that such completion, may not now be unduly delayed."

Marked "Read"

### Deeds of Conveyance:-

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

"That the deed of Conveyance, from Mr. Andrew Kavanagh, Tombarrow, for gravel pit at Ballcarney, and the Deed of Conveyance, from the Board of Trade, for the Foreshore at Derrycarrig, be sealed and signed."

### Roads Committee:-

It was decided, that the first meeting of the Roads Committee, be held on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> August at 10.30 a.m. And a Special meeting of the Council, at 7.30 p.m. on the same date.



## Coroner's Duties.

On the motion, of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr Michael Doyle Es. the following Resolution, was adopted:

"That we request Mr Peter French M.P. when engaged at his Parliamentary Duties, to invest his Deputy Mr J. S. Roche Es. with full discretionary powers as to the holding of inquests."

## Confirmation of minutes of Finance Committee:

On the motion of Mr Michael Doyle Es. seconded by Mr James Dodd. the following Recommendations of the Finance Committee, were adopted:

"That the Harbour Master of Courstown, be instructed not to allow any agreement for the hire of boats, to be signed, until he had seen the quantities in the bill of lading"

"That Mr Mullett be informed, that the Finance Committee, are dissatisfied with the manner, in which he is proceeding with his Collection, and in the event of his not expediting his work, the Finance Committee, will request the Co. Council, to have him removed from Office"

"That our Secretary write to collectors Redmond, Lacy, Sheehan, J. H. Doyle. that the Finance Committee, are not satisfied with the progress they have made in their Collection, and state that the Committee expect a substantial improvement, by next Finance Committee Meeting"

"That our Secretary forward to each Rate Collector, copy of letter received from the Local Government Board, as to the state of Rate Collection in the County"

"That the Co Surveyor, be requested, to submit a detailed account, of the expenditure relative to repairs, of Wexford Bridge, and details of the amount of £63. 13. 3, spent on sudden Damage orders."



for Buoy. At New Ross Bridge"

"That our Secretary be empowered, to employ any temporary assistance he may require, pending the appointment, of an Accountant, to the Council"

"That Mr D' McDonald. Checks for the accounts, of the Rate Collectors of Ennisconthy District. be called on, for an explanation, as to the manner, in which he has checked the accounts of Mr John Mullett.

That this explanation be brought, before next meeting, of the Finance Committee. And if said explanation, be regarded as unsatisfactory. Mr John Mullett be called on to resign"

"That the Roads Committee inspect Roads nos. 312 & 313. Ennisconthy District, and report to next meeting.

That payments of £10 and £15 to Jas. Nolan Edersmine Mills, Ennisconthy, be held over, pending the report, of the Road Committee"

John Bolger



Special Meeting :- 17<sup>th</sup> August 1911

A Special Meeting, of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford; On the 17<sup>th</sup> August 1911

Present:- Mr John Bolger, Chairman. (Presiding)  
Other Members:- Messrs J. J. Stafford, M. Cloney,  
J. H. Esmonde, John O'Connor, James A. Doyle,  
C. H. Peacock, John J. Mayle, James Codd, Michael Doyle,  
R. A. Rice, Patrick Rossiter

The Secretary, and Mr R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, were also present.

There were also in attendance:- Doctor Browne, Medical Inspector, of the Local Government Board, Doctor Pierce, Medical Officer of Health, for the Town of Wexford, and Mr Hannery, Veterinary Surgeon, of the Department, of Agriculture.

The meeting was called, to consider an Anthrax Outbreak, on the farms, of Mr Richard Richards, situate at Whitemill, and Mulgannon, near Wexford Town.

Mr R. Malone V.S. reported that there were 36 animals, originally on these farms; 22 on Mulgannon, and 14 on Whitemill. Two had died of the disease and two were at present affected.

The Secretary read correspondence, he had with the Department:-

On the 9<sup>th</sup> August, the date he had received the report, from Mr Malone, he called the attention, of the Department, to the outbreak, and stated that all precautions, had been taken, to prevent the spread, of the disease.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> August, he again wrote the Department, calling their attention, to the fact, that a number of people, were representing to him, that the animals in contact, with those, which had died, should be slaughtered.



He further pointed out, that there were a number of dairy cows, and dry stock, on the surrounding farms, and that fearing the spread of the disease, the Department might see their way, to have the animals slaughtered, and award compensation to the owners.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> August, the Secretary forwarded, the following Certificate from Doctor Pierse, Medical Officer of Health.

"I certify that I received notice of an outbreak of Anthrax in cattle, the property of Mr Richard Richards, on farms at Mulgannon and Whitmill near Wexford.

I visited these farms to-day, and found that four bullocks, died of the disease, and that four others, have symptoms of the disease.

I recommend, in the interest of Public Health, that all the infected animals, be slaughtered at once, and that all the remaining portion be slaughtered, if other cases occur."

(Signed) Thomas Pierse.  
"Medical Officer of Health"

On the 12<sup>th</sup> August, he received the following wire, from the Department:-

"Anthrax outbreak at Richards. wire has been received from Mayor of Wexford, that people refuse to bury carcasses. It is the duty of the County Council, to arrange for disposal of such carcasses, in manner, set forth, in Article 7 of the Anthrax Order"

The Secretary stated, that the animals referred to, in the Department's telegram, had been buried according to the provisions of the Anthrax Order.



By the directions of the Finance Committee Meeting, of the 12<sup>th</sup> August, the following wire was sent to the Department-

"Re Anthrax Outbreak. Disease extending. Another animal dead. Finance Committee of County Council, wish to know, what is to be done, in view of danger to Public Health.

To this, the following reply, was received on August 12<sup>th</sup>

"Your wire re Anthrax Outbreak, received, the precautions, to be observed, are fully detailed, in the Anthrax Order. The slaughter of infected animals, unless the greatest care is exercised, is attended, with much danger, and liable in certain circumstances, to further spreading of disease.

If however the local authority, are in favour of slaughter, and are willing to pay, the compensation, out of local rates, which is the only source available.

The Department, although not advising, that procedure, are ready, to authorize the local authority under section 19 of Disease of Animals Act 1894, to slaughter the affected animals"

On the 16<sup>th</sup> August, the following wire, was sent to the Department:-

"Re Anthrax Outbreak. Two fresh cases, reported to-day. Medical Inspector of Local Government Board, attending meeting, County Council to-morrow. suggest advisability of Department, being represented."

In reply to the Chairman, Doctor Peirse stated, that a good deal, of the milk supply of the Town, was taken from the farms, adjoining Mr Richards. A case of Human Anthrax, came under his observation, the previous night, the person affected, being a workman of Mr Richards. There was every danger, of the disease spreading



by means of insects &c.

He thought in the interests of Public Health, the remaining Cattle, should be destroyed, and buried according to the provisions of the Anthrax Order. There was no other way, to stamp out the disease.

Dr Browne, Medical Inspector, of the Local Government Board, said he undoubtedly recommended slaughter, if they desired, to prevent the spread of the disease.

Mr Hanney said, that Mr Malone had asked him, to state, that he was in favour of the animals being slaughtered.

As regards Compensation, the Department advised him, that the only fund, out of which, the Compensation could be given, was the Local Rate.

On the motion of Mr Rossiter, seconded by Mr Stafford, the following resolution was adopted:—

"That in view of the statements of Doctor Browne, Medical Inspector of the Local Government Board, and Doctor Pierce, Medical Officer of Health, for the town of Wexford, to this meeting, and to the opinion of Mr Malone &c, that it is advisable, for the protection, of the health, of the people of Wexford, and to prevent the spreading of Anthrax, to other herds, and human beings, to have slaughtered all animals on the farms, of Mr Richard Richards at Mulgannon, and Whitmill, which are either affected with Anthrax, or have been in contact with animals so affected.

We hereby request, the Department, to issue at once, an Order, for the slaughter of these animals.

Taking into consideration the large sum of money involved, we request, the Department, to issue this Order, under Section 22 (XXXV) and XXXVII of the Diseases of Animals Act 1894, instead of under, Section 19, of the said Act.



as we believe the Amount payable, for Compensation should be defrayed, by the Department, and not from the Local Rates.

Our Solicitor, Mr. Elgee, advises us, that the Department can, if they so desire, make an order, to cover payment of Compensation under Section 22.

That in the event of the Department not agreeing to issue the Order, under Section 22, we appoint the following as a deputation, to wait on Mr. F. W. Russell, Vice-President of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, to urge on him the necessity, of inducing the Department, to pay for the animals slaughtered - viz:-

Mr John Balge (Chairman) Mr B. H. Peacocke, and Mr J. L. Esmonde.

That Mr Russell be requested, to receive the Deputation, at 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> inst.

On the motion of Mr Stafford, seconded by Mr. Rossiter, the following resolution was adopted:—

"That Messrs Peacocke, Rice, J. L. Esmonde & James Bodd, be appointed a Committee, to value the Cattle.

That a Car, to visit Mr Richard's farms, at Mulgannon & Whitemill, be provided for them, at the expense of the Co. Council.

Subsequently the following telegraphic reply, was received, by Mr Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council,

In answer, to a message sent by him, to the Department, which reply was read, for the meeting.

"The Department consider, that compensation for affected Cattle, should not exceed, half of their value, before they became, so affected, and that in any other case, it should be the value, immediately before slaughter. In determining the value, regard should be had, to the Local Market Rates.

It is presumed however, that no other Cattle, than those, which became affected, will be slaughtered,



unless the Local Authority are fully satisfied, that the  
Circumstances of the case, justify the adoption, of  
this unusual course"

John Bolger



Special meeting - 29<sup>th</sup> August 1911.

A special meeting of the Wexford county council, was held in the co. council chamber courthouse, Wexford; on 29<sup>th</sup> August 1911.

Present :- Mr John Bolger, chairman, presiding  
Other members :- Messrs C. A. Peacocke, Michael Brown, M. Cloney, M. Doyle Sr., J. A. Doyle, J. L. Esmonde, R. A. Rice, J. S. Hearn, M. Doyle Jr., A. Kinsella, John O'Connor, J. J. Mayler, D. Sinnott, P. O'Neill, J. J. Stafford, James Lynch, P. Rossiter, M. Dickey, P. J. Fanning, Mark Codd, James Codd, J. Apple.

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

Unveiling Parnell's monument.

Under date 23<sup>rd</sup> August, a letter was read from Mr C. E. Redmond, Parnell monument committee, asking the county council to appoint representatives to take part in the unveiling of the monument to the late Chas. S. Parnell.

The following were appointed as the representatives of the Council :- Messrs John Bolger, chairman; C. A. Peacocke vice-chm; and J. J. Stafford.

Appointment of Accountant.

For the position of accountant to the co. council at a salary of £80. per annum, applications were received from the following:-  
Augustine Finn, 2 High Hill, New Ross.  
Kathleen Fanning, Killanne, Enniscorthy  
Richard Ryan, 4 School Street, Wexford.  
J. A. Frizelli, Whitrock Cottage.



N. J. Cosgrave, George Street, Wexford.  
 Michael Quinn, Clashganny, Borris.  
 Wm Hutchinson, Monck Street, Wexford.

It was decided that a poll be taken at once, without the formality of proposing and seconding candidates.

The following is the result:-

For Mr. Frizelle: Messrs Browne, James Codd, Cloney, Rice, O'Neill, Stafford, Hearn, Keacocke, Fanning, Lynch, Comonde, Rossiter, Mayler, J. A. Doyle, M. Codd, M. Doyle Sr., M. Dickey, and the Chairman - 18.  
 For Mr. Hutchinson: Messrs M. Doyle Jr., 19.  
 Sinnott, J. O'Connor, and J. Aspley - 4.  
 For Mr. Ryan: Mr. Kinsella. 1.

The other candidates were not proposed and the Chairman declared Mr. Frizelle elected.

The latter returned thanks.

The following is the application of the successful candidate:-

To the Wexford County Council.  
 Gentlemen

In reply to your advertisement I beg to apply for the position of accountant to your Council. I was educated at the Christlan Schools, Wexford; and at Mungret College (S. J.) Limerick.

I passed matriculation of the National University in 1910, and as evidence of my knowledge of Irish I may state that I secured practically 70 per cent of maximum marks in this subject at the matriculation.

I have had over a year's training in the offices of the Co. Council. For the past nine months I have been in charge of the



accounts of the county committee of agriculture & technical instruction, which are of a kindred nature to those of the council.

I understand the basis of the council's accounts, and have no doubt I will keep them properly. I have a knowledge of shorthand and typing.

I enclose testimonials as to character etc. from the Rev J. Hore adm., Wexford, and the very Rev N. J. Tomkin, Rector of Mungret College, Limerick.

Should you favour me with the appointment nothing will be wanting on my part to discharge my duties to the entire satisfaction of the council."

#### Appointment of Stenographer & Typist.

For the position of Stenographer & Typist to the Co. Council; at a salary of £1 per week. Applications were received:-

James H. Cadogan, Barrack St Wexford.  
James J. Moran, Mulgannon, "

It transpired that Mr Moran, had no knowledge of typing, and the meeting decided that there was only one candidate before the meeting - Mr J. H. Cadogan.

On the motion of Mr Keacocke seconded by Mr Fanning, a resolution was adopted unanimously appointing Mr Cadogan

the following is Mr Cadogan's application:-

"I beg to apply for the position of Stenographer & Typist in the Co. Council office, I enclose reference from Mr. Trizelle, as whose private clerk I acted for four years, and from which you will see my qualifications for the position. my shorthand speed is 175



words per minute, and typing speed 70 words per minute.

I attach certificate from Intermediate Commissioners showing I passed with honours in Irish at the examination in 1899. I also attach certificate from Rev Mark O'Byrne B. C., President of the Wexford Branch of the Gaelic League, that I can read, write and translate Irish.

If elected I shall do my best to carry out the duties to the satisfaction of the Council and the Secretary. - Mr. Fizzell -

#### Recent Anthrax Outbreak

The following is the report of the Deputation appointed at the last meeting of the County Council to wait on Mr. J. W. Russell, Vice President of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction :-

"We attended at the Department's offices last Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> inst., and were received by the Right Hon. J. W. Russell; the Secretary, Mr. Muttam; and Mr. Cantrell, representatives of the Veterinary Staff.

We submitted the following :-

The County Council as the local authority feel that the correspondence regarding the serious outbreak of anthrax on the borders of Wexford town has been most misleading on the part of the Department.

If on August 11<sup>th</sup> the Department had wired that they were prepared to issue an Order under Section 19 of the Diseases of Animals Act 1894 the meeting of the County Council could have been held earlier, and the panic in the town could have been met sooner.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> August the Department wired - "Neither the Department nor Local Authority are legally authorised to slaughter any animals for



this disease." and afterwards the Department issued an Order for the slaughter of the cattle.

On August 12<sup>th</sup> the Department wired:-  
 "If the local authority are in favour of slaughter and are willing to pay the compensation out of local rates which is the only source available the Department although not advising that procedure are ready to authorise the Local Authority under Section 19 of the Diseases of Animals Act 1894 to slaughter the affected animals".

The Department now have issued an Order for the slaughter of the cattle and for the payment of compensation, half the cost to come out of the cattle Diseases Fund.

The Solicitor of the County Council advises us that the Department can, if they so desire, make an Order to cover payment of compensation under Section 22. It will be seen from the Diseases of Animals Act 1894, that the Department by Section 22 (45) can extend the act to any disease of cattle and by Section 22 (37) can do anything they desire to prevent the spread of the disease in animals.

The County Council hold that the Department would be able under this Section to apply the section dealing with pleuro-pneumonia, and foot and mouth disease to anthrax and by Section 22 (37) could have made the Order apply to compensation.

The County Council has never held that the Department should pay the compensation out of the monies intrusted to them under the Agriculture & Technical Instruction Act (Ireland) 1899; but it is contended that if the Department wish to adopt the procedure under Section 22 they could have paid out



of the same funds from which they provide compensation for pleuro-pneumonia or for foot and mouth diseases. In the first named the owner of animals which are affected with the disease is to be compensated at the rate of three-fourths of their value, in foot and mouth disease the owner is to get the full value of the cattle, whether affected or not, provided they are slaughtered, and in swine fever the compensation is to be half the value.

It is considered by the County Council that in face of the panic which prevailed in the town, and to the fact that anthrax is not only a malignant disease in the case of animals, but is most dangerous to human beings, that the Department would have agreed that the compensation should be at full rate for all, and we the deputation urge the Department taking all the circumstances into consideration to recoup our Council the full cost of compensation out of the General Cattle Diseases Fund."

Mr. Russell stated, the Department had obtained Counsel's opinion regarding the power of the Department to make compensation under Section 22 (35) and if the Department could do anything, it desired under (37) in order to prevent the spread of disease in animals, Mr. Russell, said the Department were advised they had no power under section 22 to make compensation.

Mr. Mettam of the Veterinary College, said that the disease of anthrax was combatted better by treatment than by slaughter; Mr. Leacocke informed Mr. Russell, that treatment of the animals had not at anytime been suggested by the Department or by any of their officials to the County Council.



We consider that full publicity should be given regarding all the facts connected with the outbreak of anthrax, and the part the Department is taking in the matter.

We recommend the Co. Council to obtain Council's opinion regarding the power of the Department to provide compensation under Section 22 of the Diseases of Animals Act."

On the motion of Mr. Cloney, seconded by Mr. Fanning; it was decided that the report of the Committee be adopted, with the exception of the last paragraph, which was dissented from.

Under date 17<sup>th</sup> August, the following letter (No 7A Co. Wexford) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction. (Veterinary Branch) :-

"With reference to the outbreak of anthrax on the farm of Mr. R. Richards, I have to state that the Department have been informed by their Veterinary Inspector, Mr. Flannery, that the County Council, as the Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Act, are desirous that an Order should be issued authorising them to slaughter twenty-one cattle on the townland of Mulgannon, and eleven on the townland of Whitemill, both in the electoral division of Wexford, and County of Wexford.

The Department accordingly transmit two copies of an Order conveying the necessary power for the carrying out of the slaughter of these animals subject to the terms as to compensation which that Order prescribes. A copy of the Order is also sent to Mr. Malone & Co.

The owners acceptance of valuation should



be obtained in writing prior to the slaughter of the animals in each case.

care should be taken ultimately to see that all precautions as to the disposal of the carcasses, as well as cleansing and disinfection of the places concerned, railing off of any graves etc. shall be duly attended to as required by the provisions of the Anthrax Order.

The Department should be informed by wire of the date and hour of proposed slaughter so that a Departmental Veterinary Inspector may attend on the occasion.

marked "Read".

"The Secretary stated that Mr. Richards had signed an agreement that he would abide by the valuation arrived at by the sub-committee of the Co. Council."

The following letter from Mr. C. W. Lett, Stannis Enniscorthy, was forwarded by the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for the information of the County Council:-

"If the facts are as stated in the accompanying report of Wexford County Council meeting on Thursday last, I protest as a contributor to local and Imperial Taxes, to the granting of exceptional compensation in the case under discussion. A deputation is to wait upon Mr. Russell for the purpose of coaxing him to "give away" public money to a wealthy man, who gives as a reason for claiming it, - that he did not ship the remainder of the infected herd - I presume you purpose enquiring whether he was so far master of the situation as to be able to accomplish so dangerous an act, and how far your officers are to blame in allowing the dead cattle to remain so long over ground."



Notwithstanding all the expensive machinery which has recently been provided by Parliament this outbreak has been met with even more blundering than the one with which I had to do, in September 1893, and which one might reasonably expect to be still in the minds of medical men, who were then practising in the County. Perhaps they, and their Departments will awake when necessity for action is passed. It was so in 1893. When all the mischief was done I was inundated with posters and leaflets by the Privy Council, which a few days earlier would have done good service in warning those who had suffered and allaying the panic which then prevailed. For your information I may mention that in the case referred to the cattle buried before the disease was known were afterwards burned with vitriol poured into holes bored down to the carcass and a slaughtering of the healthy cattle was declared to be a mistake, and that they should have been isolated and kept under observation as was customary in England.

If I am in order in doing so, I request that you will be so good as to have a copy of this letter sent to Wexford County Council. marked "Read."

Motor Cars & Drivers Travelling in Foreign Countries  
Under date 14<sup>th</sup> August 1911, the Local Government Board (letter N<sup>o</sup> 32730 mis) wrote forwarding copies of Order made by them under article 1. (2) of the motor car (International Circulation) Order 1910, authorising the Irish Automobile Club, and the Automobile Association and Motor Union to perform from the date of the Order to the 26<sup>th</sup> May 1912, the duties as regards Ireland specified



in article 1 (1) of the Order in connection with the examination of motor cars and drivers travelling in foreign countries.

marked "Read."

Reports of Auditors of Local Government Board.

under date 21<sup>st</sup> August the Local Government Board forwarded (letters No. 43,350-1911, and No. 43,351) copy of the Report of their auditor on his audit of the accounts of Wexford Union, and Rural District Council.

under date 28<sup>th</sup> August (letter No. 43891) the Local Government Board forwarded a copy of the report of their auditor on his audit of the accounts of the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for the half-year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1911.

marked "Read."

Autumn Sheep Dipping Order.

under date 15<sup>th</sup> August 1911, the following letter No. 3608 (V.B.) from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction was read :-

"With reference to the resolution adopted by the Wexford County Council at their meeting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> instant, and which was embodied in your letter of the following day, I have to point out, for the information of the Council, that the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order of 1911 Amendment Order (further copy enclosed) enables the second dipping to commence in August, and that there is nothing in the principal Order to preclude any owner from completing before 15<sup>th</sup> October the dipping of the sheep in his possession.

In these circumstances the Department trust that the Co. Council will now be so good as to arrange for the enforcement of



the Autumn Dipping.

The Department have noted the suggestion of your Council as to the date of the Summer dipping period for consideration before the passing of any Order or Orders for next year." marked "Read."

— Proposed Grants to County Harbours. —

Under date 8<sup>th</sup> August 1911, the following letter No 6,496 (F. B) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> instant embodying the following resolution adopted by the Wexford County Council on the 2<sup>nd</sup> instant:-

"That we ask the Department to give us the names of the six specified harbours for which they have applied for a grant of £32,500. (vide Development Commission Report page 29)"

In reference thereto I have to state that the Department are not prepared to enter into correspondence with the Council in connection with the application for funds to be expended on the improvement of the Irish fisheries which was made by the Department to the Development Commissioners pending the decision thereon of these Commissioners and of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury.

The Department will, however, subsequently be happy to discuss with your Council the question of the allocation of such funds as may be made available for the County Wexford. marked "Read."

— Dredging Kilmore Harbour. —

Under date 9<sup>th</sup> August, the following letter (No 6497- F. B) from the Department of



Agriculture & Technical Instruction was read:-

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst., and the resolution therein embodied on the subject of the dredging of Kilmore Harbour; and, in reference thereto, to state, for the information of the Wexford County Council, that the delay in this matter has arisen from the fact that there was no plant available in Ireland that could properly deal with Kilmore and similar shallow harbours. Suitable plant is now being secured and Kilmore will, it is hoped, be effectively dealt with next season."

marked "Read."

#### Roads Committee Report.

The first meeting of the recently appointed Roads Committee, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford on 29<sup>th</sup> August 1911.

Present:- Mr. C. H. Peacocke (Vice Chairman) presided.

Messrs R. A. Rice, J. S. Hearn, J. J. Stafford, P. J. Fanning, J. Lynch, T. Aspley, T. L. Comonde, Mr. Hickey, P. Rossiter.

The County Secretary and Mr. Gaffney, Es. Surveyor were in attendance.

Mr. Fanning proposed, Mr. Rice seconded and it was passed:-

"That we request the County Council to put into charge of the Roads Committee all matters connected with Roads, Bridges, etc., except the consideration of tenders. That the Reports of the Roads Committee be brought before the Council for confirmation."

The following was submitted:-

"At the meeting of the County Council on the



2<sup>nd</sup> August 1911, a letter was read from Mr. James Banham, Brury, Crossabeg; Contractor for Roads Nos. 168, 169 & 170. Wexford District, asking the County Council to take this road off his hands owing to the difficulty of obtaining material, or refusing to use quarry specified.

The following resolution was adopted at the meeting :-

"That the representatives of the Wexford District on the Roads Committee, with Mr. Asple, inspect the quarries referred to in the letter of Mr. Banham, and report to the next meeting of the County Council."

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> August the inspection was made by the following :-

Messrs Stafford, Rossiter, and Asple. The County Surveyor was also in attendance.

The Committee beg to Report :-

"We first visited Murphy's quarry where we found the material very good, but the approach extremely difficult owing to a steep and winding hill. There are three or four contractors at present working there, but the owner objects to Mr. Banham getting material from the Quarry.

We then proceeded to Bashin's quarry, which adjoins the public road. In our opinion the material is very poor, as it crumbled away in the hand.

Connolly's quarry was the third inspected. The stones is of poor quality and the approach even worse than to Murphy's. Contractors must pass through a lane nearly three-quarters of a mile in length, and so narrow that it scarcely affords sufficient space for a cart.

Doran's the last quarry seen is the nearest to this particular road. The material is good but in order to reach the quarry it is



necessary to pass through tillage land, and Mr. Doran objects to the quarry being used owing to trespass and consequent loss to his crops.

Having discussed fully this case in all its bearings, we recommend the County Council to insist upon the contractor carrying out his contract and in the event of his <sup>not</sup> doing so that Mr. Gaffney, County Surveyor, serve the contractor with a ten days notice or prosecute the contractor and his sureties, whichever course the County Surveyor considers most desirable.

(Signed) James J. Stafford  
Thomas Asple  
Patrick Rossiter

The following Report was received :-  
"As requested by the Council we have inspected the Roads Nos. 312, 313, (Enniscorthy District) and were accompanied by Mr. Howlin the Assistant Surveyor.

The roads in question lead from the milehouse to Schroughmore Cross are very hilly and a little short of 5 miles in length.

The object of our visit being to ascertain as far as possible what work had been done on these roads since the 31<sup>st</sup> March last, to 30<sup>th</sup> June, and for which a sum of £25 was certified to Mr. James Nolan, we carefully noted what stones had been picked off, the state of the road edges, water tables, gulleys, and the general state of the road surface.

We gave Mr. Nolan credit for all work which could possibly have been done during the time he had the road in charge, but still we regret having to report that in our opinion the payment certified for is grossly excessive.

We <sup>saw</sup> ~~saw~~ a small quantity of stones which



had been picked off and a few hundred perches of sides cleaned up in a careless manner but beyond this there was no visible work done.

There were several patches of loose stones badly scattered about, and in several places there were deep wheel tracks in the road with new stones in ridges between them, proving quite clearly that the stones had not been properly raked in.

There were also some road scrapings most of which were overgrown with weeds and grass.

The whole road surface is in a neglected condition, and in many places the middle is lower than the sides the result being that on most of the hills the water has worn the road surface away.

This however is due to previous neglect and is not Mr. Nolan's fault.

The stone depot at the milehouse is untidy and to some extent interferes with the traffic, while there is a dangerous crossroads at Shroughmore which could be greatly improved at a small expense.

The Assistant Surveyor informed us that he hardly visited this road once a fortnight during the June quarter. That he saw Mr. Nolan on it once, and his workmen. He also informed us that he believed £20 and not £25 was the amount he certified for, but that in arriving at this estimate he had no system of measurement of work done, but trusted to eye alone in arriving at its value.

We think that a serious mistake has been made in the amount certified for these roads, the mistake being due to want of system in supervision and calculation by our roads officials, and we feel it our



duty to remind the Council that similar mistakes might be made on other roads in the County.

(Signed) J. L. Emond  
James Lynch  
Thomas Asple.

Date of Inspection - 15<sup>th</sup> August 1911.

On the motion of Mr. Hearn, seconded by Mr. Fanning, it was decided that the report be received.

On the motion of Mr. Hearn, seconded by Mr. Stafford, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That this matter be adjourned and that Mr. Gaffney and Mr. Howlin be asked for an explanation of their position in reference to the report of the Enniscorthy representatives on the Roads Committee, relative to roads 312, and 313."

Mr. A. Haughton, owner of Rockspring Quarry came before the meeting, and explained that he could not make his quarry pay at 3/- per cubic yard for road metalling. For the two months ending the 22<sup>nd</sup> July the expenditure was £71: 9/- and the receipts £61: 4/- showing a loss on the working of £10: 5/-. He would be prepared to sell the quarry to the County Council as he could not continue the working on the present conditions.

It was decided to adjourn the matter for the attendance of Mr. J. Bolger, Chairman, at the meeting of the Council.

Mr. Emond proposed:- "That we direct the attention of the County Council to the fact that in our opinion the present system of road



management has failed, and that a more efficient system is absolutely necessary.

We request the County Council to empower the Roads Committee to devise a plan which in our opinion will furnish adequate provision for the proper supervision of the County roads."

Mr Hearn seconded.

Passed.

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Hearn and adopted:-

"That we request the Local Government Board to inform us if they have any objection to allow an account to be opened with the County Treasurer into which fund is to be paid fines recovered from Road contractors, and which are to be spent on Roads in respect of which these fines have been imposed."

Subsequently at the County Council meeting the recommendation of the Roads Committee asking the County Surveyor and Mr Howlin for their views in connection with the reports dealing with Roads No. 312 and 313 was adopted on the motion of Mr Doyle J seconded by Mr M. Good.

In connection with paragraph dealing with Rockspring Quarry, the following resolution was agreed to:- On the motion of Mr Hearn, seconded by Mr J. L. Emond:-

"That the representatives of Ennisorthy on the Roads Committee visit Rockspring, Clologue, and Boley quarries, and report to next meeting of the County Council, as to the prices per cubic yard which they consider should be charged on future road contracts for metalling obtained from these quarries."



"On the motion of the Chairman, the general resolutions of the Roads Committee dealing with the instructing of road business to the Committee; - the report as to road No 168, 169, 170 Wexford District; - adjourning the question of roads 812, 813 Enniscorthy District; - asking instructions to devise a new system of road management; requesting the Local Government Board to agree to the establishment of a No 2. account; to utilise fines from Road Contractors - were confirmed."

Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture &c.

On the motion of Mr. Danning.

Seconded by Mr. Rossiter, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we delegate to the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction full powers for the purposes of the Agriculture & Technical Instruction Act 1899."

Proposed Grant from Road Board.

Under date 10<sup>th</sup> August 1911, the following letter was read from the Secretary to the Road Board:-

"The Road Board understand from your letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> instant, that you wish some further information which will assist you in preparing a scheme for the improvement of the roads in the County to lay before the Road Board.

A scheme may be prepared (a) on the basis of the total cost of the work, in which case the Board will contribute 50 per cent of the expenditure, or (b) on the basis of the net improvement cost, in which case the Board will contribute 75 per cent of this figure, if the scheme is approved.



I enclose specimen cases shewing how the figures should be presented under both (a) & (b).

It has been found in most Irish Counties that it is simpler to proceed under method (a) showing the total cost and making application for a grant of 50 per cent of that cost leaving the balance of 50 per cent to be found by the local authority out of the current expenditure or by borrowing.

The second case, in which the net improvement cost is given, is more suitable for counties who have hitherto systematically steamrolled their roads, and who now desire to substitute a better stone or tar macadam for the material previously used."

This communication was considered at the meeting of the Finance Committee of the 12<sup>th</sup> August, when the following recommendation was adopted :-

"That the County Surveyor be furnished with a copy of the letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> August from the Road Board. That he be requested to re-submit the particulars of the roads already selected in connection with the application for a Grant to the Road Board utilising in his calculations the schedule to the letter of the Road Board under date the 10<sup>th</sup> August."

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

"That the County Surveyor be requested to calculate the present cost of roads included in the trunk road scheme, and the amount which the County would have to pay if the roads were put into the condition required by the Road Board as per schedule



A. to the letter of the Road Board under date 10<sup>th</sup> August 1911."

— Renewals of Licences - Poisons & Pharmacy Act. —

On the motion of Mr. J. S. Hearn.

Seconded by Mr. Stafford  
renewals of licences under the Poisons & Pharmacy Act, were granted to -

Mr. Margaret Conran, Rathnure, Enniscorthy.  
W. E. Reynolds, 69 Main Street, Gorey.

— Slievebawn Quarry. —

At the last meeting of the Council a tender for the working of Slievebawn Quarry at 3/- per cubic yard for three years was received from James Devine, Clonattin Road, Gorey.

It was adjourned for further information as to proposed contractor's ability to perform the work.

Under date 4<sup>th</sup> August the following letter from Mr. Paddle, Assistant Surveyor, was read:-

"I can recommend James Devine, Clonattin Road, Gorey; as a fit and suitable person to undertake the work of quarrying and breaking the stones at Slievebawn quarry.

He has a varied and practical experience of quarrying and understands the working of the explosives used in quarrying."

On the motion of Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. Sinnott, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the tender of Mr. James Devine, Clonattin Road, Gorey; for the working of Slievebawn Quarry at 3/- per cubic yard for three years be accepted."

That the contract commence from the date of signing agreement which is to be prepared by Mr. Elgar, Solicitor to the Council."



Inquest on the late Thomas Kehoe.

With reference to the resolution of the Co. Council at their meeting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> August as to inquest on the late Thomas Kehoe, killed at Rosslare Harbour, the following letter under date 4<sup>th</sup> August, was read from the coroner - Mr. Peter French -

"I duly received your letter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst., with a copy of the resolution of the County Council to which you refer.

I need not say that any communication from the County Council of Wexford shall always have the most attentive consideration from me.

The facts of the case of the unfortunate man - Kehoe - appear to be these, I received a telegram on the 31<sup>st</sup> July from the police announcing the death the night before by accident, of the poor man Kehoe, and in accordance with my usual practice, I wired back a reply saying that an inquest was necessary, and directing them to communicate with the Deputy Coroner. That reply was sent in time sufficient to enable an inquest to be held that evening, if expedition were exercised, and of course, certainly, on the following morning which would have been quite time enough for an inquest.

It thus appears that everything that was necessary was done in this case so far as I am concerned, and that even if I had formerly invested Mr. Roche - "with full discretionary powers as to the holding of inquests: nothing more than what was done, need have been done.

As to the suggestion in the resolution of the Council, I am myself very doubtful whether I have, in point of law, any power to delegate



my responsibility to the extent desired, and I am sure that if this be the case, the Council will not expect me to do so, especially when so far as I know, no necessity has arisen."

Under date 9<sup>th</sup> August, the following communication was read from Mr. French:-

I am in receipt of your letter acknowledging receipt of mine with reference to the death of poor Thomas Kehoe. Since I wrote that letter I have taken another look at the facts of the case, and I have read in the local papers the charges made against me by Mr. James Stafford at the quarterly meeting of the Co. Council:-

Mr. Stafford's charges are-

- (a) That there was no reply from me until late on Monday evening.
- (b) That I was not heard from until 4 o'clock on Monday evening.
- (c) That I delayed the inquest for two days and was the cause of much mental and physical suffering to the relatives of the deceased.

The charges are utterly devoid of truth. Poor Kehoe seems to have met his death at 12 o'clock on Sunday night. Sergeant Gunnigle wired to me at seven minutes to nine Irish <sup>Monday morning, & received a reply at ten minutes past 2, Irish time on</sup> time, ~~on~~ Monday afternoon, giving ample time to hold the inquest that evening did Mr. Roche deem it necessary; and after swearing in the jury and viewing the body, Mr. Roche could have authorised the relatives to take it home to Wexford. Had it been necessary to postpone the inquest for want of evidence, the inquest could have been finished next morning.

The inquest was not delayed for two days. It was only one day one hour and seven minutes from the time Supt. Gunnigle despatched



his telegram until Mr. Roche held the inquest. I am sure if anybody had wired to him that the relatives were waiting to take away the body, he would have contrived to hold the inquest that evening. However, he was perfectly within his rights in doing what he did do, and no doubt he thought he was acting for the best.

There is no person who has more sympathy for the relatives of the deceased than I have, and no person who has more respect for the rights of bereaved sufferers on such occasions, but then a coroner or a Deputy coroner has some rights also.

Taking all the circumstances into consideration, I think I am entitled to an apology from Mr. Stafford, and I am sure he will find this easy, as he said - "I do not want to find fault with Mr. French."

On the motion of the chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That our solicitor, Mr. Elgee, be instructed to advise the council as to whether Mr. French, coroner, is in a position under the Deputy coroner's Act, to delegate full power to his deputy, as to the holding of inquests, and without the deputy having to be authorised by Mr. French in each specific case to hold the inquest."

— Scholarship Examinations National University—  
Communications were read from the authorities of the National University with reference to the proposed Scholarship examinations to be held at New Ross.

On the motion of Mr. Rossiter seconded by Mr. Sinnott, the correspondence



was referred to the Secretary to make the necessary arrangements."

Alleged breaches of Summer Sheep Dipping Order.

Under date 18<sup>th</sup> August the following letter was read from Sergeant Chambers, R.I.C., Carnew:-

"I beg to report that the following sheep owners had sheep exposed for sale at a fair held here on yesterday without the required Declaration (Form B.1) filed and signed in their possession.

All names are County Wexford residents. Viz:-

- |                                   |    |       |
|-----------------------------------|----|-------|
| 1. Patrick Butler, Burrow.        | 30 | Sheep |
| 2. Michael Bolger, Money.         | 6  | "     |
| 3. John McDonald, Monastootha.    | 32 | "     |
| 4. James Doyle, Bridewell.        | 10 | "     |
| 5. Peter Kavanagh, Knock Brandon. | 6  | "     |
| 6. William Kindella, Castluwhite. | 5  | "     |
| 7. Martin McDonald, Monastootha.  | 8  | "     |

No. 3 and 7 live in Camolin police district, No. 5 in Hollyfort district, the others live in Co. Wexford portion of this district.

The Order ought to be sufficiently known now to dispel any doubts of non-compliance through ignorance. I request instructions.

Proposed by the Chairman, and adopted:-  
 "That Sergeant Chambers, be informed that the Co. Council do not desire a prosecution to be instituted against any of the persons mentioned in his letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> August if they had dipped their sheep at the time the animals were exhibited for sale."

Enniscorthy School Attendance Committee  
 The following letter under date 17<sup>th</sup> August, was read from the Secretary, Enniscorthy Rural District School Attendance Committee:-



"I beg to inform you that the Rural District Council at their meeting held on to-day unanimously recommended that Mr Mark Codd, R. D. C., M. C. C., be co-opted a member of the School Attendance Committee in the room of the late Mr J. Bolger."

"On the motion of Mr Aspley, seconded by the Chairman, the name of Mr Mark Codd, was added to the Ennisworthy Rural District School Attendance Committee, vice Mr J. Bolger, deceased."

### Analyst's Report

City Laboratory  
17 Castle St Dublin  
19<sup>th</sup> August 1911.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, B. Sc., M. D., Public Analyst, for the County Wexford, on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 1911.

54 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R. D. C., as follows :-

Article	Number.
Butter	25
milk	15
whiskey	9
Buttermilk	4
Gingerwine	1
Total	<u>54</u>

Two certificates were sent to Sergeant Donaghy Wexford, for specimens of milk adulterated with at least 7.5 and 11 per cent of added water respectively.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Bredon, New Ross, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 23 per cent of added water.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Groves.



Enniscorthy, for specimen of butter containing an excess of water, namely 19.38 per cent.

One specimen of water analysed for Enniscorthy Urban District Council had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.  
Total solid matter, 14.000

Including  
albuminoid ammonia 0.005  
saline ammonia 0.007  
Nitric acid 1.500  
Chlorine 2.580

A good water.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy Union eighteen drugs were analysed.

One was incorrect.

For the Guardians of Gorey Union fifteen drugs, four specimens of whiskey and three of Port Wine were analysed. One of the drugs was incorrect.

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

A most careful analysis failed to trace poison in the viscera of a calf, which was sent for analysis by Lady Maurice Fitzgerald, Wexford.

One specimen of feeding stuff was analysed for Messrs W. & S. Armstrong, Enniscorthy.

For Shillelagh Union, which is partly situated in the County Wexford, thirteen drugs were analysed. Two were incorrect.

Total analyses . . . . . 116  
Sulterated & defective articles 8  
G. A. Cameron  
marked "Read."

John Bolger



Special meeting- 25<sup>th</sup> October 1911.

A special meeting of the County Council was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Court House, Wexford, on 25<sup>th</sup> October 1911.

Present :- Mr. C. H. Peacocke (Vice-Chairman) presiding.

Other members :- Messrs P. O'Neill, M. Browne, James Codd, T. L. Connors, Patrick Rossiter, J. J. Stafford, James Lynch, Mark Codd, John O'Connor, J. J. Mayler, M. Cloney, Michael Doyle (junr), J. Aspley, David Sinnott, R. A. Rice, and Lord Stafford.

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

Hour of meeting.

The following notice of motion standing in the name of Mr. Rice, was in the absence of that gentleman, moved by Mr. J. Aspley :-

"That no meeting of the Council, nor of any of its committees, meeting in Wexford, be held before 10 a.m., in future, to accommodate the convenience of members from South Wexford who have to travel by the Great Southern & Western Railway."

Mr. M. Cloney seconded.

Passed.

University Scholarships.

Under date 11<sup>th</sup> October, the following letter was read from Mr. A. W. Conway, Registrar, University College, Dublin :-

"I am directed by the President to send you the enclosed statement of the marks



obtained by the candidates of County Wexford at the Special Examination for County Council Scholarships held by the College on September 12, 1911; and subsequent days. I enclose a copy of the conditions relative to the examination.

I may point out that the Council should obtain from every candidate to whom the Council proposes to award a Scholarship the certificate of his or her matriculation in the University.

In case of candidates not obtaining Scholarships or not obtaining the minimum Scholarship qualification of Honours in two subjects, it is possibly open to the Council to consider whether the standard obtained is satisfactory enough to merit award of a Bursary or of assistance of lower value and of another grade than that of Scholarship.

The candidates referred to in this communication were:-

Mr. James Ryan, Doncoole, Laghmon; and Miss Mary A. Mr. Grath, Thomas St., Gorey.

The Secretary stated that, in addition to these candidates, applications for Scholarships had also been received from:-

Mr. James Power, St. Kearns, Saltmills; and Miss G. R. Furlong, Templecooly, Enniscorthy; but they had not been allowed to sit for College Examination as they had failed in the qualifying Irish examination. The examiner in Irish had decided that a candidate failing to obtain 50 per cent, could not be deemed to have passed the examination. Mr. Power obtained 46.25 per cent of marks and Miss Furlong 36 per cent. Complaint had been made that two of the questions on the Irish paper had not fulfilled the conditions of the syllabus - one being the writing out from



memory some lines of a poem, and the second an essay on the Re-afforestation of Ireland. The syllabus did not give any indication that pupils should write anything from memory and the written essay in Irish was to be on "any ordinary simple subject". It was contended that the "Re-afforestation of Ireland" was anything but an "ordinary simple subject".

All candidates had passed matriculation and it would appear to be open to the Council to award Bursaries of £25 each to those who failed in the Irish Examination if the Council considered they complied with Section 10 (2) of the Irish Universities Act, 1908.

The Secretary further suggested that a Committee of the Council should be appointed and report immediately as to whether the four candidates were in need of assistance to obtain a university education; also, to draft a scheme for the award of scholarships etc., in future years.

Mr Browne proposed, Mr Stafford seconded and it was passed :-

"That the County Council agree to award County Scholarships to Mr James Ryan, Somcoole, Baginbun; and Miss Mary A. McGrath Thomas Street, Gorey; as they have passed the qualifying Irish Examination and also the College Examination to entitle them to such Scholarships.

That we also agree to the award of Co. Scholarships to Mr James Power, St. Kearns, Saltmills; and Miss M. G. R. Furlong, Templecobry; notwithstanding that these students have not passed either the Irish or College Exams. We consider that the Examination in Irish did not follow the



Syllabus in two important particulars, and as students who failed in the Irish Examination could not sit for the College Examination it was not the fault of Mr. Power or Miss Surlong they did not qualify.

As both these students have passed matriculation of the National University the Council consider them qualified to profit by University instruction. Having regard to the circumstances of the parents of the four students, we believe they are in need of assistance in order to enable them to procure a University Education.

We also recommend that a sum of £3 be paid each student for the expenses incurred at the examination for matriculation.

All students must reside in a Collegiate Hostel. The name of each Hostel selected must be furnished to our Secretary, for subsequent approval of the Co. Council.

Proposed by Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. O'Neill and passed:-

"That Messrs Keacocke, Stafford, Browne, O'Neill, and Apple, be appointed a committee to draft Scholarship Scheme and advertisement for next year; Committee to meet as soon as possible."

The following resolution was received from the General Synod of the Church of Ireland:-

"That, inasmuch as the funds necessary to found Co. Council Scholarships tenable at a University are derived from general taxation, this Board of Education of the General Synod requests a modification of the rules adopted in many Counties, which prohibit students who desire to enter the University of Dublin from competing for such Scholarships; and that



copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Secretaries of all Co. Councils."

"Referred to Committee."

### Roads Committee

The following was read for the meeting:-

"A special meeting of the Roads Committee of the County Council was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford, on 12<sup>th</sup> October 1911.

The following were present:- Mr. John Bolger, (Chairman of the Co. Council) presiding.

Other members:- Messrs C. H. Peacocke, P. Rosciter, James Lynch, J. J. Stafford, R. A. Rice, and T. L. Esmonde.

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

Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Messrs J. S. Hearn, and Thomas Asple.

### Roads Nos 312 & 313 Enniscorthy District.

Under date 10<sup>th</sup> October, the following letter was read from the County Surveyor:-

"In compliance with your resolution of the 29<sup>th</sup> August, I beg to submit the following explanation of my action in regard to Roads No 312 and 313 Enniscorthy Rural District.

These two roads were not tendered for in November 1910, and were given into my charge for the three months, 1<sup>st</sup> March 1911 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 1911. During the winter Mr. James Nolan of Edmunde came to the office about them, and he agreed, if I gave him the charge of these roads, to do the requisite work on them for the sum of £15 for one road, and £10 for the other. I did not settle with him then, as I thought it possible to get someone else



who would do the work for less money. The assistant, however, though he saw the local councillors on the matter could not get anybody else and I was therefore forced to accept Nolan.

I am fairly certain I told Nolan what had to be done and he seemed thoroughly to understand. At the time I certified the payment I had not seen the roads myself, and therefore I was obliged to act on the information given me by the assistant.

I asked him on two occasions what amount I should certify for, and I accept his statement that on the first occasion he said £20, but when I asked him again he said - the amount I had agreed upon with Nolan, not mentioning any definite sum."

Under date 10<sup>th</sup> October 1911, Mr. Howlin Assistant Surveyor wrote:-

"In reply to yours of a short time ago, in reference to a resolution passed by the County Council re work done by James Nolan, on Roads No<sup>s</sup> 312 & 313, I beg to say that knowing the previous condition of the roads in question, I told the County Surveyor to make a payment of £20 to Nolan, which I thought was the value of the work done. The County Surveyor seems to have overlooked this, and certified for the full amount, "viz £25."

I also wish to point out that the roads were out of Nolan's charge for six weeks, when the Roads Committee inspected them, and consequently the work was not nearly so apparent as when freshly done, and there had been some heavy rains in the meantime, which helped to fill up waterholes, etc."



the following recommendation was agreed to:-

"That having considered the explanations of Mr. Gaffney, and Mr. Howlin as regards the contract entered into with James Nolan, Edinure Mills, for maintenance of roads nos 312 and 313 Enniscorthy District in charge of the County Surveyor, we regard these explanations as unsatisfactory, and are of opinion that the £25 spent on these roads was injudiciously expended."

— Report Quarry Inspection Committee. —

"On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 1911, the following members of the Special Committee appointed by the County Council on 27<sup>th</sup> August 1911, to inspect and report on the quarries in the north of the County:-

Messrs John Bolger; (Chairman) J. Asple, J. L. Esmonde, and J. Lynch; met at Ferns Railway Station. They were accompanied by the County Surveyor.

The following is their report:-

"We first proceeded to Carrigeen, where we met the owner. Mr. Patrick Rath. This is a large quarry and it appears to contain fairly good material. So far as we could judge, it should not be difficult to work. It is situated quite close to the public road. The owner would be willing to sell or let it if the Council thought well of accepting.

Our next visit was to Rockspring, where we met Mr. Haughton. Several men were working in this quarry. They had a large quantity of stones taken out, but none broken. Mr. Haughton told us they were getting into a better rock, when he very soon expected to be able to get more material and of better quality.

We then went on to Glologue, which we



all agreed to be the best quarry we found. The stone is of excellent quality with an unlimited supply. It is situated adjacent to the public road. We understand this quarry, which is owned by Lord Courtown, is free for road material except some very nominal charge for trespass.

Our last inspection was made at Sara Hill which has probably the best road metalling in the county. We were glad to see the new system at work for the first time. The men were breaking when we arrived, the stones being conveyed from the quarry by the new tram line. They appeared to be working fairly well, considering they had only a few days' experience. We have no doubt but when the men get accustomed to the system, it will work satisfactorily and be a means of reducing the cost.

Finally we all agreed the best way to work say barriguen or blologue quarries would be for the different contractors to quarry the stones themselves. When they have a quantity out, we recommend that the county council provide a breaker, at so much per yard or ton. The co. council could use their engine at Sara Hill, or hire one if their own was not available.

We suggest blologue to be the first quarry tried, being central and ready for work and containing first class material.

We feel that by adopting this system stones ought to be provided at from 3/- to 3/6 per cubic yard.

(Signed) John Bolger (Chmn)

The chairman stated that he had submitted samples from the quarries in question to the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction



and the following was the report of their Economic Geologist :-

"I have examined the samples submitted by Mr. Bolger, and the following is my report thereon :-

Sample marked No. 1. (Paraxill)

Very hard siliceous rock, very compact and will be difficult to crush.

Sample marked No. 2. (Blologue)

Hard siliceous rock, compact, a little decomposed along the planes of bedding and would therefore crush more easily than No. 1. Looks as if it would be easily quarried and breaks to a good cube.

Sample No. 4. (Rockspring).

Siliceous rock, would crush more easily than either No. 1. or No. 2.

Sample No. 3. (Barriguen)

Dioritic rock having a crushed surface, it is not nearly so hard as ordinary diorites. Owing to having this crushed surface it would make mud.

In my opinion No. 1. sample is the best, No. 2 the second best, No. 4 the third.

All the samples are suitable for road making, but I am afraid that No. 3 (Barriguen) would be on the soft side."

On the motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Rice the report of the Committee was adopted.

In connection with the supply of stone from Rockspring quarry, Mr. Wilkinson, manager to Mr. A. Haughton, owner of the quarry, came before the meeting and stated that Mr. Haughton was prepared to supply metalling for incoming contracts from his quarry for 3/6 per cubic yard, which was the



lowest price they could charge without making a loss on the working. As regards existing contracts they would abide by their agreement to supply the material at 2/- per cubic yard. But they would not work the quarry even at 3/- per cubic yard, only it was a convenience to them to provide employment for their men. They had four traction engines and employed in connection with them, eight men. It was necessary for them to find something to do for these men in summer time, so that even if the quarry did not pay them they should keep it on. It was much easier to work than at first and probably would improve in that respect.

On the motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Rossiter the following resolution was adopted :-

"That we recommend the Co. Council to enter into an agreement with Mr. Alfred Haughton, owner of Rockspring quarry, to supply to Co. Council contractors whose specifications bind them to use Rockspring stone, the necessary quantity of road metalling at the rate of 3/- per cubic yard."

Under date 6<sup>th</sup> October the following letter (No. 49738-1911 Wexford County) was read from the Local Government Board :-

"With reference to your letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> ultimo relative to the proposal of the Wexford County Council to allow the County Surveyor to open a No. 2 account with their Treasurer to which fines, etc., obtained from road contractors should be lodged to be subsequently applied to the roads in respect of which they were imposed in addition to the amount originally proposed, they do not consider that the proposed procedure is desirable, inasmuch as it involves



the opening of another account with separate bank books, etc., and it is to be administered by the County Surveyor, a proceeding which appears to be of doubtful legality.

The Board would, however, suggest that the difficulties might be solved in the following manner:

When a decree has been granted in respect of a particular work, the unexpended balance on the contract should be at once transferred from column 22 of Form 22 of the Public Bodies Order 1904, to column 8 of Form 16, and the amount of the fine entered immediately under in red ink, and bracketed with the sum transferred. The combined sum would then be available for the fortnightly payments made on the County Surveyor's requisitions.

The fine in question would be credited in the ledger to the Rural District concerned and be directly applicable to meet the increased expenditure."

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Lynch, the following resolution was adopted:

"That we instruct our Secretary to carry out the suggestions contained in the letter of the Local Government Board, No 49788-11 (under date 6<sup>th</sup> October 1911)."

#### Roads Improvement Association.

Under date 14<sup>th</sup> September, the following letter was read from Major Townshend, Rose Vale, Wexford:-

"Since my return from abroad my notice has been drawn to the report of the meeting of the County Council in July, when the County Secretary and County Surveyor were asked for an explanation as to their share



in the proceedings of the sub-committee established by the County Wexford Roads Improvement Committee of the Automobile Association and Motor Union, to which I have the honour to be Secretary.

Although from the information I have received it appears that your Council are perfectly satisfied with the explanation tendered by their officers, yet I feel it incumbent on me to add a few remarks with a view to making it perfectly clear that these gentlemen committed no act which could be construed as being either indiscreet or inadvisable in the public interest.

The County Wexford Roads Improvement Committee of the Automobile Association and Motor Union was established early last year with a view to drawing public attention to the fact that, judged by modern standards and requirements, the conditions of our roads left much to be desired.

For your information, I enclose a list of the members of my Committee. From this you will see that it is fully representative of all interests. In this connection I would add that anyone desirous of taking part in this good Roads movement - which is not confined to our County but is operating throughout Ireland where similar committees are co-ordinating with ours - is free to join.

I detail these facts as it seems to be necessary judging by some criticism which was levied against my Committee at the meeting of the County Council to the effect that we were a body composite of malcontents.

At a meeting of our Committee, held on June 13<sup>th</sup> it was decided that the time was ripe for investigation to be made into the workings of the Local Government Act and the orders made



thereunder, with a view to the drafting of amendment proposals. A sub-committee was therefore appointed to investigate and report. This met on the 30<sup>th</sup> June and was attended by Mr. Frizelle and Mr. Gaffney, who had expressed their willingness to advise us on such technicalities of the Local Government Act as might have bearing on the matter we desired to investigate. The whole question was treated generally by these gentlemen, though in our subsequent report we expressed our own views and our own opinions of the roads in County Wexford.

It is my hope that the perusal of this letter will entirely remove any shadow of doubt that may exist in the minds of your Co. Councillors as to the propriety of Mr. Frizelle's and Mr. Gaffney's act in attending our meeting, and further, that it will to some degree demonstrate to you the entirely friendly and conciliatory relations which our committee are desirous of maintaining with your Council."

marked "Read."

#### Road Board Grants.

Under date 29<sup>th</sup> August 1911, the following letter (No. 42835: "Antim County") was read from the Local Government Board:-

"In connection with advances made by the Road Board to Irish County Councils in aid of road improvement works, inquiries have been addressed to the Local Government Board for Ireland as to the procedure to be adopted by the local road authorities in authorising the expenditure to be raised locally and in accepting tenders for the execution of the works.

It has been urged on the Local Government Board, that the procedure laid down in the



Local Government (Procedure of Councils) Order 1899, is not well adapted to the case of these works, such works being outside the ordinary road maintenance works carried out under the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, and it has been pointed out that when a scheme for a County has been passed and approved by the Road Board, considerable delay and possibly prejudicial results would ensue if it were subsequently necessary to carry out the formal procedure laid down in the existing Order.

The Local Government Board concur in the view that in the new circumstances which have arisen owing to the State subsidies for road expenditure and the conditions under which such subsidies will be advanced some modification of the existing procedure is necessary.

In order however, to authorise the adoption of such modified procedure it would be necessary for the Local Government Board to make a provisional Order varying the Local Government (Procedure of Councils) Order 1899, and such Provisional Order would require to be confirmed by Parliament.

In an instance which has recently come under the notice of the Board the scheme for the County has been approved and specified sums of money had by resolution been voted to make up the contribution required to be raised locally. It was suggested that a special committee of the Co. Council having the full powers of the Council should be permitted to issue an advertisement for tenders of the work to be done, the tenders to be submitted to the Committee and accepted by them subject to the advice of the County Surveyor, and the contracts to be made out between the County Council on the one part and each contractor on the other part.

Possibly a course of procedure somewhat



on these lines might be found suitable when the works are to be carried out by contract, but before taking any steps for the preparation of the amending Order the Local Government Board would be glad to have the views of the several County Councils in Ireland as to the alterations which would be best calculated to meet the special requirements of the case.

It has also been pointed out that for the present year the delay which would occur if the existing procedure must be carried out would render it impossible to have the work done this season, and, with a view to meet this difficulty, the Board would propose to include in the Provisional Order a clause with retrospective effect to cover approved schemes carried out by County Councils, for which advances may have been made by the Road Board.

The Local Government Board trust that the County Council will take an early opportunity for the consideration of this letter.

The following recommendation was agreed to:-  
 "That the Roads Committee to which the Co. Council have intrusted all matters in connection with the Roads and Public Works of this County, except consideration of applications & proposals, are of opinion they would be the proper body to deal with tenders for the works referred to in the letter of the Local Government Board (No. 24,855). They believe the difficulty which has arisen in respect of these works in other Counties would be obviated by the Local Government Board providing in their proposed amending Order to the Procedure of Councils Order, for a Special Committee, to whom the full powers of the Council would be delegated to act (as suggested in the communication of the Local Government Board) in an expeditious manner,



and without undue delay. where this course does not find favour with local opinion it could be provided that tenders be dealt with at special meetings of the Co. Council, the latter having power to deal with tenders at any special meeting, provided that between the date of adoption and the consideration of tenders at least 14 days should elapse, steps being taken in the meantime to have the works advertised properly in the County.

The Wexford Co. Council have as yet come to no agreement with the Road Board, and this Committee would point out that in their opinion until the trunk roads to be dealt with in a trunk road scheme are put into the sole control of the Co. Council it will be almost impossible to carry out the scheme in this County."

#### Danger & Direction Signs.

Under date 8<sup>th</sup> August the following letter was read from Mr. A. Allen, Irish manager, automobile association & motor union, 12 College Green, Dublin :-

"Sometime back (on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April, to be precise), I wrote at some length to Mr. Gaffney, the County Surveyor, with regard to the Association's supplying Danger and Direction Signs for the County. While not deeming it necessary to refer to all the points in that letter, since it has in the ordinary course come before your Council, I am anxious to bring the matter up again in order that some decision may be come to.

The point is that the automobile association & motor union are prepared to supply both Danger and Direction Signs for County Wexford if your Council will bear the cost of erection.

Regarding the question of Danger Signs, I



might refer to the fact that under Section 10 of the motor car act 1906, local authorities are empowered to erect Danger signs wherever they think necessary. The Association's offer therefore would relieve you of a considerable amount of the expense such work would entail.

Turning next to the question of Direction signs, there appears to be something in the nature of an impasse here. I understand that your Council have already expressed their willingness to bear the cost of erection of these, conditional on the Association wording the signs both in Irish as well as English characters. If this were done it would not alone interfere with the standard nature of our signs throughout Ireland, but it would put us to practically as much expense as if we both supplied and erected signs ourselves. It would therefore counteract any benefit we might derive from the Co. Council bearing the cost of erection.

I sincerely hope that you will find it possible to bring this matter before the Road Committee of the County Council at an early date, as I am anxious to come to some settlement, since I have requisitions for a large number of Danger and Direction signs on hand, but, of course, I cannot put them through until arrangements are completed."

Under date 6<sup>th</sup> September, the following from Mr. Allen, was read:-

"I have been hoping that I would have heard whether the Co. Council had reconsidered their decision in this matter.

at the moment the position is that the Association offered to supply Direction Signs



provided the Co. Council would bear the cost of erection. The Council agreed to this but wished to establish the principle that the signs should be worded in Irish as well as English. As such a step would upset the standard of signs throughout Ireland and would also put us to very large additional expense, and finally would, to our mind, serve no practical purpose, I wrote you that as to these terms the Association could not agree. I understood that the matter was to come before your Council in order that this point might be discussed in the light of my further letter.

As the County Wexford Roads Improvement Committee is pressing for the signs, the Association is anxious to see them erected and it is of importance that the Council should move in the matter.

re Danger Signs:- In connection with our offer passed on similar lines, the supply of Danger Signs, I understand that from latest advice received your Council were under the impression they did not possess the necessary powers to enable them to undertake the erection of such.

You may recollect that I wrote you mentioning that the Motor Car Act 1903, provided for local authorities erecting Danger Signs and Cautionary Notices. In view of the fact it is to be hoped that the Co. Council will see the advisability of assenting to our co-operative scheme which, after all, would be a most economical one for the County."

The following recommendation was agreed to:-  
 "That we recommend the County Council to rescind that portion of their resolution declining to accept direction posts and danger signs from the automobile Association and Motor Union unless lettered in Irish and English, and to



accept these posts and signs on the terms of Mr. Allen's letters of 8<sup>th</sup> August and 6<sup>th</sup> September.

— Ferryarrig Bridge. —

The following recommendation was agreed to:—  
 "That our Secretary call the attention of Mr. R. Colhoun, Londonderry, contractor for the erection of Ferryarrig new Bridge, to the fact that he is liable to a penalty of £10 per week for every week beyond the 15<sup>th</sup> April last during which the Bridge remains unfinished as has already been pointed out to him. The public are considerably inconvenienced by the fact that the new structure is not yet completed.

We request Mr. Colhoun to give a definite date by which he proposes to complete his contract."

— Instructions Etc., for Assistant Surveyors. —

after discussion the following instructions and rules for Assistant Surveyors drawn up by the County Surveyor were agreed to:—

- 1.- The Assistant Surveyors will be provided by the County Surveyor with copies of the plans and specifications of all works which it will be their duty to supervise, and they will see that the specifications for road maintenance and other works are carried out; no deviation from the plans and specifications except those of a trivial nature, to be permitted without the written consent of the County Surveyor.
- 2.- all agreements for works in the County Surveyor's charge shall be on a stamped form with specification or full and complete instructions attached. Assistant must witness the signature both of the agreement and the specification.
- 3.- They will be required to attend the half-



yearly meetings and adjourned half-yearly meetings of the Rural District Councils in their several districts, and also the half-yearly meetings of the Co. Council, and any other meetings which the Co. Council or the Co. Surveyor may direct.

4.- They shall attend Petty Sessions and Quarter Sessions as shall be required, in connection with prosecutions of contractors, or any other business of the Co. Surveyor's Department.

5.- They shall make at least four thorough inspections of the roads in the year, and in addition they shall make such special inspections of roads and works as the County Surveyor may require.

At all times, however, when out and about their districts assistants should be constantly inspecting. They cannot be too vigilant.

6.- Special reports are to be sent to the Co. Surveyor from time to time on the progress of the special works and in cases of grave negligence of road contractors, and in all other cases in which the Co. Surveyor may consider a report necessary.

Winter Inspection:- 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March.

To see material spread; cleaning out depots; clean surface of road and footpaths; inspect bridges and gulleys especially in heavy floods so as to find greatest flood level and capacity for carrying all water. Trimming margins; examine new sites for depots. Hedges and trees not properly cut and trimmed. Scrapings on road.

Summer Inspection:- 30<sup>th</sup> June to 30<sup>th</sup> September.

measure metalling, note quality and size. Note position of depots, whether too close together, or too far out on the road. Note hedges and trees to be cut and get names and addresses of



responsible persons.

cutting weeds, clean surface, clean gulleys, waterchannels and drains, urge contractors to get out material.

Spring Inspection :- 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> June.

To see loose stones raked off; scrapings taken off road; weeds cut before flowering. To urge contractors to get out material in good time; clean surfaces and carefully inspect gulleys and bridges, and take accurate measurements for record; the length and openings of gulleys, pipe or flat topped, cover over, position of inlets, any work connected. For bridges - span and number, thickness of arch, do. of piers, height of piers and abutments; from invert or paving to springing width face to face, parapets dimensions, cover over arch, road raised or not. Finish full reports on condition. Depots too far out on roads; settle new sites for depots.

Autumn Inspection :- 30<sup>th</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec.

To see most of material spread by Xmas; all waterchannels, drains etc., in good order. Inspect gulleys, bridges, drains during floods. See roads kept clean. See thorns and bushes, hedges and trees cut.

Measure metalling to be completed by the 15<sup>th</sup> October in each year.

At all times when out inspect roads and works.

7. - Reports, estimates, and plans, are to be sent to the County Surveyor on proposals made by councillors when required by the Co. Surveyor, as soon as possible after the receipt of a copy of the proposal, but not later than seven days therefrom.

8. - The County Surveyor must be notified in cases of sudden damage, and assistants must see



that orders are obtained and signed in urgent cases, and must furnish reports as to the work carried out in connection with these orders as vouchers for the Finance Committee.

9.- Contractors should <sup>not</sup> be permitted to spread stones, until the surface of the road has been carefully scraped or swept, and in general, contractors are to be urged to keep road surfaces constantly scraped or swept, as this part of road maintenance is almost as important, as the supply and spreading of broken stones. Special attention must also be given to loose stones and every means taken to make contractors remove them; they should be raked to the side first and afterwards taken to a place appointed by the Assistant. In all cases in which surfacemen are specified for, it should be specially noted if this matter is not being attended to.

10.- Special attention must be given to the matter of hedges and trees, the trimming and cutting of these can be done compulsorily from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> March only. Assistants are expected to insist on contractors getting this work done where necessary and to give them all the advice and help required. Legal proceedings must be taken where necessary, but friendly means should always be tried first.

Suitable steps must also be taken with regard to gullies under passage-ways into houses, yards etc., and drains and channels leading water from the roads. Assistants should see the occupiers about these matters and endeavour to get them to do their work. In case of failure full name and address to be reported.

11.- Care is to be taken to inspect the foundations of all new works and to see that they are sufficiently sound before masonry is commenced.



ced. New works must be inspected as frequently as possible and care must be taken that contractors send in the specified notices.

12. - The County Council will provide for the use of the Assistant Surveyors :-

- (a) Detailed Report Forms, of each day's work to be sent in fortnightly.
- (b) Report forms, to be sent in quarterly.
- (c) Correspondence forms.
- (d) measurement cards
- (e) do. books
- (f) Letter Books and Carbon Paper.
- (g) addressed envelopes.

any other approved forms.

Assistant Surveyors will be required :-

- (1) - To enter in the fortnightly reports full particulars of the inspections made each fortnight. These are to be made up and despatched on alternate Saturdays.

All infringements of the Specification should be reported and what steps have been taken to have them put right.

Also the result of previous steps taken. The number of the Notice sent to the contractor with the date sent should be given.

- (2) - To enter the same information in the quarterly reports which must be lodged in the Co. Surveyor's office as soon as possible after the end of each quarter and not later than three weeks after.

The reports are to be carefully filled in. An estimate of the value of the work done, or done badly shall be given and also recommendations as to deferring or striking off money, indicating the items for which these are done.

money must be fully earned before payment is recommended.



(3) To fill in carefully the measurement cards and to post them to the contractor and County Surveyor respectively without delay.

To fill in the measurement books carefully and accurately. These may be required any time by the County Surveyor and must be deposited in his office not later than October 25<sup>th</sup> in each year.

(4) The Letter Books are to be used for serving notices on contractors calling on them to remedy defects. A reasonable amount of time should be given them and the work again inspected at the end of that period to see if the notice has been complied with, or whether and what further steps will be required. To give immediate notice to any contractor when any money has been deferred or struck off stating the cause and giving him full instructions with regard to the work done. Postage will be paid by the Co. Council.

18.- Great care must be taken with the measurements of road metalling, so that their accuracy may be depended to on oath where necessary.

Always carry a two inch ring and a spirit level.

Occasional tests of the heaps are to be made by opening them up to ascertain the depth and quality, dimensions, etc., of the stones.

The material should be obtained from the quarries specified. Only broken stones or gravel where the use of the latter is stated in the specification to be permitted by the Co. Surveyor, shall be measured, and in all cases the material must be on the road side before being measured.

In the case of a contractor having more than one contract in one locality, an effort should be made to measure all his contracts in the one day. No second measurement is to be



made without the special permission of the County Surveyor, and should such permission be given, care is to be taken to have all the material already measured spread before the second supply is banked on the road.

That in the case of roads depending on the supply of sea-gravel for their upkeep the Assistant Surveyors, with the sanction of the Co. Surveyor, be permitted to depart to a reasonable extent from the conditions with regard to dates of inspections and measurements laid down by the foregoing regulations.

14. - Assistants should do all in their power to have contracts carried out to the letter, by advising and warning contractors, so as to induce them to earn their full payments. The great object in view is to have every penny voted for a road spent on it.

where warnings and threats are of no avail, prosecutions (with the consent of the County Council) and ten days notices under the 54<sup>th</sup> section of the Grand jury act must be resorted to.

It goes without saying that whereas contractors are to be treated with courtesy and helped with advice, in no case is a favour to be received from them.

The Assistants are not to stop at the houses of Road Contractors for the purpose of refreshments, or to make use of their horses or vehicles, in making inspections or measuring materials, and they are not to receive any fee or gratuity from any contractor or to be in anyway connected with or interested in any contract for the repair of roads or any public works in the County.



In addition to the above list of duties the assistants will be required to conform to any other reasonable instructions which the Co. Council or the County Surveyor may give them from time to time."

The following recommendations were agreed to:-  
 "That the fortnightly and quarterly reports of the Assistant Surveyor be submitted to the Finance Committee and that the latter call the attention of the Roads Committee to anything of importance in these reports."

"That Mr. Gaffney, County Surveyor, be given permission to include in the printing contract of the Co. Council for 1911-12. the printing of the Rules etc., for assistants and any forms etc., he may require for the use of assistant Surveyors."

"That a copy of the new rules and regulations for assistant Surveyors be furnished each Co. Councillor."

— Road No. 37 Wexford. —

The following recommendation was agreed to:-  
 "That Mr. Gaffney, ascertain from Mr. Kehoe Assistant Surveyor, how it is that half the metalling for Road No. 37 Wexford District which was to be procured from Kerlogue Quarry according to the terms of the specification has not been obtained from this Quarry."

Proposed by Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. James Goad, and passed:-

"That the report of the Roads Committee be approved."

In connection with the Report of the Roads Committee, the following motion, of which he



had given previous notice, was moved by Mr. Peacocke :-

"We consider that the estimate of the County Surveyor regarding the upkeep of the road from the millhouse to Thoroughmore is excessive, and that the supervision by the officials has been very inefficient. We consider in the case of all agreements that they should be in writing and we protest against the payment of £25 for the upkeep of this road. And that the meeting resolve itself into committee for the purpose of considering this motion."

Passed.

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That the County Surveyor, and Mr. Howlin Assistant Surveyor, be informed that the question of calling upon them for their resignations, was considered at this meeting. That for the present the County Council will content themselves with administering to them a severe warning for the manner in which they have carried out their work to the present. In the event of a decided improvement not being shown in the work of the County Surveyor's department within the next six months the Co. Council will feel obliged to call upon them for their resignations."

— Report Re Road No. 75 Wexford District —

Messrs B. H. Peacocke, J. J. Stafford, and T. Rossiter, the Wexford Representatives of the Roads Committee, presented the following report :-

"On the 18<sup>th</sup> October we inspected Road No. 75 Wexford District between the new and the



old road and Bishopwater Bridge including the Windmill Road to Doro Boundary. according to the Specification there should be provided for this Road - 172 cubic yards of stones from Kerlogue Quarry. We found that the Contractor had opened a quarry on his own lands from which he had supplied considerably more than half the stones for the contract. The stones from this quarry are of most inferior quality and are quite unsuitable for Road metalling."

Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor, was called before the meeting and explained that he told the Contractor last May that he would not allow the stones complained of by the Committee to be used for the road.

He did allow the stones complained of to be used last year, but he was not aware what quarry had been provided for in the Specification."

"No further comment was made in connection with the Report."

#### Wexford Labour Dispute.

Mr. O'Connor moved suspension of the Standing Orders to enable him to move a motion.

Mr. Browne seconded the motion, which was passed.

Mr. O'Connor proposed, and Mr. Bloney seconded:-  
"That the County Council be requested to appoint a committee to act as a conciliation committee between the employers and the workmen in the Wexford Boundries, with a view to effecting a settlement of the existing dispute."

As an amendment, Mr. Browne moved, and Mr. James Gadd seconded:-



'that we strongly urge and advise the men employed in the Wexford foundries to return to their work as soon as possible, and should they agree to do so, we also strongly urge the employers to treat them fairly and generously.'

A poll was taken with the following result:-  
For the amendment:- messrs Rice, Sinnott, meyer, Browne, Rossiter, Codd, Asple, Esmonde. - 8.

against:- messrs Cloney, O'Connor, and the Chairman. - 3.

The amendment was then put as a substantive motion and declared carried.

#### Road Contractors Prosecutions.

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be given instructions to prosecute the contractors in the following list should he consider such a step necessary:-

Ennisconky District:- H. Thomas Furlong, 29 Stephen Murphy; 86 Walter Skeelton, 109 121. Daniel Clancy; 139 William Whelan; 302 Patrick Murphy; 175 John Murphy; 212 John Doyle; 142 Patrick Courman; 29 John Dunne; 31 Mary A. Barty; 180 James Donohoe; 261 John Sheil; 290 Michael Bolger; 309 Hugh Brien; 263 Michael Cullen.

Cory District:- 37 Paul Cullen; 38 Patrick Murphy; 56 Michael Connors; 55 Denis Nolan; 62 Denis Kane; 76<sup>a</sup> James Fose; 94. Terence Dunne; 119 Patrick Kane; 117 Joseph Woodbyrne; 120 John Boland; 121. Patrick Morris; 125 Thomas Doyle; 127 Peter Hughes; 133 Walter Lawless; 136 James O'Neill; 139 Thomas Doyle; 77 Michael Staunton; 24<sup>a</sup> John Fitzpatrick; 151 Patrick Kinsella; 165 James Pierce; 22. Joseph Murphy;



161 Michael Byrne.

New Ross District:- 61 Thomas Neill, 6 James Hayden; 75 & 75<sup>a</sup> Thomas Cahill, 84 Nicholas Keating; 93 Daniel Whelan; 100<sup>a</sup> Moses Browne; 128 & 128<sup>a</sup> Walter Hanlon; 243 Thomas Dunphy; 36 Joseph Jeffares; 182<sup>a</sup> Patrick Kennedy; 202 Michael Devereux; 189 Patrick Freeman, 170 William Power.

Wexford District:- 63 Matthew Lacey, 64 Daniel Connors; 66<sup>a</sup> Andrew Walsh; 82 Pat Hurlin; 85<sup>a</sup> John Rilly; 93 & 96 William Whelan; 211 Edward Browne; 107 Robert Duggan; 122 Patrick Carroll; 123 John Bolger; 90 Michael Browne; 182<sup>a</sup> Michael Brien; 29<sup>a</sup> Michael Dunphy."

— Sealed Orders-Local Government Board. —

The Local Government Board forwarded copies of Sealed Orders as follows:-

Water Supply, Burrageigue, (44,493) area of charge, - Ennisorthy Rural District.

Pump at Bruckgrania (44,987) area of charge Ennisorthy Rural District.

Well and Pump at Trinity - (37,825) area of charge. - Wexford Rural District.

marked "Read."

— Rate Collection. —

Under date 18<sup>th</sup> October 1911; (letter No. 53699) the Local Government Board wrote stating that in the very exceptional circumstances in the case of Robert Earle, they had granted an extension of time to the 30<sup>th</sup> November for the closing of his collection.

marked "Read."

— Motor Car Act 1903. —

Under date 28<sup>th</sup> September 1911 (letter No. 50118), the Local Government Board wrote that by the



Expiring Laws Continuance Act, 1911, the motor car act, 1903, had been continued until the 31<sup>st</sup> December, 1913."

marked "Read."

———— Auditor's Report. ————

Under date 6<sup>th</sup> September, the Local Government Board, forwarded with letter No 46,251, copy of the auditor's report on his audit of the accounts of the County Council for the half year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1911, with attested abstracts of the accounts:-

The following is copy of the auditor's report:-

"I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of the County Council of County Wexford for the half year ended March last, and I forward herewith a certified abstract thereof in pursuance of your Order in that behalf made.

Mr Donohoe, late Accountant, to the Co. Council; came before me and made two objections to items in the account under audit; in neither case did I consider there were grounds for any disallowance or surcharge.

The accounts were prepared and submitted for audit in a very satisfactory manner, and no item of expenditure calls for any remark on my part."

The Secretary stated that the first objection raised by Mr Donohoe was in connection with the payments made to the clerks of Unions; Rate Collectors; and Secretary of County Council; for remuneration under the Franchise Act. Mr Donohoe contends that the auditor should, instead of taking the rate books for the year in respect of which the work was performed, go back to 1903 or 1904. The auditor,



who is a Barrister, held that he was bound to take the Rate Books for the year in respect of which the work had been performed, that this was the method which had always obtained as to the calculations, and in this view he was supported by the opinion of the Council's solicitor and of an eminent K. C., who had advised the Secretaries' Association on the point. If this were not done, all the changes which occur in tenancies of land since 1903 or 1904, etc., would have been ignored. It was impossible for him to take other years for the purpose of calculation than the one under review.

Some members of the Council may have seen a statement that the decision of the Auditor means an increase of £200 on the rates of the County. The decision of the Auditor confirmed the method of calculation which had always prevailed, and to which no exception had been taken to the present.

The increase between the payments in respect of March 1911 - to which objection had been made - and those for 1910 is £8:13:6 and this represents ordinary fluctuations. The decision of the Auditor created nothing new.

Then again, Mr. Donohoe never brought any objection to these payments before the Council though the payments were made in December 1910; he did not resign until 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1911, and several meetings were held in the meantime. Besides, he had his remedy if he wished to set himself up as a Court of appeal to the Auditor.

As regards the amalgamation of holdings, the matter was brought to the attention of the General Valuation Office some years ago, and under date 9<sup>th</sup> March 1908 (letter No. 47597), the Commissioner of Valuation had written that



his object had been "so far as he can do so consistently with efficiency in collecting the Rates to amalgamate all hereditaments held under the same tenure and by the same owner and occupier."

The second objection by Mr. Donohoe, was that I had employed one of the Rate clerks to write up entry forms for mares in the book kept for the purpose. This was quite true, but it happened under the following circumstances - Mr. Donohoe was recovering from an illness, and Mr. Richards was suffering from pneumonia. I had, therefore, no staff, and, as the Rate clerks were writing up the Rate Books, I had to put my own son in charge of them. The Finance Committee passed a resolution that I was to employ any extra assistance I required. I did not engage anyone, but, by employing one of the Rate clerks to write up the mare entry form book - a matter of a few hours - I was free to do all the County Council work myself. As a matter of fact, this meant an actual saving to the Council."

marked "Read."

— The Late Accountant. —

Under date 1<sup>st</sup> September, the Local Government Board forwarded for the information of the Council copy of letter which they had addressed to the late Accountant relative to his resignation:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> ultimo, relative to your resignation of the office of accountant to the Wexford Co. Council, and I am to state that the Local Government Board cannot interfere in this matter."



Under date 6<sup>th</sup> September, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No 45702) forwarding for the information of the Co. Council the following letter which they had received from Mr. Patrick Donohoe, late accountant:-

"Supplementary to my letter of 27<sup>th</sup> instant, and pending your decision on the question at issue, I beg to point out that the person appointed accountant to the Wexford County Council, at the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> instant, has not yet attained the age at which he can legally execute the necessary bond which I presume is necessary having regard to Section 20 (1) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1902, and Form 25 Table 9 of the Public Bodies Order.

According to the Register of Births the newly appointed accountant was born on 7<sup>th</sup> January 1893."

The Secretary stated that on receipt of this letter he submitted the matter to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor of County Council, who wrote as follows:-

"Referring to the letter to you from the Local Government Board, under date the 6<sup>th</sup> inst., (No 45702-11 Wexford County) enclosing copy letter from Mr. P. Donohoe, late accountant to the Co. Council, I have considered the points raised by the latter, and, having regard to the fact that Mr. J. Trizelle is not, in my opinion, an officer of the Council who receives or pays any money on behalf of the Co. Council, it is not necessary for him to enter into a Fidelity Bond or other security, in connection with his office of accountant.

So far as I can see from a perusal of the Acts and Public Bodies Order the only accounting officers in the Co. Council office, are the County Secretary, and County Surveyor.



The Wexford Co. Council, so far as I know, hold you alone responsible for the accuracy of the accounts and this portion of your duty is covered by your Fidelity Bond."

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

"That the Local Government Board be informed that as the Co. Council hold their Secretary responsible for all receipts and payments in his department, they consider it unnecessary for the new accountant to enter any fidelity bond."

#### Recent Outbreak of Anthrax.

Under date 4<sup>th</sup> September, the following letter (No 39,98 V.B.) was received from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> ultimo, enclosing copy of the report of the deputation to the Department on the 23<sup>rd</sup> ultimo in regard to the recent outbreak of anthrax on the farms of Mr. Richard Richards.

The Department observe that it is stated in the report that Professor Mettam of the Royal Veterinary College of Ireland was present at the deputation. This is a mistake.

His name has been erroneously inserted instead of that of Mr. Healey, the Chief Inspector of the Department's Veterinary Branch.

The Department do not find in the report any reference to the reply given to the allegation of delay on their part in connection with the outbreak. They think that this matter should be put right, and they accordingly desire to draw attention to the following extract from a memorandum made from the



shorthand notes taken at the interview:-

"The Vice-President said at the meeting of the Co. Council, Mr. Peacocke had alleged delay on the part of the Department in connection with the outbreak. The Department had, however, acted with great promptness in the matter."

"Mr. Cantrell explained that the first intimation of the outbreak was received from Mr. Malone on August 10<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Malone stated in his report that restrictions and disinfection had been carried out in accordance with the anthrax Order. On the same day Mr. Frizelle wrote saying that all precautions had been taken to prevent the spread of disease. A. Departmental Veterinary Inspector was at once instructed to visit the locality and make inquiry into the outbreak. On the 11<sup>th</sup> August a letter was received from Mr. Frizelle in which he stated he was aware the Local authority had no power to slaughter the animals in contact with those affected and suggested that the Department might set their way to do so." To that letter the following telegraphic reply was sent on the same day:-

"Re anthrax on R. Richards' farms, neither Department nor Local authority are legally authorised to slaughter any animals for this disease, nor does the anthrax Order provide for the payment of compensation. A. Departmental Inspector on the spot is dealing with the outbreak, and the Department are advised that the procedure which has proved effective in such instances, hitherto should meet the needs of this case."

On Saturday, the 12<sup>th</sup> a telegram was received from the Mayor of Wexford, and replies by wire were immediately sent both to him and to Mr. Frizelle. A. telegram was received



from Mr. Fuzelle, on the same day to the effect that the Finance Committee were sitting and wished to know what they should do. To this wire a telegraphic reply (which has already been read to the Deputation by the Vice-President) was also sent on the same day. The meeting of the Co. Council held to decide the question of slaughter did not take place until the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Bolger said he was glad to see that prompt action had been taken by the Department. The delay must have been elsewhere.

The Vice-President said such an assertion as that of Mr. Peacocke should not have been made in the circumstances.

As regards the reference in the report to the question of treatment, it was mentioned to the deputation that Mr. Flannery, the Departmental Veterinary Inspector, was instructed on the 12<sup>th</sup> August to see the Veterinary Inspector of the Local Authority and discuss with him the propriety of advising treatment of the non-affected animals. Mr. Flannery reported that he had seen Mr. Malone accordingly and that Mr. Malone stated he would advise slaughter in the circumstances.

The Secretary said :-

"There was no delay in summoning the meeting. The wire from the Department stating that they would make an Order for Slaughter was received late on Saturday evening - 12<sup>th</sup>. The meeting of the Co. Council was summoned on that evening, and as three clear days have to elapse before a meeting can be held - (i.e., five days from date of summons) the earliest date at which it



be held was the 17<sup>th</sup> and it was held on that day, the fifth after the wire was received from Department."

The following letter (No 4705-7. S.) was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction with reference to a resolution adopted by a meeting of the Finance Committee :-

"With reference to your reply of 13<sup>th</sup> instant, to this Department's letter of the previous day respecting the Local Authority's recent request for information on the above subject, (Data of the anti-toxin treatment of anthrax in animals) I have to state that it appears to the Department desirable that the Local Authority should consult in the first instance with their Veterinary Inspector regarding the matter."

"The Secretary stated that he had consulted with Mr. R. Malone, V. S., and he stated that he had no experience of the anti-toxin treatment of anthrax in animals."

"Adjourned to next meeting."

#### Autumn Sheep Dipping Order.

Under date 31<sup>st</sup> August (letter No 3994 V. S.) the following letter from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction was read :-

"With reference to your letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> inst., and to previous correspondence on the subject of the autumn dipping of sheep in Co. Wexford I have to acquaint you, for the information of the Wexford Co. Council, that opportunity was taken of discussing the question with the members of a deputation of the Council who were in these offices on the 29<sup>th</sup> instant respecting another matter. The Chairman of the Council (Mr. Bolger) stated that while an alteration



of the terminal date of the autumn dipping period was not very material, it was most important, in view of the local objections, to dipping after the end of August, that the 1<sup>st</sup> August should be substituted for 1<sup>st</sup> September as the commencing date of the second dipping period.

It was eventually agreed, having regard to the impracticability of effecting a further change in the sheep dipping requirements this year, that the deputation should recommend the County Council to carry out the provisions of the existing Orders and that the question of giving effect to the views of the Council should be specially considered by the Department in connection with the fixing of the dipping periods under next year's Order."

The following letter (No 4026) under date 4<sup>th</sup> September, from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, was read:-

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 1<sup>st</sup> instant, and to state that the Department approve the proposal therein referred to, to appoint Messrs Randal McDonald, Aidan Leary, John J. Egan, and William Stafford, Inspectors of sheep dipping for the current autumn dipping period, with remuneration at the rate of £12 each for the period. It is inferred that these officers were appointed for the summer dipping period this year also, and I have accordingly to convey the Department's covering approval for such appointments at the rates approved for the corresponding period in 1910."

In connection with this Order the following resolution was read from the Wexford District



Council :-

"That we request the County Council to suggest to the Department of Agriculture to amend that portion of the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order 1911, relating to the autumn dipping to admit of sheep being exposed for sale from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> September without an autumn certificate of dipping and so allow a reasonable break, between the date of the termination of the period of the Summer dipping and the commencement of that of the autumn, within which to give notice of dipping to the Police and that the County Council be requested to withhold their consent to any proceedings being taken under the Order, until it is amended."

Correspondence on the same subject was also read from Mr. Thomas Asple, County Councillor, and Mr. J. Mc Cormick, District Councillor, for Wexford District.

On the motion of Mr. Asple, seconded by Mr. Rossiter the following resolution was adopted:-

"That we request the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction when considering the amendment of the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order next year, to introduce a provision to admit of sheep being exposed for sale for the first 28 days of the autumn Dipping Period without an autumn certificate of dipping, and so to allow a reasonable break between the date of the termination of the period of the Summer Dipping and the commencement of that of the autumn period within which to give notice of intention to dip to the police. We would point out to the Department that several sheep owners of this



County have been prosecuted for exposing sheep for sale early in September and at a time when it would have been necessary for them to give notice of intention to dip in the summer period, a procedure, which, it is believed was never contemplated by the Order."

— Wall at Adamstown. —

The Secretary stated that at the meeting of the County Council on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1911, the following resolution had been adopted:-

"That the County Council have no objection to Mr. M. J. Stephenson, erecting at Adamstown the wall shown on map submitted to this meeting, provided he has a clear and valid title to the ground on which it is proposed the wall should be erected."

In connection with this matter the following memorial, signed by a large number of Ratepayers was laid before the meeting:-

"We beg to direct your attention to a resolution passed by your Council on 22<sup>nd</sup> February last authorising Mr. M. J. Stephenson, Adamstown, to build a wall around that part of public street known as the Ball Alley. Now we, the undersigned, are asserting our long established right to use this part of the public street as a thoroughfare, which we and our ancestors have done, without let or hindrance, from time immemorial. And as our undisputed right to still use it may have to be asserted in the law courts we respectfully request your Council to rescind the abovementioned resolution, which we consider prejudicial to our rights, and out of keeping with that spirit of fair play and impartiality that usually govern your proceedings."

The Chairman gave notice of his



intention to move at next meeting of the Council :-

"That the resolution of the Co. Council of the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1911, be reconsidered, as it appears from the memorial submitted to this meeting (25<sup>th</sup> October) that the permission given by the County Council for the erection of the wall at Adamstown is prejudicial to the existing rights of the public."

### Analyst's Report.

The following report was read :-

City Laboratory

17 Castle Street, Dublin.

27<sup>th</sup> October 1911.

"Report of Sir Charles Cameron, B.Sc., M.D., Public Analyst for the County Wexford on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 1911.

20 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows...

<u>Article</u>	<u>Number.</u>
Butter	8
milk	1
whiskey	5
Rum	1
Tea	1
Flour	1
confectionery	1
claret	1
Port Wine	1
Total	<u>20.</u>

They were all pure.

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



One specimen of water analysed for the Guardians of New Ross union, had the following composition.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matters	11.200
Including	
albuminoid ammonia	0.008
saline ammonia	0.0035
Nitric acid	1.5000
Chlorine	2.600

A. good water.

For the Guardians of Enniscorthy union nine drugs were analysed. Two were incorrect.

For the Guardians of Gorey union twelve drugs were analysed. One was incorrect.

Two specimens of water analysed for the Town Clerk, Wexford, had the following compositions.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

	No. 1.	No. 2.
Total solid matter	28.700	21.000
Including		
albuminoid ammonia	0.008	0.009
saline ammonia	0.005	0.004
Nitric acid	1.620	1.250
Chlorine	3.280	3.280

Good waters.

For Messrs W. & S. Armstrong, Ltd, Enniscorthy, one specimen of feeding stuff was analysed.

For Shilleagh union, which is partly situated in the County Wexford, three drugs were analysed and were correct.

In the original reports on the waters above referred to, full details, chemical and microscopical, were given, but in the foregoing, only the more important points are given.

Total analyses - 57.

G. A. Cameron.

John Bolger



Special meeting - 10<sup>th</sup> November 1911.

A special meeting of the Wexford Co. Council was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse Wexford, on 10<sup>th</sup> November, 1911.

Present :- Mr. John Bolger, (Chairman) presiding.  
Other members present :- Lord Viscount Stopford,  
Messrs R. A. Rice, A. Kinsella, M. Browne, P. Rossiter,  
J. J. Stafford, C. H. Peacocke, P. J. Fanning, James  
Codd, M. Bloney, J. Asple, M. Doyle Senr., Mark  
Codd, J. L. Emond, J. J. Mayler.

The Secretary, County Surveyor, and Mr. R. W. Eger, Solicitor to the Council; were in attendance.

Co. Council meeting.

Mr. Peacocke proposed, Mr. Rice seconded :-  
"That next meeting of Co. Council be held on  
4<sup>th</sup> December owing to the fact of the Winter  
Show being held on the 6<sup>th</sup> December the date  
already selected."

"Passed."

Resignation of Co. Surveyor.

The Chairman moved the suspension of Standing  
Orders to allow of a letter from the Co. Surveyor  
to be read.

Mr. Rossiter seconded.

Passed.

The following was read from the Co. Surveyor :-  
"For sometime past it has been evident to me  
that I am unable to satisfy your requirements  
in my position as County Surveyor.

Under these circumstances I think it would be  
most unsatisfactory both for you and myself if I  
retained the position and accordingly the only  
course open to me is to place my resignation in  
your hands.



Needless to say this decision has not been come to on my part without full and anxious consideration and I regret that I see no other course open to me."

Mr. Rossiter proposed :- "That Mr. Gaffney's resignation as County Surveyor be accepted."  
Mr. Cloney seconded. Passed.

Mr. Gaffney arranged to retain office to the end of January 1912.

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That a special meeting of the Council be held on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> instant, at 10 a.m., o'clock, for the purpose of considering the appointment of Mr. Gaffney's successor etc."

— New member - Finance Committee. —

Mr. Peacocke proposed, the Chairman seconded "that the name of Lord Stopford be added to the Finance Committee."

Passed.

— New member - Tara Hill Quarry Committee. —

On the motion of Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. Kinsella :- "The name of Lord Stopford, was added to the Tara Hill Quarry Committee."

— Adamstown Wall. —

Mr. Peacocke read the following of which he had given previous notice :-

"That the resolution of the Council adopted on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1911, giving permission to Mr. M. J. Stephenson, to erect a wall at Adamstown be brought up for reconsideration, and, if the Council so decide, that said resolution be rescinded."



The following is the resolution which was adopted at the meeting of the Council on 23<sup>rd</sup> February :-

"That the Co. Council have no objection to Mr M. J. Stephenson erecting at Adamstown the wall shown on map submitted to this meeting provided he has a clear and valid title to the ground on which it is proposed the wall should be built."

The memorial from ratepayers of the district protesting against the erection of the wall and which appears on the minutes of the Council of 25<sup>th</sup> October was also read.

Under date 25<sup>th</sup> October 1911, Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford; wrote on behalf of Mr Stephenson, that the memorial was brought on thro' spite, that the wall protected her property, and did not harm anyone's property or rights; and if it did they could have recourse to the law.

The following letter was read from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors :-

"Referring to your favour informing us that Mr Peacocke is going to bring on a motion tomorrow with regard to the leave which has been given by the County Council (as far as they could give leave) to Mr Stephenson for the building of a wall at Adamstown we have asked Mr Hanrahan to make a map which we send you herewith; we also attach Mr Hanrahan's letter. In addition we send you Landed Estates Court Rental showing the plot which Mr Stephenson bought in the Land Judges Court. Of course, when Mr Stephenson bought from the Land Judges Court her title, is absolute against the world, because, before the



Land judge would sign a conveyance to a purchaser public notices are given to everybody to make any claims they may have for rights of way or otherwise. As Mr. Stanrahan points out in his letter, there is no right of way given to the public over the plot colored yellow. This can be seen from the Rental. That being so, we claim that the public have no right of way there, since Mrs. Stephenson purchased the place in fee simple without any right of way reserved to the public or to anybody else.

Mrs. Stephenson only built the wall to improve the appearance of the place. The plot is <sup>not</sup> being used by her at all and these people who are sending the memorial are not in anyway inconvenienced, so that the business is not bona fide on their part.

They say: "They are going to assert their rights in the Law Courts." If so, we shall meet them there, and the Co. Council would not be called upon to interfere in the litigation and we hereby indemnify the Co. Council against all costs of any actions that may be taken against them by reason of their granting leave to Mrs. Stephenson to build the wall at Adamstown, provided that the members of the Co. Council stand by their resolution granting such leave to Mrs. Stephenson.

The County Council has already given leave for the wall to be built, and on faith and on foot of that leave Mrs. Stephenson has built the wall, so that the resolution of the Council granting her leave could not now be withdrawn or altered without her consent.

Should the Council think well of rescinding the resolution, we shall have to bring an action against them for damages. It would be manifestly unfair to give leave to Mrs. Stephenson to build the wall, and then when Mrs. Stephenson has



built the wall, because, forsooth this memorial is presented by these people in this fashion, that that leave should be withdrawn or altered to the disadvantage and loss of Mr. Stephenson to whom the leave was given."

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

"That as we believe from correspondence submitted to us at this meeting it is claimed that the Public Rights existing in connection with the plot at Adamstown on which permission was given Mr. Stephenson to erect a wall, are interfered with, we hereby rescind the resolution passed at the Co. Council meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1911, stating that the County Council had no objection to the wall being erected."

"The motion not being seconded fell through."

#### Ballyhack Harbour.

under date 6<sup>th</sup> November 1911 (letter N<sup>o</sup> 7,801/11.F.B.), was read, from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of the protection of the fishing boats at Ballyhack, I have to state, for the information of the Wexford Co. Council, that the demands made on the Department's fund preclude the possibility of their allowing the offer contained in their letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> November, 1910, to remain open after the end of the present month."

On the motion of Mr. Cloney, seconded by Mr. Doyle, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Department be asked to accede to the request contained in the letter of our Solicitor - Mr. R. W. Elger - under date 7<sup>th</sup> November."



Reports of auditors

under date 1<sup>st</sup> November (letter No 56,713) the Local Government Board, wrote forwarding copy of report of their auditor on his audit of the accounts of New Ross Union for half year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1911, with abstract of accounts.

under date 1<sup>st</sup> November (letter No 56,714) the Local Government Board wrote forwarding copy of report of their auditor on his audit of the accounts of the New Ross Rural District for the half-year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1911, with an attested copy of the abstract.

marked "Read."

Sheep Dipping Order.

under date 28<sup>th</sup> October 1911, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote stating that the suggestions of the Council as to dates of Summer and Autumn Dipping Orders would have the Department's careful consideration.

"Head Constable Kidney, Gorey; and Sergeant Bredon, New Ross, forwarded list of persons from their districts who had failed to send to the police stations, "Form B," or who had failed to produce Form B (III) when exposing sheep for sale at New Ross fair, and asked for instructions as to what action the Council would direct the police to take."

under date 9<sup>th</sup> November 1911, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, wrote (letter No 5185/11) as follows:-

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 8<sup>th</sup> instant, and its enclosed copy of a report as to proceedings at Saghmon Petty Sessions on 12<sup>th</sup> ultimo. The Department presume they will hear further from you



in the matter when the report has come before your Local authority. Meanwhile it is not observed that such report contains any allusion to the provision made in the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order of 1911, Amendment Order - further copy enclosed - which allowed of sheep being exposed for sale in the early part of September with a Declaration as to their having been dipped at anytime within 28 days preceding such exposure."

On the motion of Mr Asple, seconded by Mr. Rossiter, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That the Department be informed that we consider a 28 days' allowance for exposure at fairs etc., should be made as regards both Dipping periods."

Mr. Keacocke proposed, Mr. Rice seconded:-

"That as we understand that owners of the sheep reported to this meeting as not having sent in Form 6. or Form B (1) having dipped their sheep, we consider that no prosecution should be instituted against them."

"That we direct our Secretary, to in future, advertise the dates for sending in Form 6."

"That we instruct our Inspectors to draw the attention of sheep owners to the necessity of sending in this form within the proper time."

That we request the Department to allow of Form 6. being sent in immediately after dipping.  
Passed.

#### Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

On the motion of Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. Bloney, renewals of licenses under Poisons and Pharmacy Act were granted to :-

Matthew Hart, Campile.



George Stafford, John Street, Wexford  
 Thomas Cullen, North Main St, "

Trunk Road Scheme.

The following was read from the Co. Surveyor's Report in connection with the Trunk Road Scheme.

"I have estimated the cost of maintenance and the necessary re-rolling over a period of twenty years, and worked out the annual cost for all three routes during that period. I also made out the present annual cost of these roads, and I give two sets of figures according to the various Rural Districts, viz:-

	<u>Present System</u>
Gorey	£ 597 : 2 : 0
Enniscorthy	1247 : 18 : 9
New Ross	444 : 17 : 6
Wexford	804 : 16 : 7
Total	£ 3094 : 14 : 10.

	<u>New System</u>
Gorey	£ 548 : 4 : 0
Enniscorthy	1260 : 13 : 0
New Ross	599 : 16 : 4
Wexford	911 : 9 : 1
Total	£ 3320 : 2 : 5

The proposed grant to the County, so far, is £2,120 but the amount will not be so much for some years to come, at all events.

The Road Board make the grant in two ways. They will contribute three-fourths of the nett cost of the improvements, or they will give one-half the total cost of the same. You have, I believe, passed a resolution agreeing to the first method, but on going into the matter more closely I think the second method, to take half the total cost of the improvement



will be more advantageous to you. The figures given above have been calculated on this assumption.

It should be realised that the Road Board only make grants for the improvement of a road, and that any subsequent rolling required must be paid out of the County funds.

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

"That the Local Government Board be requested to introduce into the House of Commons during the present session a Provisional Order vesting main Roads and Trunk Roads in the absolute discretion of the Co. Council."

"That the question of agreeing to a scheme of trunk roads be postponed for the present."

#### Waterford Bridge.

Under date 9<sup>th</sup> November 1911, the following letter (No 58,010-1911, Wexford Co.) was read from the Local Government Board:-

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> instant, relating to the loan sanctioned to the County Council of Wexford for the purpose of defraying their proportion of the cost of erecting a bridge over the river Suir at Waterford, etc., and, in reference thereto, I am to state that the Board authorise the raising by the Council of a further sum of £3,000 in this case."

marked "Read"

#### Enniscorthy Roads.

The following resolutions were received from the



Rural District Council of Enniscorthy:-

"That contractors receive instructions from the County Surveyor at the proper time as to what they are to do in connection with the trimming of hedges and cleaning of water-courses, so as to put an end to having payments deferred by the Co. Surveyor."

"On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Fanning, the above resolution was adopted."

"That we request the Roads Committee to visit Road No. 227 as the contractor in this case has been supplied with two different certificates as to the amount of stones he had out, which made a vast difference to him."

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

"That Messrs Asple, Esmonde, and Lynch, be requested to inspect and measure the metalling of Road No. 227 Enniscorthy (James Hall, contractor) and report to next meeting of Co. Council."

That the Co. Surveyor be requested to accompany the Committee."

"That all contractors be required to put out on their roads, the specified quantity of stones taken from the specified quarry, or quarries; should this not be done, the contractor to be penalized by having the difference in the price of the material with 20% added, struck off."

marked "Read"

#### Anthracite Outbreak

The correspondence with the Department of



agriculture & Technical Instruction in regard to the recent anthrax outbreak, as appearing on last minutes, having been read, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Fanning:-

"That the Department be requested to introduce a Bill into Parliament to have anthrax treated as one of the Scheduled diseases under the Diseases of Animals Act 1894."

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

"That as our Veterinary Inspector - Mr. R. Malone - informs us that he has had no experience of the treatment of Anthrax by anti-toxin, we request the Department to supply this Council with the data already promised in connection with such cases."

#### Prohibition Importation Hay & Straw from Sweden.

Under date 19<sup>th</sup> October, the Department of agriculture & Technical Instruction forwarded copy of their Order (No 120) prohibiting the landing of hay and straw from Sweden.

marked "Read."

#### Ferryarrig Bridge.

Under date 28<sup>th</sup> October 1911, the following letter was read from Mr. Robert Colhoun, Contractor for the erection of Ferryarrig Bridge:-

"In reply to yours of the 26<sup>th</sup> inst., re Ferryarrig Bridge contract. It is impossible for me to say when this contract will be finished. Scarcely any of the Piles were the proper length, and had to be lengthened, and I am waiting until they are sufficiently hard before re-driving.

This extra lengthening has caused more than double the cost to construct, and altered altogether the order for carrying out the work.



I certainly entirely object to you charging me with any of the penalty, as the cause of delay is not through any fault of mine.

I am sure your Council cannot be unaware of the facts of the case. I cannot be bound to carry out <sup>an</sup> impossibility. When these files required extra lengthening in such a wholesale manner, it alters the conditions of contract for which I will require remuneration and consideration."

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

"That in reply to the letter of Mr. Colhoun submitted to this meeting, we fail to see that the delay in finishing this contract has been caused by the action of the Co. Council, or any of its officials. In this connection we would refer Mr. Colhoun to the terms of the specification, clauses 4 and 32."

"That we request Mr. Elgee to inform Mr. Colhoun that we intend to hold him strictly to the terms of his contract."

#### Opening of Roads.

An application was received from Rev P. J. Kehoe P.P., Clonroche; for a gullet to be made across the road to take surface water from the chapel yard, and for a delivery pipe from a hydraulic ram to be laid down under road known as Chapel lane.

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

"That the request of Rev P. J. Kehoe P.P. be acceded to, work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."



"On the motion of the chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

That the Committee of the Carlow & Island Hounds be given permission to open road at Baylands, Camolin; for the purpose of laying a waterpipe, the work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

Application from Co. Wexford Infirmary for  
Increased Grant.

The following was read from Mr. M. J. Kavanagh Registrar of the County Infirmary, Wexford:-

"In accordance with directions received from my Board, I beg to state that at the meeting of the Committee of management, held 11<sup>th</sup> September, 1911, Lady Doran's notice of motion "That an extra nurse or wardmaid be appointed in consideration of the increased number of patients in the house," was considered, and, after a discussion, it was proposed by Mr. Elgu, and seconded by Archdeacon Latham, and passed unanimously:- "That Lady Doran's notice of motion be deferred to a later date, and that a request be laid before the Co. Council to increase the grant from £1050 to £1200, and that Registrar place particulars and information before the County Council.

It was stated by Lady Doran that she had heard several complaints about the attendance on patients in the Institution not through neglect of the nurses or wardmaids but through the strain of a large number of patients on a small staff. The expense of appointing a nurse would be £50 for salary, rations, etc.,

Other members concurred with Lady Doran, Dr. Furlong, the Resident Surgeon, explained to the Board that he was very anxious to have another nurse appointed. He did not approve of a wardmaid being appointed. Mr. R. W. Elgu



pointed out that after paying accounts at that meeting, the Board was in debt to the Bank to the amount of £136 : 17 : 6, and he then proposed the above-mentioned resolution which was passed unanimously.

Of late years, the number of patients treated as Interns and Externs has greatly increased as the following figures will show:-

			<u>Interns</u>	<u>Externs</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	April '09	to 31 <sup>st</sup> March '10. (12 months)	327	468
1 <sup>st</sup>	"	" '10 " " " " " "	381	1325
1 <sup>st</sup>	"	" '11 " 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept '11. (not 6 months)	218	834

The services of a special trained nurse from City of Dublin Nursing Institution has had to be requisitioned on several occasions, and such expenses come to about £1 : 15/- per week. As can be seen by the table above-mentioned, there has been a considerable increase of patients, and consequently an increased strain of the staff. The average cost per patient has been for year ending 31. 3. 10 - £3 : 9 : 11½, for year ending 31. 3. 11 - £3 : 9 : 0½; to date (23. 9. 11) £5 : 0 : 9.

The amount due to the Bank will be still further increased by the payment of accounts due next month, viz:- for supplies for six months ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 1911 (terminating contract) and as the next payment from Co. Council will not be made till December, this will mean a considerable increase in amount due to Bank.

With reference to a legacy bequeathed by the late Col White, Dr. Furlong, having been called before the Board, mentioned that several very essential articles were necessary in the operating room, and that he would make a list of same by next Board meeting. The Board decided that this was a very important matter and made a resolution proposed by



Mr. Elger, seconded by Mr. J. J. Kehoe, and passed unanimously: - "That as much of Col. White's legacy as is necessary be expended in properly equipping operating theatre, and that the Surgeon produce a list of such articles at next Board meeting." This will involve a considerable amount of Col. White's legacy, as a number of articles are, as I am informed, by the Doctor, absolutely necessary."

The Secretary stated that when this list was before the Finance Committee, the latter had asked for certain information, and, in reply, the following letter was received from the Registrar of the Infirmary: -

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter and beg to state in reply to your queries therein that 1. - Re amount expended on medicines for extern patients: -

No account has been kept in respect to this as medicines and prescriptions are compounded in the same compounding room, and no distinction has ever been made in keeping them (Externs & Interns) separate accounts.

I attach a table showing amount expended on medicines in general for last three years: -

1 <sup>st</sup> April 1908 to 1 <sup>st</sup> April 1909.	£ 61 : 9 : 9
1 <sup>st</sup> " 1909 " " " 1910.	57 : 8 : 6
1 <sup>st</sup> " 1910 " " " 1911.	65 : 0 : 3
1 <sup>st</sup> " 1911 to date (5 : 10 : 11)	76 : 7 : 4

2. & 3. - Re number of cases treated for three years to 30<sup>th</sup> September 1911, distinguishing surgical and medical cases: - As some of these cases were before the present Surgeon's appointment, and my own, we went over the Register together and he pointed out in his opinion the cases as follows: -



	Surgical	medical
1 <sup>st</sup> Oct 1908 to 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept 1909.	155	141
" " 1909. " " " 1910	187	146
" " 1910 " " " 1911.	274	159.

re last question (4), number of patients admitted as pay patients for period required, are as follows:-

No of Patients	year.	Amount Paid.
16.	1. 4. 08 to 1. 4. 09.	£ 36 : 19 : 8
18.	1 : 4 : 09 to 1 : 4 : 10.	26 : 9 : 6
20	1 : 4 : 10 to 1 : 4 : 11	34 : 10 : 11
14	1 : 4 : 11 to date	17 : 1 : 0

The following was also read from the Registrar of the Infirmary:-

"The Nursing Staff at present in Co. Infirmary consists of two nurses and two wardmaids. Nurses take alternate night and day duty. The average number of patients in house per day since 1<sup>st</sup> April of present year has been 30.3. The greatest number having been 45 and seldom less than 25."

Proposed by Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Stafford

"We consider the grant of £1,000 a year to the upkeep of the County Infirmary to be ample considering that since the Co. Infirmary was instituted the Poor Relief acts have been passed.

With respect to the special vote of £50 per annum on 9<sup>th</sup> February 1911, it is clearly understood such vote was to enable the Governors of the County Infirmary to superannuate the then retiring Surgeon, and as the death of that official has taken place the special vote of £50 should be discontinued.

The County Council are of the opinion as the Grant of £1,000 a year is a County-at-Large charge and few ratepayers living at long distances from the County Infirmary can take much, if any, advantage of inter-medical



treatment, that cases treated in the County Infirmary should be generally surgical ones, and the medically treated should be principally pay patients.

The County Council think it desirable to draw the attention of the Governors to the amount expended on medicines for the past three and a half years :-

1 <sup>st</sup> April 1908 to 1 <sup>st</sup> April 1909	£61 : 9 : 9
" 1909 " " 1910.	57 : 8 : 6
" 1910 " " 1911.	65 : 0 : 3
" 1911 " 5 <sup>th</sup> October 1911.	76 : 7 : 4

The County Council consider all local extern cases should be treated at the Wexford Dispensary, where one-half the cost of medicines and of surgical appliances is paid out of funds provided by Government, and that means there would be a saving of £40 or £50 a year in the expenditure on medicines, etc. The County Council further consider all applicants for medical treatment in Hospital, excepting pay patients, should be treated as the poor law provides."

After discussion it was decided that the above resolution be postponed.

On the motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. James Codd, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That the application for the Co. Wexford Infirmary be postponed until the Council have obtained from the Registrar a statement to account for the large increase in the cost of medicines during the past six months and showing approximately the cost of medicines for intern and extern patients separately."

#### Changes of Sinctis.

Mr. Patrick Rossiter, Rate Collector, wrote



submitting the name of Mr. George Byrne, Clonard, Wexford, as one of his sureties vice Mr. Wm. Hutchinson, Wexford.

Mr. Laurence Lacey, Rate collector, wrote submitting as surety, Mr. John Dempsey, Moorvilla, Oulart, vice Mr. J. Dempsey, deceased.

Mr. John Lannen, Foreman, Tara Hill Quarry, submitted as one of his sureties the name of Mr. Robert Connors, Esmonde Street, Gorey; vice Mr. John Stafford, Assagart, Foulkemills, and asked that the Council should pay for the preparation of new bond.

On the motion of the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Secretary ask Mr. David Sinnott, M. C. C., if he would approve of the name of Mr. John Dempsey. That Mr. Sinnott's reply be brought before the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

On the motion of the Chairman, Mr. George Byrne, Clonard, Wexford, was accepted as surety for Rate collector P. Rossiter vice Mr. Wm. Hutchinson, Wexford."

"On the motion of the Chairman, Mr. Robt. Connors, Esmonde Street, Gorey; was accepted as surety for Mr. John Lannen, Foreman Tara Hill Quarry, vice Mr. John Stafford, the Co. Council to bear the cost of the preparation of the new bond in this case."

— Tara Hill Quarry. —

The following letter from Mr. J. Lannen, Foreman Tara Hill Quarry, under date 10th June 1911, had been adjourned from previous



meetings to allow of a system of piece work being introduced at the quarry:-

"I find that I cannot look after the Engine, Stonebreaker, Contractors accounts, drawing material, men's accounts; if I had a man that would be competent to look after the engine, of course he would have to work in the quarry, when not engaged at the engine, I would not complain. You would do me a favour if you would draw the Council's attention to this at your next meeting."

"adjourned."

———— By-Laws New Ross Bridge ————

Under date 19<sup>th</sup> September, the collector of Customs & Excise, Waterford, wrote as follows:-

"I am directed by the Board of Trade, to submit for your consideration the accompanying red ink amendments to the proposed Bye Laws relating to New Ross Bridge which were passed by the Wexford County Council on the 16<sup>th</sup> May last, and I shall be glad to hear from you in due course that these amendments meet with the approval of the Council.

The following is a copy of by laws with amendments as suggested by the Board of Trade:-

County Council of Wexford.

Bye Laws of the County Council of the County of Wexford for regulating the passing of vessels through New Ross Bridge made under the Powers & Provisions of the Municipal Corporations (I) Act, 1840, Secs 125 to 127, & of the Local Government (I) Act, 1898; Section 16.

1.- The Bridge will not be opened for any sailing vessel to pass through except during two hours



before and two hours after High or Low water of Neap Tides, and during the period from one hour and a half before to one hour and a half after High or Low water of Spring tides.

2.- The Bridge will not be opened until such vessel has been made fast to the Warping Buoy or Warping Piles above or below the Bridge, or anchored. It will be opened for vessels towing or poling but not passing through under sail.

3.- The Bridge will be opened for steamers at any state of the tide during daylight but such steamers will only be allowed to proceed through under steam when going against the tide. When going with the tide, they shall warp through in the same manner as sailing vessels.

4.- No vessel shall make fast to any part of Bridge or Dolphins.

5.- No vessel shall make fast to the Warping Buoy or Warping Piles except for the purpose of warping through the Bridge.

6.- The Bridge will be opened only during daylight and must always be kept closed for fifteen minutes before and for fifteen minutes after the arrival of any regular train at New Ross Station.

7.- Any vessel requiring to pass before 6. a.m., or after 6. p.m., must give four hours previous notice to the caretaker.

The Penalty for Breach of any of the foregoing By-Laws is a fine not exceeding Five Pounds to be recovered in a summary manner.

Given under the common Seal of the County Council of the County of Wexford, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May 1911.

Edmund Gore Chairman } Seal  
N. J. Frizelle Secretary }

"On the motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded by the Chairman, the amended By-laws as submitted by the Board of Trade, were confirmed."



Sale of Food & Drugs Acts.

under date 17<sup>th</sup> October (letter No. G.3916-11) the Department wrote informing the Co. Council that an officer of the Department acting on instructions under Section 2 of the act of 1899, purchased twelve samples of butter at Ferns, Newtownbarry, Riverchapel, Courtown Harbour, and NewRoss. The samples were submitted to the Public Analyst for the county, who certified that they were pure. marked "Read."

Water Supply- NewRoss Workhouse.

The Secretary of the Board of Works, wrote under date 18<sup>th</sup> September, informing the Co. Council that the Board of Works had agreed to advance to the Guardians of NewRoss Union a loan of £1,000, for the purpose of providing a water supply etc., for the Workhouse, to be repaid in 68 half-yearly instalments at the rate of £5 : 4 : 5 per cent to cover principal and interest."

marked "Read"

New member of Co. Committee of Agriculture Etc.,

A resolution was submitted from the County Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction requesting the Co. Council to appoint Mr. Marcus Murphy, D. C., Brownswood, as a member of the Committee, vice Mr. R. A. Rice, Co. Councilor resigned.

"On the motion of Mr. Rossiter, seconded by Mr. Stafford, the name of Mr. Marcus Murphy, D. C., Brownswood; was added to the Co. Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction."

Powers of Deputy Coroner.

under date 9<sup>th</sup> September 1911; the following letter was read from Mr. R. W. Elger, Solicitor to the



Co. Council :-

"In accordance with the Resolution of the Co. Council passed at their meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> August, ult., I have looked into the matter of the powers of the Deputy coroner to hold Inquests during the absence of the coroner without any specific direction from him (the coroner) to do so.

The acts relating to the matter are :- "The Coroners (Ireland) Act 1846" "the Coroners Act 1892" and "The Coroners (Ireland) Act 1908, and it is under the provisions of these two latter acts that the Deputy coroner is appointed.

By Section 22 of the Act of 1846 provision is made for the holding of Inquests, if the coroner deem such necessary, and for the issue by the coroner of his Precept to the constabulary to summon a jury and witnesses to attend such Inquest.

By Section 1, Sub-section 1 of the Act of 1892 the coroner is empowered to appoint a fit person, approved of by the Co. Council, to be his deputy, and by Sub-section 3 of the same section such Deputy may act for the coroner during his illness or during his absence for any lawful or reasonable cause, or at any Inquest which the coroner is disqualified for holding, but not otherwise.

By Sub-section 5 of said section 1, it is provided :- "That for the purpose of an Inquest or act which a Deputy of a coroner is authorised to hold or do he shall be deemed to be that coroner and have the same jurisdiction and powers and be subject to the same obligations, liabilities and disqualifications as that coroner."

Having regard therefore to the terms of this latter Sub-section, I am clearly of opinion, that the Deputy coroner has, in the



absence of the coroner, full power, should he deem an inquest requisite, to issue the precept for the holding of such inquest and for the summoning of a jury and witnesses without any specific directions from the coroner.

The act of 1892 formerly applied only to England but the act of 1908 made it applicable to Ireland also."

On the motion of Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Keacocke, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. P. French M.P., coroner for South Wexford, be requested to act his deputy - Mr. J. J. Roche, with full powers to deal with inquests during his absence, as we have been informed by our Solicitor that this course can be legally adopted."

"That a copy of this resolution be furnished to the County Inspector, R. J. B."

#### New Ross Courthouse.

Under date 9<sup>th</sup> October 1911, the following letter was read from Mr. F. J. McKenna, C. P. S., New Ross:-

"At New Ross Petty Sessions on 6<sup>th</sup> instant, the Courthouse, Keeper - Mr. Tutton - drew the attention of the magistrates to some necessary and urgent repairs required to the Courthouse.

The stove for heating the Courthouse requires to be attended to at once, as a fire cannot be lighted in it at present. The roof, gallery, gas fittings, and pump, also require to be looked after and some other general repairs which will be pointed out by the Court Keeper.

I have been directed by the justices to bring the foregoing under your notice, which I hope you will place before the proper authority as



soon as possible with the view of having said matters attended to."

"Referred to Proposal Committee."

### Sanitary Institute.

Circular letter under date October 25<sup>th</sup> 1911, was read from the Royal Sanitary Institute, asking the Council to appoint delegates to the annual Congress to be held in York from 29<sup>th</sup> July to August 3<sup>rd</sup> 1912."

"No action taken."

### Greenwich Time.

A resolution was read from the Dublin County Council, stating that the time had arrived when in the interests of the export and general trade of the country; Greenwich time should be adopted in Ireland.

marked "Read."

### Rate collection.

Arising out of the minutes of the Finance Committee, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Deple, seconded by Mr. Stafford:-

"That Mr. D. McDonald, official checker of the accounts of the Rate collectors of the Enniscorethy District, and Mr. John Mullett, Rate collector for N<sup>o</sup> 6. Collection District, be asked to furnish the County Council with a written undertaking that in the event of any further complaint being found as to the manner in which they are discharging their duties, they will hand in their resignations."

### Irrecoverable Rates.

Lists of irrecoverable rates were submitted by



the Secretary and approved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Stafford.

— Barrough Lane. —

Under date 7<sup>th</sup> October 1911, the following letter was read from Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Wexford:-

"Mr. Patrick Reigh, of Barrough, who gave a piece of ground for widening the new road at Barrough has asked us to write to you to allow him permission to erect a wall from the road for a distance of about 20 feet enclosing piece of ground about six feet long which he had pointed out to your deputy Mr. Kehoe. There was a pool of water at this place, but it was filled and cleaned up by the contractor. It is in a nook off the road. He says he mentioned the matter to Mr. Kehoe when agreeing with the latter about allowing the piece of ground to be taken in to straighten the road. The piece he wants to enclose is bounded by a red line on the sketch at foot."

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Stafford the following resolution was adopted:- That as soon as Mr. Reigh carries out agreement he has made in connection with this lane, the Council will be in a position to favourably consider his application."

— Recommendations of Finance Committee. —

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

"That Mr. P. Donohoe, late Accountant, be paid at next meeting of the Finance Committee his salary from 22<sup>nd</sup> July to 2<sup>nd</sup> August, the date of his resignation."

"That the County Surveyor be furnished with a



copy of the letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> August from the Road Board. That he be requested to re-submit the particulars of the roads, already selected in connection with the application for a grant, to the Road Board, utilizing in his calculations the schedule to the letter of the Road Board under date 10<sup>th</sup> August."

"That the Finance Committee consider from Mr. McDonald's explanation that the errors passed by him in the checking of Mr. Mullett's accounts have arisen principally owing to his faulty method of checking. That the Secretary explain to Mr. McDonald how the Finance Committee desire the checking to be done in future. That the question of Mr. McDonald's re-appointment be considered at the meeting of the County Council at which the rate for the next financial year will be agreed to."

"That we regard Mr. Mullett's explanation as to his Rate Collection as unsatisfactory. That we call upon him to explain his failure to lodge the sum of £3:2:6½ paid to him on the 25<sup>th</sup> April by Mr. Patrick Good, Ballinahallen."

"That the County Surveyor be asked for a copy of the specification in connection with the work of repairing Mountgarrett Bridge, and for a copy of the agreement he has entered into with the present contractor for the repairs."

"That Mr. Jones, Assistant Surveyor, be requested to inform the Finance Committee, what supervision he gave to the work of repairing buoy at New Ross Bridge; how often he visited the place from the beginning of the work and if



he made any report to the County Surveyor."

"That we recommend the County Council to make no change in the items for printing as heretofore supplied to the Clerk of the Council."

"That the Courtown Harbour Committee be authorised to purchase one hundred extra coal bags at a cost not exceeding £5. 0."

"That we consider Mr. Mullett's explanation in reference to rates on the holding of Mr. Patrick Codd, Ballinahallen, satisfactory, as Mr. Codd has explained that his letter referred to another half year."

"That, having conferred with our Veterinary Inspector, - Mr. Malone - we consider there is no necessity to lime the lands of Mulgannon, and Whitmill for the purpose of preventing a recurrence of the outbreak of anthrax."

"That we leave entirely in the hands of Mr. Richard Malone, V. S., the question of the period of restriction to be placed on the lands of Mulgannon and Whitmill."

"That the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction be requested to furnish to the Wexford County Council the data of the anti-toxin treatment of anthrax in animals which they have in their possession or can obtain."

"That permission be given to the County Surveyor to prosecute the following road contractors should he consider it necessary:-

Wexford District :- Mr. J. O. Walsh, Kereight, Kyle County - 164. James Nolan, Edirvine.



Gorey District:- 168. Shor Carle, Ballyroodrane, Blackwater.

"The Finance Committee desire to express their regret with Mr Robert Carle, Rate collector, in his accident. They desire to hear from him as to when he will be in a position to close his collection as they must apply to the Local Government Board for an extension of time for this purpose to enable them to pay Mr Carle his poundage."

"That the County Surveyor be authorised to prosecute the following contractors should he consider such a step necessary:-

Enniscorthy District

<u>Road No.</u>	<u>Name.</u>
184.	R. Murphy
177.	J. Brien
224.	J. Martin
314	J. Keating
198	J. O'Gorman
38	E. Blaney
249	J. Byrne
264	J. Greene
269	J. Brownrigg
289	J. Molloy
291	Mr. Dunne
293.	J. Roche.

Gorey District.

38.	P. Lacey
42	P. Noctor
52	M. McDonald
64	D. Breen
76	J. Fleming
91	J. O'Loughlin
102	E. Nolan
209.	J. Fitzpatrick

Wexford District

4.

R. Murphy



182.	J. Furlong
166	M. Mythen
167.	M. Bourish
209.	P. Kehoe

New Ross District

49a.	A. Lender
829156.	J. Gorman
115	A. Lender
126	J. Conway
134	M. A. Walsh
136a	A. Connors
147.	"
173	J. Conway
210	T. Kinsella
175	W. Power
9.	T. Power

"That a copy of Mr. Elgue's letter, relative to powers of Deputy Coroner, be forwarded to Mr. French, M. P., by our Secretary, and that Mr. French, be informed that the matter will be considered at the next meeting of the Co. Council."

"That Mr. Elgue, our Solicitor, be asked if the Finance Committee are empowered to hold paying orders in respect of Roads No. 312 and 313, Ennisecorby District, pending the next meeting of the Co. Council. Should Mr. Elgue advise contra, we instruct our Secretary to forward these paying orders to Mr. Nolan."

"That we request the Local Government Board to agree to an extension of time for two months for the closing of collector Earl's rate collection, in respect of the half-year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 1911, in view of D. Pounaden's letter, copy of which we instruct our Secretary to forward to the Local Government Board."



"That the County Surveyor be given permission to prosecute the contractors whose names appear in the following list submitted by him to this days' (13.10.11) meeting of the Finance Committee. In the case of contractors on this list who are 20 per cent and over short of their material, we recommend the Co. Surveyor to institute prosecutions, unless in instances in which he receives a valid excuse to account for the shortage."

Enniscorthy District:- George Leigh, Anastasia Dunne, Patrick Kavanagh, Patrick Barton, Michael Stafford, Peter D'Arcy, Catherine Harman, John Keating, John Barty, Patrick Jackman, John Whitty, Kate O'Gorman, E. Maddock, Wm Hyland, Patrick Bowman, James Reedy, Matthew Bullen, John Byrne, Pat<sup>r</sup> Bolger, James Murphy, Martin Ryan.

Gorey Rural District:- Michl Staunton, Tho<sup>s</sup> Redmond, Pat<sup>r</sup> Fortune, Terence Dunne, Myles Doyle, Edw<sup>d</sup> Sinnott, And<sup>w</sup> Dwyer, John Fitzpatrick, Luce Lacy, Terence D'Arcy, Chas Nolan, And<sup>w</sup> Dwyer, Chas Nolan, Joe Murray.

New Ross Rural District:- Edward Barty, James Murphy, John Devereux, Martin Egan, S. Donnelly, John Green<sup>(2)</sup> Pat<sup>r</sup> Carroll, Hugh Connors, Patrick Gorman.

Wiscford Rural District:- Edward Browne, Matthew Lacy, Patrick Joyce, John Reilly, Martin Barr, Michael Kane, S. Whelan, Richd. Murphy, Richd. Murryman, John Murphy, Wm Barty, Pat<sup>r</sup> Fortune, Michael Browne, Martin Walsh, Pat<sup>r</sup> Fortune, Pat<sup>r</sup> Murray, Ellen Fitzhenry, Dan Connors, Edw<sup>d</sup> Browne, John Murphy, (2) Pat<sup>r</sup> Kehoe, John Murphy."

"That Mr Stapleton be directed to furnish, in the usual way, the account with Mr Redmond



for weighing coal out of the schooner "Violet." That in the event of Mr. Richmond refusing, to pay the amount, Mr. Elger be instructed to proceed against him for same as evidence has been submitted to the Finance Committee that the weigh Bridge is correct."

"That the tender of Mr. W. Hanrahan at £1:6:6 being the lowest, be accepted for the supply of forms in connection with the autumn Lipping Period."

"That the Finance Committee ask the Courtown Harbour Committee for their observations as to the arrears of dues for boats due by the fishermen at Courtown Harbour."



Special meeting - 20<sup>th</sup> November 1911.

A special meeting of the Wexford Co. Council was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse Wexford; on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> November 1911; to consider the question of filling the vacancy in the office of County Surveyor, owing to the resignation of Mr. Gaffney; also, to agree to remuneration to be paid to incoming Co. Surveyor, to draft advertisement, and to fix date of appointment.

Present :- Mr. John Bolger, Chairman, presiding.  
Other members present :- Messrs Peacocke, Browne, Cloney, J. L. Esmonde, J. S. Hearn, Michael Doyle Jr., John O'Connor, David Sinnott, J. J. Stafford, James Lynch, Patrick Rossiter, P. J. Fanning, James Codd, Thomas Asple.

The Secretary, and Mr. R. W. Elgee, Solicitor to the Council, were also in attendance.

— The late Mr. J. E. Mayler —

On the motion of Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. Hearn, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That we offer our colleague - Mr. J. J. Mayler - our heartfelt sympathy in the demise of his brother - Mr. J. E. Mayler - who was a valued and esteemed member of this County Council for the past 12 years, and who during his term of office endeared himself to his brother councillors. The death of Mr. J. E. Mayler has removed from the public service of this County a capable administrator and a wholehearted Irish Gentleman.

That a copy of this resolution be sent to Mr. J. J. Mayler, by our Secretary."



Waterford Bridge.

On the motion of Mr. Emond, seconded by Mr. Hearn, the following resolution was adopted:-

"In pursuance of the consent of the Local Government Board for Ireland, dated 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 1911, to the raising by the Council of a loan of £11,000, for the purpose of defraying the share of the Council of the cost of erection of the new Bridge over the river Suir at Waterford, It is hereby resolved that the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage to secure the sum of £3,000 advanced by the National Bank, Ltd., to the Council being a third instalment of the said sum of £11,000, to be raised by the Council for the said purpose."

The County Surveyor's Department.

After considerable discussion the following resolution was proposed by Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Hearn:-

"That we appoint a County Surveyor and a Senior Assistant, who must be a qualified Engineer."

Mr. Fanning as an amendment proposed:-

"That we appoint a County Surveyor only."

Mr. M. Doyle seconded.

A. poll was taken with the following result:-

For the amendment:- Messrs J. Codd, Scafford, Rossiter, Fanning, Cloney, Doyle, and Sinnott:- 7.

Against:- Messrs Brown, Hearn, Peacocke, Emond, Lynch, Asple, O'Connor, and the Chairman:- 8.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The resolution was then put and declared carried.

Mr. Peacocke proposed:- "That a salary of £450 be voted for the incoming Co. Surveyor, the County



council to provide him with the necessary clerical assistance."

Mr. Hearn proposed as an amendment:- "That a salary of £500 per annum be voted to the incoming Co. Surveyor, the County Council to provide the necessary clerical assistance."

On a vote, the following voted for £500:-  
messrs James Bodd, Stafford, Browne, Hearn, Comond, Fanning, Sinnott, Lynch, Cloney, and the Chairman:- 10.  
Against:- messrs Rosciter, Peacocke, Asple, and Mr. Doyle:- 4.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

The Chairman proposed:- "That the new Senior Assistant who must be a qualified Engineer be paid at the rate of £500 per annum, which is to cover locomotion and out-of-pocket expenses except postage."

Mr. Hearn seconded. Passed nem con.

Mr. Browne proposed:- "That a clerk for the County Surveyor's office be appointed by the County Council at a salary of £52 per annum. That the Secretary have the services of this clerk when not engaged in the Co. Surveyor's Department, and provided that the County Surveyor agree to this arrangement."

Mr. Hearn seconded. Passed.

It was decided that the appointment of new County and Assistant Surveyors be made at 10 o'clock a.m., on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 1912, and that appointments be advertised in the local papers; "The Freeman Journal", "Irish Times", "Irish Independent" and "Engineer"; advertisement



to receive three insertions in each paper."

"It was also agreed that the appointment of clerk be made on December 4<sup>th</sup> and be advertised in the local papers."

The following advertisement was then drawn up:-  
County of Wexford.

Appointment of County Surveyor.

The County Council of Wexford invite applications for the above named appointment from regularly trained Civil Engineers who must each satisfy the Local Government Board for Ireland as to his health and character, that he possesses the necessary practical and professional qualifications; that upon the 31<sup>st</sup> March next he is not less than twenty six nor more than forty five years of age, and that he has been engaged in the practice of his profession in a responsible position in the charge of important works for not less than four years.

Candidates must send in their applications in writing to the Secretary, Co. Council Offices, Courthouse, Wexford; not later than the 10<sup>th</sup> December 1911; when a list of the applicants will be forwarded the Local Government Board, who after making the necessary inquiries will notify the names to the Civil Service Commissioners, to whom the candidates must submit themselves for literary examination under the scheme set out in the Schedule of the Local Government Board (annexed). The result of the examination will be notified by the Local Government Board to the Co. Council who may proceed to elect as County Surveyor one of the duly qualified candidates.

Applicants who are existing Co. Surveyors in Ireland, or who have been certified by the Civil Service Commissioners, shall be deemed to be



qualified for the position without further examination, but must however, satisfy the Local Government Board as to health and character. The age limit does not apply in the case of existing Co. Surveyors in Ireland, or of applicants who have been certified by the Civil Service Commissioners and can satisfy the Board that they are engaged in the practice of their profession.

The County Surveyor must reside within the county, and keep an office at Wexford for his regular attendance throughout the year, and devote his whole time to the service of the county. He shall discharge the duties of his office in accordance with the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, or any Act now in force, or which <sup>may</sup> hereafter be passed amending same, the several Orders in Council, or Orders of the Local Government Board thereunder, and the Orders and Resolutions of the County Council of Wexford.

The salary and emoluments appertaining to this office will be £500 per annum, which is to cover all travelling expenses, and out-of-pocket expenses (except postage). The County Surveyor will have the use of the office free in the Co. Courthouse, Wexford; and the Co. Council will provide him with a clerk.

The appointment to the position will be made at the meeting of the County Council on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 1912, at 10 o'clock a.m., provided the examination of unqualified candidates by the Civil Service Commissioners can be held in the meantime.

In the event of a postponement becoming necessary the date and hour at which the appointment will be made, will be furnished each applicant prior to the 10<sup>th</sup> January 1912.



By the Standing Orders of the Wexford County Council testimonials of candidates must be lodged with the Secretary within six clear days before the date of election. Should however, candidates desire they can lodge testimonials, etc., with the Secretary with their application on or before 10<sup>th</sup> December 1911.

The successful candidate must be prepared to take up duty at such a date as will be fixed by the Co. Council at his election.

The appointment can be determined at any time by three months' notice at either side.

Candidates must be in attendance on day of election.

The County Council do not bind themselves to make an appointment at meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> January or at any future meeting.

N. J. Frizelle  
 Courthouse, Wexford. Secretary  
 20<sup>th</sup> November 1911.

### Wexford County Council. Appointment of Senior Assistant Surveyor.

The above County Council invite applications for the appointment of Senior Assistant Surveyor at a salary of £200 per annum, to cover all locomotion and other expenses (except postage).

The person appointed to the position must be a fully qualified engineer, be able to prepare specifications for roads and public works, supervise road contracts, and also contracts for bridges, piers, etc.,

He must satisfy the Local Government Board that he possesses the necessary qualifications etc., for the position.

He will be required to devote his whole time to the service of the Council, and must, under the



direction of the County Surveyor, supervise the work of the other assistants, and be at all times prepared to carry out the instructions of the Co. Surveyor, and the orders and resolutions of the County Council.

The appointment can be determined by three months' notice at either side.

Applications in writing must be made to the Secretary, Co. Council offices, Courthouse, Wexford; not later than 10<sup>th</sup> December 1911.

The appointment will be made at the meeting of the Co. Council on 10<sup>th</sup> January 1912.

By the Standing Orders of the Wexford Co. Council, testimonials of candidates must be lodged with the Secretary within six clear days before the date of election. Should, however, candidates desire, they can lodge testimonials, etc., with the Secretary with their application for the position on or before 10<sup>th</sup> December. The successful candidate must be prepared to take up duty at such a date as will be fixed by the Co. Council at his election.

Candidates must be in attendance on day of election.

The County Council do not bind themselves to make an appointment at meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> January 1912, or at any future meeting.

H. J. Fizzelle

Secretary

Courthouse, Wexford  
20<sup>th</sup> November 1911.

The following advertisement for clerk was agreed to :-

Wexford County Council.

Appointment of clerk to County Surveyor.

The above County Council will, at their meeting to be held on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> December 1911,



consider applications for the position of clerk to the County Surveyor, at a salary of £52 per annum.

The person appointed must write a good hand, be quick and accurate at figures, and have a knowledge of typing.

He must devote his "whole" time to the service of the Council, and be prepared, when not required by the County Surveyor, to assist in the general work of the Co. Council offices.

Applications for the position must be lodged at or before 10. a.m., on the morning of the above-mentioned meeting.

By the standing orders of the Council, it is necessary that the testimonials, etc., of candidates should be lodged six clear days before the date of election.

The County Council do not bind themselves to make any appointment to the position on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 1911.

The appointment can be determined by a month's notice at either side.

N. J. Frizelle  
Secretary.

On the motion of Mr. Browne, seconded by Mr. Rossiter, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the resolution of the County Council stating that preference will be given to applicants for positions under the Co. Council who can read, write, and translate the Irish Language do not apply to the positions considered at this meeting."

John Bolger



Statutable Half-yearly meeting.

The statutable half-yearly meeting of the Wexford County Council, was held in the County Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford on 4<sup>th</sup> December 1911.

Present:- Mr. John Bolger Chairman presiding.  
Other members:- Messrs Rice, Browne, Rossiter, Panning, Mr. Doyle Sr., J. Asple, J. A. Doyle, John O'Connor, Mr. Doyle Junr., David Sinnott, Lord Stopford, Mark Good.

The Secretary, the County Surveyor, and Mr. R. W. Elgie, Solicitor to the Council, were also in attendance.

— Confirmation of minutes. —

The minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

— Appointment of clerk to County Surveyor. —

"On the motion of Mr. Doyle Senr., seconded by Mr. Rice, Mr. M. O'Leary, was appointed as clerk in the County Surveyor's office."

Mr. O'Leary returned thanks.

The following is the application of Mr. O'Leary:  
"I respectfully beg to apply for the appointment of clerk in the County Surveyor's office. I am over four years clerk in this office, having been selected for the position from amongst 23 applicants, by your late Co. Surveyor - Mr. Webster - and I can state with confidence that I have during that time given entire satisfaction to my employers in the execution of my duties.

Should you do me the honour to appoint



me to the position I shall feel most grateful, and will carry out the work appertaining to the office in as efficient and attentive a manner as possible.

— The late Mr. J. B. Mayler. —

Under date 26<sup>th</sup> November, 1911, the following letter was read from Mr. John J. Mayler, M.B.C.:-

"I beg to acknowledge your letter conveying resolution with reference to the death of my brother adopted at the meeting of your Council on the 20<sup>th</sup> instant. May I ask you to tender on my behalf my sincere thanks to the proposer and seconder of the resolution and the other members of the Council for their thoughtful and kind expression of sympathy for which I feel very grateful.

Thanking you personally for your assurance of sympathy and regret."

On the motion of Mr. Doyle Senr., seconded by Mr. Doyle Jr., the letter from Mr. Mayler was ordered to be inserted on the minutes.

— Sara Hill Quarry. —

Mr. Fanning read the following of which he had given previous notice:-

"That it be an instruction to the Co. Surveyor from this date to deduct from the salaries of those contractors who draw their supplies from Sarastill Quarry the sums due for road metalling by those contractors in two equal half-yearly amounts instead of the total amount being deducted from one half year's pay as at present."

By permission of the meeting Mr. Fanning made his resolution to read as follows:-

"That it be an instruction to the Co. Surveyor from this date to deduct from the salaries of



those contractors who draw their supplies from all quarries owned by the Co. Council the sums due for road metalling by those contractors in two half yearly amounts, instead of the total amount being deducted from one half year's pay, as at present."

Mr. Rossiter seconded. Passed.

— Salary - Incoming County Surveyor. —

Under date 28<sup>th</sup> November, 1911, the following letter, No 61260, was read from the Local Government Board :-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford Co. Council on the 20<sup>th</sup> instant, relative to the office of County Surveyor; and they direct me to state that they have approved of the proposal to attach a salary of £500 a year to such office, this sum to include travelling and out-of-pocket expenses."

marked "Read."

— Road metalling. —

On the motion of Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. Sinnott, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That the Local Government Board be requested to inform the Co. Council if a District Council has, as regards maintenance of roads the power to alter the quarry specified particularly in cases in which the County Surveyor specifies a quarry the property of the County Council."

— Road contractors' Sureties. —

On the motion of Mr. Asple, seconded by Mr. M. Doyle Junr, the following resolution was adopted :-



"That we respectfully ask the chairmen of the Rural District Councils to make certain that sureties not only answer their names but actually complete their bonds at the meeting of the District Councils at which tenders are accepted."

— Works and Payments. —

Proposed by Mr. Rossiter.

Seconded by Mr. Fanning:-

"That the several proposals for new works as submitted from the Proposal Committee and the Rural District Councils of the County be adopted, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

Passed.

Proposed by Mr. Rossiter

Seconded by Mr. Fanning:-

"That the several proposals for payments from the Proposal Committee and the several Rural District Councils of the County be adopted, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman."

Passed.

— Dates of Half-Yearly Meetings. —

The following dates of half yearly meetings of County and Rural District Councils were fixed; on the motion of Mr. Rossiter, seconded by Mr. Browne.

Enniscorthy. Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 1912

Gorey. Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> " "

New Ross. Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> " "

Wexford. Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> " "

Proposal Committee. Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 1912

Co. Council meeting. " 8<sup>th</sup> May 1912.

Drunk Road Scheme

The following resolution was received from



the Wexford Rural District Council :-

That we, the Wexford Rural District Council, protest against the action of the County Council in passing a resolution asking the Local Government Board to have legislation introduced vesting the proposed Trunk Roads in the County Council as against all democratic principles as those who pay for the roads should have the power of spending their own money in their own way, and, moreover, District councillors, owing to their greater number, have necessarily a more intimate knowledge of the needs of the roads throughout the County than Co. councillors could possibly possess.

That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Local Government Board and the County Council."

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

"That the resolution of the Wexford District Council be postponed pending the decision of the District Councils on the Trunk Road Scheme."

Application for Increased Grant to Infirmary.

In connection with an application from the Co. Wexford Infirmary for an increased grant, the following resolution was adopted at the last meeting of the Co. Council :-

"That the application from the Co. Wexford Infirmary be postponed until the Council have obtained from the Registrar a statement to account for the large increase in the cost of medicines during the past six months and showing approximately the



cost of medicines for intern and extern patients separately.

The following letter under date 16<sup>th</sup> November 1911, was read from the Registrar, Co. Infirmary:-

"In reply to your letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> November I beg to inform you that I laid your communication before my committee on last Monday.

As only four members were present consideration of it was deferred to a larger meeting. In reply to query re approximate cost of medicines for extern and intern patients for period from 1<sup>st</sup> April 1911 to 5<sup>th</sup> October 1911, with the assistance of the apothecary, I have ascertained that the amount expended on medicines for extern patients for that period would be about £22. On intern patients, the amount would be about £44, and the balance, £10 odd, represents an amount expended on surgical instruments. The apothecary informs me that there is a good complement of medicines in stock in the compounding room.

My committee intend to discuss a means of reducing the number of extern patients at their next meeting and have instructed me to put the matter on the agenda for said meeting."

"Postponed to next meeting."

#### Dredging at Courtown

Under date 20<sup>th</sup> November, 1911, the following letter No. 9648-11, J. B., was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"Adverting to your communication of the 14<sup>th</sup> instant, embodying the following resolution passed by the Wexford Co. Council at their recent meeting:-

"That we request the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction to send their Dredger.



from Arklow without delay to remove bank of sand outside the pier-head of Courtown Harbour."

I have to request that the Council will be good enough to state the amount of money which they are prepared to provide for the purpose in question.

It is assumed that the dredging could be carried out in about three days at a cost of some £35 or £40.

The Department would be prepared to contribute one-half thereof.

On the motion of Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. Rossiter, the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That we recommend the County Council to accept the offer of the Department with reference to the dredging of Courtown Harbour, provided a report be received from Lord Stopford that the bank of sand still forms an obstruction to navigation."

#### Ballyhack Boat Slip.

The following letter under date 15<sup>th</sup> November, 1911, and No. 58603, addressed to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, was read from the Local Government Board:-

"With reference to your letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> inst., and to previous correspondence relative to the proposal of the Wexford County Council to take over a boat slip at Ballyhack in their County I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that, as already pointed out in their letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> June last, they are not aware of any enactment which would enable them to make a provisional order empowering the Co. Council to take over this slip.

It appears to the Board, however, that



if the Boat slip can be regarded as a "Pier" or "Quay" within the meaning of section 67 of the Grand Jury (Ireland) Act, 1836, and were enlarged to any extent, however small, under that section, it would become public property under the following section, 68, and consequently be repairable by the County Council under section 18 (2) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898. The Board are not in a position to determine whether this boat slip can be regarded as a "Pier" or "Quay" within the meaning of these <sup>two</sup> sections of the Act of 1836, so as to enable the County Council to expend money on enlarging it, and this is a question which must be decided by the Council, having regard to the nature of the structure and to its previous history."

Under date 13<sup>th</sup> November, 1911, the following letter, No. 9581-11. F. B., was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> instant on the subject of the protection of the fishing boats at Ballyhack; and to state, for the information of the Wexford Co. Council, that the Department will allow the offer contained in their communication of the 14<sup>th</sup> November 1910 to remain open until 1<sup>st</sup> March 1912."

"On the motion of Mr. Deely, seconded by Mr. J. A. Doyle, it was decided that the matter be postponed for the attendance of Mr. Bloney M.B.C. the Secretary, in the meantime, to furnish Mr. Bloney with a copy of the correspondence in connection with the matter."

— Confirmation of minutes. —

That the minutes of the various committees



of the Council since last meeting be and are hereby confirmed."

— Slievebawn Quarry. —

The Secretary stated that in connection with Slievebawn Quarry a sum of £37 had been paid for purchase and £10 had been set aside for its proper opening. The County Council had made an agreement with Mr. James Devine to quarry and break stones at 3/- per cubic yard, and it would be necessary for the Council now to fix the price at which contractors could obtain stones from the Quarry.

"On the motion of Mr. Fanning, seconded by Lord Stopford, the following recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted:—  
That Road Contractors be charged at the rate of 3½ per cubic yard for stones supplied from Slievebawn Quarry for this year."

— By-Laws - New Ross Bridge. —

Proposed by Mr. Rossiter.

Seconded by the Chairman; and passed:—

"That the By-Laws for the opening of the Bridges across the Slaney, and those for the opening of New Ross Bridge, as respectively amended and approved by the Board of Trade and now laid before us by our Solicitor, be adopted and sealed and that the same be then submitted to the Privy Council for allowance."

— Sheep Dipping. —

Under date 13<sup>th</sup> November, 1911, the following letter No. 5245-11, was read from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction:—

"I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your



letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> instant, containing resolutions of your local authority on the above subject which shall have the Department's attention.

In connection with autumn sheep dipping order, notice had been served by Mr. J. E. Iretton, Greagh, Gorey; refusing to dip his ewes. The matter was referred to the police in Gorey.

Under date 27<sup>th</sup> November 1911, the following letter was read from Constable O'Connor, Gorey:-

"I beg to state that, according to my instructions, the police cannot prosecute in this case without the consent of the Secretary of the County Council."

The Secretary stated that he had, on receipt of this letter, written the following to the Co. Inspector:-

"I enclose for your perusal, file re refusal of J. E. Iretton to dip sheep. I wish to direct your attention to letter from Constable O'Connor, Gorey, and would be glad if you would inform me if it is held by his authorities, that the constabulary cannot prosecute in this and similar cases unless they have received the previous permission of the Co. Council."

The County Inspector had replied as follows:-

"In reply to your letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> instant, I beg to inform you that our instructions are to institute legal proceedings where requested to do so by the local authority against persons guilty of breaches of the Order."

On the motion of Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Codd the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. Iretton be requested to inform the Co. Council why he did not dip his ewes during the autumn dipping period, or why he did not claim the exemption provided for under the sheep dipping order."



On the motion of Mr. Rossiter, seconded by Mr. J. A. Doyle, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That the Constabulary authorities be requested to state, for the information of the Co. Council the offences under the Sheep Dipping Order regarding which they claim the power to prosecute without any permission from the County Council, and the offences regarding which they consider the permission of the County Council is ~~not~~ necessary for prosecution."

— Anthrax in animals - anti-toxin treatment.

Under date 13<sup>th</sup> November, 1911, the following letter No. 5244-11, V.D., was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction :-

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your two letters of 11<sup>th</sup> instant, containing resolutions of your Local Authority respecting the above matters, which shall have the Department's attention."

The Secretary stated that at last meeting it was mentioned that it was believed there were cattle on the lands. Mr. R. Malone J.S., for the district, informed him that the restrictions had not yet been taken off the lands and that there were no cattle on them.

In connection with the letter from the Department, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman :-

"That our Secretary remind the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction of their promise to supply the Council with the data of anti-toxin treatment of anthrax in animals."



Food & Drugs Act.

under date 21<sup>st</sup> November 1911, letter N<sup>o</sup> G. 4400-11, was read from the Department stating that officers of the Department had purchased two samples of butter at Camolin, three at Taghmon, one at Ballyhack, two at Castlebridge, and two at Athurstown, during the end of October. The samples were found by the County Analyst to be pure.

On the motion of Lord Stopford, seconded by Mr. Rossiter, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That acting-Sergeant Ruane, Ballybrazil, be appointed ex-officio Inspector of the County Council under the sale of Food & Drugs Act, 1875, vice Sergeant John Madden, removed to Galbally."

Macmini Post office.

The General Post Office applied for permission to extend the telegraph line from the present post office at Macmini to Ballyhogue Cross.

On the motion of the Chairman the following resolution was adopted:- "That the County Council have no objection to the extension of the post office telegraph line from Macmini to Ballyhogue Cross and hereby confirm the authorisation given by our Secretary to the Surveyor of the General Post Office."

Change of Surety.

Under date 14<sup>th</sup> November, a letter was read from Mr. M. J. Sheehan, Rate Collector, offering Mr. Nicholas Swords of Ramstown, Gorey, as one of his sureties, vice Mr. Hollingsworth deceased.

On the motion of Lord Stopford, seconded by the Chairman, the name of Mr. Nicholas Swords of Ramstown, Gorey, was accepted as surety for Rate Collector M. J. Sheehan, vice Mr. Hollingsworth deceased."



Coals for Courthouses.

applications for supply of coals were received from messrs J. S. McDonald for blonroche court-house; R. P. Corish for Zaghmon and Duncormack courthouse; and J. B. Wallis, for Arthurstown courthouse.

On the motion of Mr. Rossiter, seconded by Mr. Sinnott:— It was decided that the usual supply of coals be procured by the Petty Sessions clerks for the courthouses of blonroche, Duncormack, Zaghmon, and Arthurstown.

Baroreigh Lane.

At last meeting of the Council an application was received from Mr. Patrick Reigh, of baroreigh, for permission to erect a wall at the lane, and it was adjourned until evidence had been received that Mr. Reigh had fulfilled his agreement with Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor.

Under date 18<sup>th</sup> November, the following letter was read from messrs O'Connor & Co., on behalf of Mr. Reigh:—

"Mr. Reigh has asked us to lay the following facts before you.

The County Council passed a new road at baroreigh about a year ago. In the old lane there was a crooked nook with a hole of water in the lane. When the contract was finished this road was filled up, and Mr. Reigh now wants permission from the County Council for him to build a wall on this plot. It will not take away from the width of the road nor interfere with the traffic but will do good to his place by making it more secure and at the same time it will keep the cattle from tearing



the thatch off his house.

Mr. Kehoe, the Assistant Surveyor, will be able to explain the matter as he was good enough to inspect it.

We should mention that Mr. Reigh gave leave to the County Council to widen the old lane in parts and do so free of charge, so that he kept his agreement with the County Council in return for which he wants this leave to build the wall."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Rossiter, the following resolution was adopted:—"That the application of Mr. Reigh be postponed for the present, and that in the meantime Messrs Rice, and Asple, be requested to visit the lane on next fair day of Laghmon, and report to next meeting."

#### National Insurance Bill.

Under date 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 1911, the following resolutions were received from the Lord Mayor of Cork:-

"That this conference, representative of the Cork Corporation, Co. Council Cork, Cork Harbour Board; Cork Rural District Council, Cork Board of Guardians; Cork Incorporated Chamber of Commerce & Shipping; Cork Chamber of Commerce; Cork United Trades Association; Cork District Trades Council; and Cork Harbour Commissioners; urge upon the Government the desirability of extending to this country the medical benefits provided by the National Insurance Bill."

"That we regard it as of the greatest importance that Refuge Homes and Magdalen Asylums in Ireland be excluded from the operation of the Insurance Bill."

On the motion of Mr. Browne, seconded by



Mr. Rossiter, the portion of the resolution dealing with the exclusion of Refuge Homes and Magdalen Asylums was adopted."

"No action was taken as regards the portion dealing with medical benefits."

— Classification of Asylum Inmates. —

The following resolution was received from the Mullingar Asylum Committee:-

"Seeing that our Resident medical Superintendent gives it as his opinion that one of the radical remedies for the present burdensome congestion in our asylums is the proper classification of the insane patients, and that with proper classification, it would be possible, were it legal, to board out suitable patients. Now as it is at present illegal in Ireland to so board out patients, though legal in England and in Scotland, we request the Chief Secretary to introduce and have passed a short amending Act making boarding out the insane legal in Ireland."

marked "Read."

John Bolger



Special meeting - 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1912.

A special meeting of the County Council, was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Court House, Wexford, on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1912.

Present :- Mr. John Bolger, Chairman, presiding.  
Other members :- Messrs John O'Connor, Mr. Cloney, R. A. Rice, J. Lynch, P. O'Hall, J. S. Hearn, P. J. Fanning, J. L. Comonde, P. Rossiter, Mr. Doyle (junr) J. Asple, J. A. Doyle, James Codd, Michael Hickey.

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

The late Miss Mayler.

Proposed by Mr. Rice, Seconded by Mr. Cloney :-  
"That we offer to our colleague - Mr. John J. Mayler - our heartfelt sympathy in the loss sustained by him in the death of his sister, and request our Secretary to convey this resolution to Mr. Mayler."

The positions of County & Assistant Surveyors.

The Secretary mentioned that as it appeared to be the general feeling of the members of the Council to appoint a County Surveyor from the list of candidates who had already satisfied the Civil Service Commissioners as to their qualifications for the position, it would be advisable to ask the Local Government Board to agree to allow the Council to follow this procedure. He understood that such a course had been followed in the case of Kings County.

On the motion of Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. Rossiter, the following resolution was adopted :-



"That as the present County Surveyor is retiring on 31<sup>st</sup> January 1912, and as we understand that owing to the number of applicants for the position of County Surveyor, a considerable period would elapse before the result of the Civil Service Examination for unqualified candidates could be obtained, we request the Local Government Board - in order to avoid delay and to prevent injury to the roads and works of the County in consequence of the vacancy in the position of County Surveyor - to allow the County Council to appoint a County Surveyor from the list of candidates who have already satisfied the Civil Service Commissioners as to their qualifications for the position.

We desire to point out to the Local Government Board, that we are anxious to make the appointment on 10<sup>th</sup> January."

Under date 4<sup>th</sup> December 1911, (Letter No 62321) the Local Government Board wrote forwarding copy of letter received from Mr. G. B. R. Kimm, relative to appointment of Senior Assistant Surveyor.

The Board also wrote approving of the proposal of the County Council to appoint a fully qualified Engineer, to act as Senior Assistant Surveyor, at a salary of £200 per annum.

In connection with the appointment of Senior Assistant Surveyor, the Local Government Board, under date 18<sup>th</sup> December 1911, wrote (Letter No 60,283) asking the Co. Council for information as to what manner the Board were to deal with the applications for the position of Senior Assistant Surveyor.



The Secretary mentioned he had brought this matter before a meeting of the Finance Committee, when the following recommendation was adopted:-

"That the Local Government Board be requested to place the names of the applicants for Senior Assistant Surveyor in order of merit and of fitness for the position."

On the motion of Mr. Fanning.

Seconded by Mr. Comondé;- The recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed.

With reference to the appointment of County Surveyor, the following telegram was read from the Local Government Board:-

"With reference to your telegram of to-day the Local Government Board desire to state that if the County Council decide at their meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> instant to appoint out of the list of candidates a person already qualified the Board will be prepared to consider favourably such appointment."

#### Proposed Grant to County Infirmary

Under date 15<sup>th</sup> December 1911, the following letter was read from Mr. M. J. Kavanagh, Registrar Co. Infirmary:-

"At a meeting of the managing Committee held last Monday the question of reducing the number of extern patients was discussed and also your letter of 11<sup>th</sup> November last. The Board considered that the best way of arriving at an understanding with the Co. Council over the matter of an increased grant to the Institution was to ask the Co. Council to receive a deputation in order that the matter might be thoroughly discussed. The following deputation consented to act:- Lady Adelaide



Fitzgerald, Rev J. Hore, Adm, archdeacon Latham, messrs J. J. Kehoe, and Howard Rowe, the Resident Surgeon, and myself were also asked to attend with the deputation. It was the unanimous opinion that the matter should be discussed at your meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> January 1912.

The following resolution was also proposed by archdeacon Latham, seconded by <sup>very</sup> Rev Canon Doyle and passed unanimously:-

"That the Co. Council be asked to grant the County Infirmary the sum of £300 to pay off the overdraft at present due to the Provincial Bank. L<sup>td</sup>"

The Deputation having laid their views before the meeting.

On the motion of the Chairman,

Seconded by Mr. Dearn, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the question of an increased grant to the County Wexford Infirmary be postponed to the meeting of the Council on the 10<sup>th</sup> January, 1912; and that the Registrar be requested to supply the following information previous to said meeting:-  
 "The amount of the decrease in the subscriptions of the Governors for the past three years? The cost of medicines for extern patients? The amount of money spent on extra nursing? with the number of paying patients, and the amounts contributed by them during the same period?"

#### State of Rate Collection

Under date 12<sup>th</sup> December, the Local Government Board wrote, (letter No 63674) as follows:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the report of their



Inspector - Mr. E. A. Sanderson - and the return to the 30<sup>th</sup> ultimo, relative to the state of the Poor Rate collection in County Wexford for the current half-year.

Although two months of the half-year have already elapsed the Board note that collectors N. W. Walsh, Cummins, Sheehan, Nolan, and Doyle, have as yet made no lodgments in respect of the collection, while other collectors have lodged only trivial amounts. The collectors who have failed to make any lodgments should be called upon to furnish an explanation, and the collectors generally should be warned that it is essential that they should proceed diligently with their collections in order to enable the Co. Council to meet their large obligations which must be met at the commencement of each quarter.

The Board have observed that collector N. W. Walsh has not attended for the checking of his accounts during the months of October and November, and that he states in explanation - "the fifth fortnight is always my first lodgment." The Board are not at all satisfied with this explanation, and the collector should be informed that unless he proceeds with his collection with due diligence according to the terms of his appointment, it will become necessary to consider the question of his removal from office."

The following explanations were read from the collectors:-

From collector Cummins:-

"In reply to yours of the 6<sup>th</sup> inst., re explanation to the Finance Committee, I beg to state that owing to my election last May, a considerable time elapsed before I could get the collecting



books, and also it is only five months since my first lodgment. I am now proceeding with my collection, and shall make a lodgment on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> "

The following was read from collector P. Nolan:-  
 "In reply to yours of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst., I respectfully inform you that there is no failure on my part as Rate collector, I always closed my collection in due time, and I expect to do same this time, if I am spared. I have travelled through all my district on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October, I went through a large portion of three divisions and told a large number of Ratepayers that I was wanting the second moiety of Rates, the reply I got that they would pay me next February and March. I have been through the divisions of Monaseed and Rosminogue, I never got a shilling only from one cottage man. I attended the fair of Gorey last Saturday, I was on duty there like a Policeman from ten in the morning until half two in the evening, I met a large number of respectable Ratepayers, I asked them for their Rates, and the reply I got - they would pay me next February and March, there is four months to pay that Rate, there were a few promised to pay the fair in January; the 3<sup>rd</sup> March is before their eyes everywhere. Last Monday I went through the division of Ballyoughter, it is a good paying division, one gentleman told me he did not care about me, or the Co. Council. He would not pay until the 1<sup>st</sup> February. He was not going to pay three rates in the one year. I have no landlord to collect from now, Mr. Nunn was very good to send me the second moiety for Camolin Park, and the



village of Camolin, and his cheque gave me a good start. I expect there is a good time coming, and my health is fairly good, altho' my doctor has cautioned me not to be out in wet, but I have got plenty of it this time back."

Collector N. O'H. Walsh, wrote :-

"In reply to your letter, as I always lodged on the fifth fortnight, I did not consider it necessary to attend until I had a lodgment."

Collector Sheehan wrote under date 30<sup>th</sup> December 1911 :-

"In reply to yours of 27<sup>th</sup> inst., I beg to inform you that I called on several of my clients in the various districts and gave them their Bills for second moiety of Poor Rate."

Collector J. L. Doyle, wrote under date 1<sup>st</sup> Jan'y 1912, as follows. He also enclosed certificate from D. Clarke stating that he was suffering from an accident :-

"Owing to the strike on the South Wexford Railway last September when farmers had their corn threshed and could not get it taken to market, I had to supply from private means a large sum to close my collection, and had to set and recover that in October, I sent Bills to very many, but until the end of that month none of them were honoured, and I made my first lodgment on 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

mine being such a poor district, I never got much money until after Christmas. But for my very severe accident I would by now have a large lodgment, and although at times still suffering severe pain, I will in a few days commence work and do all in my power with the collection."



On the motion of the chairman the following recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed :-

"That our Secretary be instructed to issue an advertisement in the local papers calling the attention of Ratepayers to their obligations with regard to the payment of their rates."

On the motion of the chairman, the following resolution was adopted :-

"That collectors Sheehan, Nolan, and Doyle, be informed that the Council are not at all satisfied with the manner which they are proceeding with their collection."

#### Quarries for Road material.

Under date 12<sup>th</sup> December 1911, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No 64,218) as follows :-

"With reference to your letter of 5<sup>th</sup> inst., relative to the resolution passed by the Wexford Co. Council on the subject of the use of quarries for road maintenance in the County, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that the Board have taken legal advice in the matter, and they are of the opinion that it could be made a condition in the contract that the contractor should use only road material taken out of the particular quarry, but not without the consent and co-operation of the Rural District Council with whom it rests in the first instance to settle the terms of contract."

If, however, the Rural District Council in forwarding their proposals to the Co. Council do not specify the particular quarry or quarries from which the material to be



used was to be taken by the contractor, it would be within the power of the Co. Council either to reject or refer back the proposal to the Rural District Council for modification, and if the County Council decided to take the latter course the provisions of Article 26 (2) of the Local Government (Procedure of Councils) Order, 1899, as amended, would, in the opinion of the Board, apply."

marked "Read".

### Rates on Buildings.

The Secretary mentioned that in connection with the last list of Irrecoverable Rates. Collector Barron of New Ross District claimed for vacant buildings which were rated with land. The custom in this County, up to the present had been that where land and buildings were rated in one and the same holding if the buildings were vacant, the collector accepted the rate for the land only, and the ratepayer was not asked to pay the rate on the buildings.

The following correspondence had passed between the Secretary, and the Local Government Board, in the matter :-

Letter No. 62,940/1911. Wexford County, under date 1<sup>st</sup> December.

"With reference to your letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> ultimo relative to the item 103 in collector A. Barron's list of arrears of rate in the County of Wexford for the period ending the 30<sup>th</sup> September 1911, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that if a house and outbuildings are included in one and the same valuation and the house is vacant while the outbuildings are in occupation, the occupier appears to be liable to pay the rate on the whole of the



hereditament.

The Board desire me to add that there is no statutory authority which would enable the collectors to accept part payment of rates in cases referred to in your communication."

Letter from Secretary, Co. Council, under date 8<sup>th</sup> December:-

"I have your circular letter No. 140 M. under date 7<sup>th</sup> inst., requesting that in future unused receipts for Rates claimed by collectors as irrecoverable should be transmitted to your Board. Your request will be complied with.

In connection with this matter I might point out that up to the present the practice in this county has been for the collectors to furnish all receipts for these rates except in cases in which holdings comprise land and vacant buildings, the receipt being given in each of these instances to the ratepayer in respect of the payment for the land.

In consequence of recent correspondence with your Board as regards the irrecoverable rates' list of collector Barron (item 103). I would be glad to be informed if there be anything in the point that where land and buildings are included in one and the same holding, altho' the rate for land is specially set out on demand note, the collector would be bound to collect the entire rate and would not be in a position to accept the amount of rate for land alone.

Thanking you in anticipation for instructions on this particular point."

Letter from Local Government Board (No 64, 828/1911 Wexford County) under date 13 Decr 1911:-  
"With reference to the inquiry on the



subject contained in the third paragraph of your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> instant, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state, for the information of the Wexford County Council, that a Rate Collector is not authorised by law to take part only of the rate assessed on a holding comprising both land and buildings."

Proposed by Mr M. Doyle, seconded by the Chairman and passed :-

"That the attention of the Local Government Board be called to the case of the Guardians of the Poor, New Ross v Byrne, 30 Law Reports (Ireland) 160."

#### Motor Car Licence Duties.

Under date 6<sup>th</sup> December 1911, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No 61456/1911 miscellaneous) forwarding copy of certified statement received from the Postmaster General showing the value of the motor licence duties levied during the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1911, for each county and county borough council in Ireland. From this statement it appeared that the amount of duty levied in Wexford county was £366 : 17 : 6.

The Secretary stated that the Council were entitled to 5% of the amount of duty levied in the county, and he had received from the authorities a cheque for £18 : 6 : 10 on 1<sup>st</sup> December 1911, and which represented the 5%.

Under date 20<sup>th</sup> November 1911, the Local Government Board, wrote (letter No 55620-1911. miscellaneous) forwarding memorandum dealing with the collection of Duties on licences for motor cars under the provisions of the motor car Licence Duties (Ireland) collection Order 1910.

marked "Read"



Complaint from Road contractor  
 under date 6<sup>th</sup> December 1911, the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 63,653: 1911) forwarding copy of the following letter from Mr. John Kenny, Ballymore, Camolin; and asking for the observations of the County Council on the subject:-

"It is my painful duty to apply to you for justice as a road contractor.

The Assistant Surveyor has not measured my stones, it is a working man of Mr. Haughton's that measures them and gives me orders to spread them. I don't think a man like him is qualified to undertake such work, or do you think could I expect justice from him.

Hoping that you will see that I get justice."

In connection with the contract of John Kenny, No. 92 Enniscorthy District, the following letter was received from Mr. P. J. O'Haherty & Son, Solicitors:-

"We are instructed by Mr. John Kenny of Ballymore, the above-named Road contractor to bring the following matter before the Co. Council. Mr. Alfred Haughton, of Rockspring Ferns; has besides several threshing engines a traction engine with which he hauls large quantities of stones over Kenny's contract. At the last Sessions, Kenny took proceedings against Mr. Haughton for the damage done to his road. The County Court Judge gave a decree for £10 having decided that the use of the road by Mr. Haughton's traction engines was such as to render it rough and muddy and inconvenient and dangerous for traffic, and that the use of the road by the traction engine amounted to a public nuisance.



This is subject to a case stated to the next Assizes, but the only point stated in the case which is now in dispute is whether the road contractor is a person who could maintain the action, there being no doubt at all that the County Council could maintain such an action. It having been decided (and being in point of fact manifest without decision) that the use of steam engines is a public nuisance and renders the road dangerous and inconvenient for traffic, we submit that it is the duty of the County Council to put a stop to it either by taking proceedings for an injunction or otherwise. Our client proved before the County Court Judge that it is impossible while these steam engines are going over the road, to keep the road in proper repair.

We should be glad if you would bring this matter before the County Council as early as possible."

Proposed by Mr. Hearn, seconded by the Chairman and passed:-

"That Mr. Howlin, Assistant Surveyor, be requested to furnish forthwith in order to allow of its inclusion in agenda for meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> January a full explanation in connection with the letter of the Local Government Board of 6<sup>th</sup> December with copy allegation by Mr. John Kenny."

"In connection with letter received from Messrs R. J. O'Shaherty & Son, Solicitors, on behalf of Mr. John Kenny, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman:-

That pending the legal proceedings between Messrs Kenny and Staughton, the consideration of above letter be postponed."



Sealed Order - Pump at Ballymitty.

Under date 9<sup>th</sup> December 1911, the Local Government Board wrote forwarding sealed order with reference to the erection and maintaining a pump at Ballymitty, fixing the area of charge on the Rural District of Wexford marked "Read."

Fair Wages clauses in contracts.

The Local Government Board wrote under date 29<sup>th</sup> November (letter No. 50571: 1911 miscellaneous) calling the attention of the County Council to a memorandum embodying the Resolution passed by the House of Commons on 10<sup>th</sup> March 09 on the subject of Fair Wages clauses in Government contracts, and pointing out that the advisory committee of Representatives of Government Departments had recommended that clauses such as those inserted in Government contracts in this connection should also be introduced into contracts involving the expenditure of public money, or other considerations granted by a Government Department, or which require the approval of the Department.

The Board stated that it appeared to them, that the policy adopted in the case of Government contracts should be followed in the cases of all contracts for the execution of works or the supply of materials entered into by local authorities or their committees."

On the motion of Mr. Rossiter, seconded by the Chairman, the recommendation of the Finance Committee asking the Council to "mark read" this communication, was adopted.



Council of Agriculture

Under date 11<sup>th</sup> December 1911, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (letter N<sup>o</sup> G.3942: 11) pointing out that the term of office of the present Council of Agriculture would expire on 31<sup>st</sup> March 1912, and stating that the two representatives of the Wexford Co. Council to serve on this Council should be appointed at a meeting between the 1<sup>st</sup> January and 1<sup>st</sup> April 1912.

The Secretary stated that the present Representatives were the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council - Messrs John Bolger, and C.H. Peacock.

"On the motion of Mr. Fanning, seconded by Mr. Rossiter :- Messrs John Bolger, and C.H. Peacock were re-appointed Representatives of the Co. Council on the Council of Agriculture."

Outbreak of Anthrax.

Mr. Malone, V.S., Wexford; reported an outbreak of Anthrax on the farm of Capt Hawkes-Cornock, Great Blonard, Wexford; One animal had died. There were 44 cattle, 9 swine, and 5 horses on the farm. These included 13 milch cows.

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hearn and passed :-

"That the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction seeing that they place implicit faith in the treatment of Anthrax by injection, be requested to carry out this treatment at the farm of Capt Hawkes-Cornock, Great Blonard where unfortunately an outbreak of this disease has occurred."

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hearn, and passed :-



"That Mr. R. Malone J.S., be requested to inform the Council in what manner it is proposed to dispose of the milk of the 13. cows, and to see that it is not used for human consumption in any form."

#### Recent Anthrax Outbreak.

Under date 11<sup>th</sup> December, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (letter No 5683 J.S.) giving the information asked for by the Co. Council on the question of treatment for the protection of animals from anthrax.

#### Kilmore Harbour.

Under date 18<sup>th</sup> December 1911, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote (letter No 6497 - J.S.) as follows:-

"Adverting to previous correspondence, I have to state, for the information of the Wexford County Council, that the Department have reason to think that an application for the expenditure of a substantial sum of money on Kilmore Harbour is not one which would meet with the favourable consideration of the Development Commissioners. The Department must therefore view the position as one to be partly met by their own limited resources. They propose to place Kilmore first on the list of places to be dealt with when their dredging plant becomes available. This plant, has been, up to the present time, engaged in work at Lough Swilly, where it is now laid up for the winter. The coming spring will, it is hoped, afford an opportunity for transferring it to Kilmore.

With regard to the financial aspect of the question the Department are prepared



to defray the cost of the operations that have already taken place without making any demand on the sum of £125, which the Council by resolution of the 14<sup>th</sup> April 1910, agreed to provide. The Department are also willing to contribute a further sum of £200, thus making a total of £375 available for dredging at Kilmore. This fund would have to bear the cost of the transfer of the dredging plant to, but not from, Kilmore.

The Council are, of course, aware that the area for dredging to which the above proposals refer is only portion of the Harbour near the Quay. In view of the cost of bringing the dredging plant from Lough Swilly, the question of taking advantage of its presence at Kilmore to secure a larger measure of improvement arises, and may be held by the Council to be worthy of consideration. It would, of course, involve the provision of further funds. In connection with the point of estimating the amount of such further funds, it must be borne in mind that Kilmore is a place which, in the past, has been difficult to deal with, and the Department's experience of their new dredging plant is necessarily limited. An additional sum of £500 would, however, it is thought, enable all reasonable requirements of the Harbour to be met; and the Department hope to be in a position later on to provide one-half of that amount. If the Council feel inclined to incur similar additional expenditure, they might wish to place their portion (£200) in the hands of a Committee to be appointed by them, with instructions to devote it (on completion of the dredging which is to be financed by the joint fund of £375) pro rata to the Department's contribution of £200 in carrying out



such further work as the Committee in consultation with the Department may consider desirable, and as the sum available may permit of. The total potential liability of the Council would then be £375 and that of the Department's £500."

"Adjourned."

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction be requested to inform this County Council if their application for a grant for piers and harbours in this County has been dealt with by the Development Commissioners, and if they can expect any grants being made as the period for carrying out work of this description has been reached."

#### Foot & Mouth Disease.

A circular was read from the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction under date 8<sup>th</sup> December, stating that as Foot and Mouth Disease had re-appeared in Somersetshire the Department had prohibited the importation of ruminant animals and swine into Ireland from Great Britain."

marked "Read."

#### Ballyhack Boat Slip.

At the last meeting of the Council correspondence in connection with Ballyhack Boat Slip, from the Local Government Board, and Mr. R. W. Elger, Solicitor to the Council, was read and adjourned for the attendance of Mr. Cloney, M. C. C.

The Local Government Board pointed out that they were not aware of any enactment



which would enable them to make a provisional order empowering the Co. Council to take over this slip.

The concluding paragraph of the letter (58603) of the Local Government Board was as follows:-

"It appears to the Board, however, that if the Boat Slip can be regarded as a "Pier" or "Quay" within the meaning of section 67 of the Grand Jury (Ireland) Act 1836, and were enlarged to any extent, however small, under the section, it would become public property under the following section 68, and consequently be repairable by the Co. Council under section 18(3) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898. The Board are not in a position to determine whether this boat slip can be regarded as a "Pier" or "Quay" within the meaning of these two sections of the act of 1836, so as to enable the County Council to expend money on enlarging it, and this is a question which must be decided by the Council, having regard to the nature of the structure and to its previous history."

"adjourned to next meeting"

### Trimming Hedges

The following under date 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1912, was read from Mr. Vincent Dunne, Donnybrook, Ballyfad:-

"A large body of Road Contractors have requested me to bring before your Council a grievance which they are labouring under, through being compelled to carry out wholesale cutting of hedges, which cutting has to be carried out in every case against the will of the occupier of the land, - in some cases indeed the cutting involves the contractor in serious litigation and he is called on to defend costly actions for damages. This order is of recent date; up to two years ago it was considered sufficient to cut



brambles, bushes, briars, &c., off the road face of the fence, and without encroaching on the top of the fence. No landowner objected to that being done, but at present, as I have pointed out, owners are bitterly opposed to interference with their hedges, contending that the shelter and fence is being impaired, and having us before the County Court Judge for redress. In fact so bitter is their opposition that the majority of contractors prefer being mulcted by the striking off of their salaries to encountering litigation and afterwards the enmity of the occupiers. This order is condemned by everyone and is generally considered entirely unnecessary.

Many portions of my contract pass through woods which are protected by fine hawthorn hedges, the owners of these would consider it a piece of pure vandalism to cut either the hedges or the trees, and if I assayed to do either, I should most certainly have to defend a lawsuit.

The contractors consider it of very serious importance that the Co. Council should make a definite order requiring the hedges to be trimmed, as heretofore, on a line with the face of the fence.

Will you kindly read this letter at your meeting to-morrow."

"Referred to Co. Surveyor on the motion of the Chairman."

#### Autumn Sheep Dipping Order.

In connection with the Autumn Sheep Dipping Order, the following resolution was adopted at the last meeting of the Council:-

"That Mr. J. E. Irton, Breagh, Gorey, be requested to inform the Co. Council why he did not dip



his ewes during the Autumn Dipping Period, or why he did not claim the exemption provided for under the Sheep Dipping Order."

The following was read from Mr. Ireton :-  
 "In reply, you will see by Inspector's report that I have already given my reasons for not dipping my ewes, and now give you a reply that I am not yet fool enough to do so, as I profit by early lambs, and ram is with ewes before 1<sup>st</sup> September. I distinctly refuse to dip brood ewes later than 15<sup>th</sup> August or worry them in any other way, besides through the dip tub."

The following resolution was adopted at the last meeting of the Council :-

"That the Constabulary authorities be requested to state for the information of the County Council the offences under the Sheep Dipping Order regarding which they claim the power to prosecute without any permission from the Co. Council, and the offences regarding which they consider the permission of the County Council is necessary for prosecution."

The following was read from the Co. Inspector R. J. C., to whom the resolution had been forwarded :-

"In reply to your letter of 5<sup>th</sup> instant, my letter of 29<sup>th</sup> ult., applies to the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order dated 31<sup>st</sup> March 1911."

The Secretary stated that on the 8<sup>th</sup> December he had written the following to the County Inspector, R. J. C. :-

"With reference to your letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> inst., permit me to point out that it contains no answer to the resolution of my Council. With



reference to a case of a sheep-owner refusing to dip his sheep, my Co. Council gather from the correspondence that it is necessary that the Constabulary should receive instructions from the Council as Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

At the same time they see from the local papers that a number of sheep-owners are being prosecuted for failure to lodge form "6" etc., while in the reports of Clonroche petty sessions appearing in the "Wexford People" of the 6<sup>th</sup> inst., John Leary of Comfarnney is put down as being fined 10/- and costs for not dipping his sheep.

The Council wish to know what are the offences under the Order that the Constabulary claim the right to prosecute, or do prosecute without any instructions from the Council, and what are the offences regarding which the Constabulary consider it necessary to obtain the previous instructions of the Council."

The Secretary continuing said that on the 12<sup>th</sup> December, the County Inspector called at the Co. Council Office, and informed him that there would be no further prosecutions in County Wexford, under the Sheep Dipping Order, without the permission of the Co. Council as Local Authority.

Reports were received from District Inspector Fitzsimons, and Head Constable Joyce, Gorey; as to alleged breaches of the Sheep Dipping Order; and asking for instructions of the Co. Council thereon.

On the motion of Mr. Fanning, seconded by



m<sup>r</sup>. Lynch, the following resolution was adopted:-  
 "That the Co. Inspector, R. J. G., be requested to state for the information of this Council, how it is that the permission of the Council is now asked by the Constabulary to proceed at petty sessions under the sheep dipping order, when such a large number of prosecutions have already taken place this year and in respect of which this Council was not consulted."

"That in the cases of sheep owners who in the opinion of the police have failed to dip their sheep under the autumn Sheep Dipping Order, prosecutions be instituted but that no steps be taken against persons who have been guilty of technical offences under this Order, viz:- failure to send notice of intention to dip, or to lodge form C. etc."

On the motion of the chairman the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Sheep Dipping Inspectors for New Ross, Wexford, and Gorey; be informed that the County Council are not satisfied with the number of inspections made by them, and must request they exercise greater diligence in the future. The Council consider that in succeeding years inspections should take place at farmsteads not previously visited."

Assistant Surveyor M. Hassett

under date 7<sup>th</sup> December 1911, m<sup>r</sup>. M. Hassett assistant Surveyor, wrote as follows:-

"I beg to apply for £5 increase of salary, being the second annual increment as per terms of appointment".

On the motion of m<sup>r</sup>. Fanning, seconded by m<sup>r</sup>. Rossiter, the following recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed:-



"That Mr. M. Hassett, Assistant Surveyor, be granted an increase of salary of £5 per annum, as per the terms of his appointment."

#### Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Mr. E. McQuillan, Great Clonard, Wexford; applied for a license under the Poisons & Pharmacy Act, 1908; for the Creamery Stores, Baginbun.

On the motion of Mr. Rossiter, seconded by Mr. Aspley, Mr. E. McQuillan, Clonard; was granted a license under the Poisons & Pharmacy Act 1908."

#### Powers of Deputy Coroner.

Under date 7<sup>th</sup> December 1911, the following was read from Mr. Peter French, M.P. Coroner for South Wexford:-

"I have no objection to the action of the Co. Council in relieving me of all responsibility in reference to inquests during my absence in Parliament, but on the contrary I wish to express my gratitude."

The Deputy Coroner will not, I am sure, hold inquests where there is no necessity, but as a matter of principle, I must reserve to myself the right, in all cases, to decide, after examining depositions and telegrams, whether I shall allow him payment or not."

marked "Read"

#### Duties of County Analyst.

The following resolution was received from the Wexford District Council:-

"That this Council emphatically protests against the delay in obtaining from Sir Charles Cameron, County Analyst, the result of his bacteriological examination"



of samples of milk and water sent him by the clerk on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst., and awaiting which, the person from whom the sample of milk has been taken, has been prevented from selling either her milk or butter.

That despite the fact, that Sir Charles has been impressed with the urgency of this matter, and that remonstrances have been conveyed to him both by wire and telephone he has displayed no activity beyond saying his report would be sent when the examinations were made."

That we suggest to the Co. Council, whose officer Sir Charles is, that they ought to warn him that he must perform these analyses with more expedition in future."

In connection with the above the following was read from Sir Charles Cameron:-

"I have to thank you for your courtesy in sending me the complaint about an alleged delay in making a bacteriological investigation. In chemical analyses for the detection of poison and in bacteriological investigations, when ultimately the results are negative, much longer time for the work is often taken up, than when positive results are obtained. Repetitions and variations of experiments are made before it is finally concluded that the result is negative. There was a negative result in the case you refer to, but the time 16 days occupied was not an unreasonable time. In this investigation the biological method was adopted, and that method requires time. Not long since a most distinguished bacteriologist - Professor McWeeny - of the National University, had a specimen of milk submitted to him to ascertain whether or not, it contained the bacilli that causes consumption. As he, to make the



matter certain, employed the biological method i.e., experimented with animals; he was not able to report until four weeks had elapsed - the result was negative.

I enclose a letter from a distinguished bacteriologist - Professor Scott - Royal College of Surgeons, in which he states that some modern definite methods for determining the presence of typhoid bacilli would occupy three weeks."

"On the motion of the chairman it was decided that a copy of Sir Charles Cameron's letter be sent to the Wexford District Council."

#### Road No 34 Wexford.

The following was read from the County Surveyor:-

"With reference to the resolution of the Road Committee, about road No 34 Wexford Rural District, Mr. Kehoe, Assistant Surveyor informs me that a discussion took place when the proposal for this work was brought up, and it was settled that 40 cubic yards should be procured from Kerlogue Quarry, and the balance from the mountain quarry.

The Specification however, does not seem to have been altered to agree with this.

The contractor had 20 cubic yards of Kerlogue stone out when measured and I have ordered him to put out 20 cubic yards more.

As the Council had not acquired the quarry when the tender was accepted the contractor cannot be compelled to go to that particular one."



On the motion of the Chairman, the Co. Surveyor was instructed to notify the contractor of this road, that in future he must procure 130 cubic yards from Killoque and 130 cubic yards from the mountain, as per the terms of the specification."

### Pomgarrow Bridge

Under date 29<sup>th</sup> December 1911, a letter was read from the Co. Inspector, R. J. C., stating that about two yards of the wall of the bridge at Pomgarrow had been thrown down to within 9 inches of the bottom. From inquiries made by the local police, had found that it was a boy named Patrick McDonald, aged 14½ years, son of a labourer, residing at Pomgarrow had knocked down the wall.

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

"That Mr. Elger be instructed to communicate with Mr. McDonald, and inform him that unless he apologises for the conduct of his son - Patrick - in throwing down portion of the wall at the Bridge at Pomgarrow, the Co. Council will feel obliged to institute proceedings."

### Barroigh Lane

"Messrs Ricci and Aspley, the Committee appointed at the last meeting, to report as to an application by Patrick Reigh, as regards Barroigh Lane, reported that Mr. Reigh desired to withdraw his application for the present, and when he had made some improvements in the lane, he would renew it."

John Bolger



Special meeting - 10<sup>th</sup> January 1912.

A special meeting of the county council was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Court House, Wexford; on 10<sup>th</sup> January 1912.

Present:- Mr John Bolger Chairman, presiding.  
Other members:- Messrs C. H. Peacocke, John O'Connor, R. A. Rice, P. O'Neill, M. Cloney, A. Kinsella, J. Lynch, J. J. Mayler, J. S. Hearn, Patrick Rossiter, David Sinnott, Mark Codd, J. A. Doyle, James Codd, Michael Doyle Sr., Michael Hickey, J. J. Stafford, P. J. Fanning, J. L. Comonde, M. Doyle Jr., Lord Stopford, and M. Browne.

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

Change of date of February meeting.  
On the motion of Mr Hearn.

Seconded by Mr Doyle; the following resolution was adopted:-

"That as several members of this Council have arranged to attend the Dublin Bull sale on the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> February, the meeting of the Co. Council arranged for the 7<sup>th</sup> February be changed to 14<sup>th</sup> February at 10 o'clock."

The late Miss Mayler.

On the motion of Mr Hearn.

Seconded by Mr Doyle, the following letter from Mr J. J. Mayler, Co. Councillor, was ordered to be inserted on the minutes:-

"I beg to acknowledge your communication of the 4<sup>th</sup> inst., and trust you will be good enough to convey to the members of the



council an assurance of my sincere thanks and deep gratitude for their kind expression of sympathy towards me. Thanking you personally for your kindness."

Appointment of County Surveyor.

In connection with the appointment of Co. Surveyor, the following letter No 746-1912, under date 4<sup>th</sup> January, was read from the Local Government Board:-

"With reference to your telegram of yesterday's date, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state in confirmation of their telegram of the same date, that if the Wexford Co. Council decide at their meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> instant, to appoint as County Surveyor out of the list of candidates a person already qualified the Board will be prepared to consider favourably such appointment."

Under date 9<sup>th</sup> January 1912, the following letter was read from Mr. James Donohoe, Abbey House, Enniscorthy:-

"As I have written some of the Co. Councillors suggesting a Deputation to the Council on Wednesday in reference to the proposed new appointments of a County and Assistant Surveyor, I think it but right to inform the Council through you, that owing to the shortness of time, both as regards the Deputation and Council, it has been abandoned."

I venture, however, on my own account, to respectfully urge on the Council the necessity of appointing a sufficient staff to prevent the frightful waste of money, and grievous inefficiency entailed by the present system, and that, if only as an experiment, they should employ two surveyors, as this straggling County cannot be efficiently worked by one



Surveyor, even with an assistant. The latter can have no inducement to exertion on the proposed salary, or on any expected approbation which will naturally revert to the Surveyor.

From my personal experience I can say with truth that one of the most disheartening features of a councillor's duty is the utter apathy of the public, who never by any chance favour the Council with a word of encouragement, a suggestion, or even a hint of approval or disapproval. I trust this will not continue, as a councillor's life is one of considerable sacrifice, and merits some public recognition."

On the motion of Mr. P. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Lynch, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. Wm. J. Barry, County Surveyor of Monaghan, be appointed County Surveyor of Wexford at a salary of £500 per annum, which is to cover all travelling and out of pocket expenses (except postage) the appointment to be determined at anytime by three months notice at either side."

"Mr. Barry returned thanks, and said he would take up duty as soon as possible."

The following is Mr. Barry's application:-

"I hereby beg to make application for the above appointment and shall thank you to bring my name forward as a candidate."

He submitted testimonials from the following:-  
 Science & Art Department of the Committee of Council on Education, South Kensington, London.  
 The Institution of Civil Engineers, Institute of Civil Engineers of Ireland, G. S. & W. Rylo.



Wm. Murphy Esq. 39 Dame Street, Dublin; H. B. White Esq., B. E., Queen's Co. Surveyor; Enniscomorthy Town Commissioners; Peter Burtchall, Esq. B. E. Co. Surveyor, Kilkenny; James A. Dickenson Esq. County Surveyor, Tyrone; Civil Service Commissioners."

Proposed appointment of Senior Assistant Surveyor.

In connection with the appointment of Assistant Surveyor, the following letter No. 67119 under date 3rd January, was read from the Local Government Board :-

"With reference to your letter of the 20th ultimo; relative to the proposed appointment of Senior Assistant Surveyor by the Wexford County Council, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that the only manner in which the Board could arrange the applicants in order of merit would be by examination, and if it is the desire of the Council that the Board should hold such examination, I am to suggest that the candidate who obtains highest marks in the examination should be appointed provided that he is not otherwise unavailable."

Lord Stopford proposed, Mr. Rossiter seconded the following resolution :-

"That the appointment of Senior Assistant Surveyor be deferred to the meeting of the Co. Council in May."

Passed.

Mr. Hearn proposed, Mr. Lynch seconded the following resolution which was adopted :-

"That the Local Government Board be requested to arrange as soon as possible for a qualifying examination for the position of Senior Assistant Surveyor."



Surveyor, and give the result as follows:-

- 1.- On marks.
- 2.- On previous record and training
- 3.- On general ability."

Mr. John E. Redmond M.P.

Mr. O'Connor proposed, the Chairman seconded, the following resolution, which was adopted:-

"That we express our very sincere regret with Mr. John E. Redmond M.P., our distinguished County man, in the recent accident which befel him and trust he may soon be able to resume his Parliamentary duties. That this resolution be conveyed to Mr. Redmond."

Proposed Increased Grant to Co. Infirmary.  
With reference to the resolution of the Co. Council at the meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst., relative to application of the Governors of the County Wexford Infirmary for an increased grant.- Mr. M. J. Kavanagh, Registrar wrote forwarding the following particulars:-

Amount of Governors Subscriptions:-

1908 - to 1909.	£ 18 : 18 : 0
1909 - to 1910.	15 : 15 : 0
1910 - to 1911.	15 : 15 : 0
to date	<u>15 : 15 : 0</u>

Cost of medicines for Intern Patients:-

1908 to 1909	£ 23
1909 to 1910.	21
1910 to 1911	25
to date (9: 10: 11)	<u>22</u>

amount spent on extra nursing:-

1908 to 1909	£ 13 : 17 : 0
1909 to 1910.	12 : 19 : 6



1910 to 1911  
to date (12:12:1911)

£26 : 19 : 0  
28 : 10 : 0

Number of paying patients and amount contributed by them:-

1908 to 1909	14 patients	£35 : 1 : 6
1909 to 1910.	17 "	25 : 16 : 0
1910 to 1911.	16 "	29 : 4 : 2
* to date (6:1:12)	27 "	32 : 15 : 0

\* A number of R. I. C., men in for short period.

On the motion of Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Mr. James Codd; the following resolution

"That the Co. Council pay the overdraft of £300 of the Co. Wexford Infirmary and increase the grant for future year to £1200"

Mr. Hearn proposed, Mr. Fanning seconded the following amendment:-

"That the present grant to the Co. Wexford Infirmary be increased to £1400 for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 1913, and that for future years the grant be £1,100 per annum."

"Mr. O'Connor subsequently withdrew his resolution and the Chairman put the amendment as the substantive motion, and it was passed unanimously."

#### Application for Sudden Damage Order.

Mr. P. J. O'Flaherty, Solicitor; came before the meeting on behalf of Thomas Cloney, Forestalstown; and asked the Co. Council to issue a Sudden Damage Order owing to the damage which had been caused to the road of which Cloney was the contractor, by the recent floods.

He had applied to the Co. Surveyor, but the latter did not feel justified in acting on his own responsibility.



"The Council decided to make no order."

Complaint of Road Contractor.

At last meeting of the Council, Mr. M. Howlin Assistant Surveyor was requested to furnish an explanation in connection with the following letter written by Mr. John Kenny, Ballymore:-

"It is my painful duty to apply to you for justice as a road contractor.

The Assistant Surveyor has not measured my stones, it is a working man of Mr. Haughton's that measures them and gives me orders to spread them. I don't think a man like him is qualified to undertake such work, or do you think I could expect justice from him.

Hoping that you will see that I will get justice."

Mr. Howlin forwarded the following explanation, under date 6<sup>th</sup> January:-

"In reply to yours of the 5<sup>th</sup> re Kenny's complaint to the Local Government Board, I beg to state that I measured the material on Road No 92 on two separate occasions (Sept 15<sup>th</sup> and Novr. 28<sup>th</sup>) and I cannot really see how Kenny can say that I did not measure it, as he saw me on one of the occasions. I furnished him with measurement returns on both occasions, and also instructed him as to spreading, etc., in writing, as well as verbally.

I would have replied sooner, but I understood there was to be no meeting of the Co. Council until January 10<sup>th</sup>."

Mr. O'Flaherty Solicitor, appeared on behalf of John Kenny, Ballymore, who stated in reply to



his solicitor that the measurement of which he complained had taken place in March 1910."

"The chairman pointed out that Mr. Howlin was not appointed till April 1910."

On the motion of Mr. Hearn, seconded by Mr. Lynch, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That having considered Mr. Howlin's explanation as to the letter of John Kenny, Ballymore, to the Local Government Board we regard said explanation as satisfactory."

#### Kilmore Harbour.

The letter of the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, under date 15<sup>th</sup> December 1911, and No. 6,497-11 F. B., asking the Council to set aside a sum of £200 in addition to the sum of £125 already allocated for the dredging of Kilmore Harbour, and which appeared on the minutes of the Council of 3<sup>rd</sup> inst., was read:-

Mr. Hearn proposed, Mr. Lynch seconded and it was passed:-

"That this matter be postponed till the meeting of the Council on the 14<sup>th</sup> February. In the meantime our Secretary be instructed to obtain information from the Department as to the suitability of this dredger from Harbours like Kilmore."

That the County Council consider that the Department should bear the expense of transferring the dredger from one Harbour to another seeing the large amount paid by the Co. Council for the upkeep of piers and Harbours."

#### Wexford Fishery Harbours.

Under date 9<sup>th</sup> January 1912, the following letter No. 175 F. B., was read from the Department of



Agriculture & Technical Instruction:-

"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> inst., and, in reply, to state, for the information of the Wexford County Council, that the final decision of the Development Commissioners on the application of the Department for funds towards the improvement and development of Irish Fisheries has not yet been received."

marked "Read."

### Ballyhack Boat Slip.

Correspondence in connection with the proposal to take over Ballyhack Boat Slip appearing on the minutes of the previous meeting of the Co. Council was read.

In a letter under date 15<sup>th</sup> November 1911, and No 59603, the Local Government Board had written:-

"It appears to the Board, however, that if the Boat Slip can be regarded as a "Pier" or "Quay" within the meaning of section 67 of the Grand jury (Ireland) Act 1836, and were enlarged to any extent however small under section 68 and consequently be repairable by the Co. Council under Section 18 (2) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898. The Board are not in a position to determine whether this boat slip can be regarded as a "Pier" or "Quay" within the meaning of these two sections of the Act of 1836, so as to enable the County Council to expend money on enlarging it, and this is a question which must be decided by the Council having regard to the nature of the structure and to its previous history."

Proposed by Mr. Cloney, seconded by the Chairman and adopted:- "That our Secretary endeavour to elicit from the residents of the



neighbourhood of Ballyhack interested in the fishing industry. particulars in connection with money spent by the County on the pier or quay."

Suretyship of a Rate collector.

under date 29<sup>th</sup> December 1911, the following letter was read from Mr. Michael Walsh, Rate collector, New Ross :-

"I have yours of 20<sup>th</sup> instant, re Fidelity Guarantee, and in reply would wish to remind the Council of the extremely unpleasant, indeed, vexatious experience I have had with these guarantee Societies since my appointment. You will remember that the "Law & bar" people from whom I had a bond went into liquidation, and I had to provide personal security immediately to carry me to the end of the year. Then, after inquiries, I selected the "Omnium" which was on the list of companies approved by the Local Government Board, and whose terms seemed the most reasonable. Immediately after paying them a premium of £5 : 12 : 6 I received a communication through you, from the Local Government Board informing me that the financial condition of that company was unsound, and ordering me to furnish counter security at once. In both instances I had the satisfaction of knowing that my money was simply thrown away.

On receipt of yours of the 20<sup>th</sup> I began to make inquiries and find that most of the leading companies will not take this business at all, and those that do take it have raised their terms to 20% on the collectors Bond. This in my case, would mean a premium of £9, and I cannot believe that the Council would penalize to such an extent, an official who has discharged his duties faithfully, and I think, I may add, efficiently.



since the day I was appointed.

I should mention that one company quotes a rate of 15% provided I furnish a counter security "by two or three solvent persons whose names must be submitted for the approval of the company."

This counter security, I find means that in the event of the collector turning out a defaulter the counter security would be made liable for the first two or three hundred pounds of the default, in other words the company pockets a handsome premium and then shifts practically all the liability on the shoulders of the counter security.

I would not ask any man to sign his name to such an arrangement as that.

Everywhere around, as far as I can learn, personal security is accepted, and in the neighbouring county, - Kilkenny - no other security is required from any collector, and this arrangement is working satisfactorily.

I therefore appeal to the Council, to relieve me from further dealings with these so called Guarantee Societies, and their exorbitant and wholly unreasonable demands, by accepting personal security which I am ready to give of the most satisfactory kind.

I am of course, aware that there is a resolution on your books against me, but do we not see every day resolutions rescinded as well as passed.

I will ask you, then, to kindly bring my request before the Council, and, hoping for an early and favourable reply."

Mr. Stafford proposed, Mr. Peacocke seconded, the following resolution:-

"That Mr. Michael J. Walsh, be informed that the County Council cannot see its way to accept personal security from any of its officers."

Passed.



Rate collector M. J. Sheehan.

Mr. M. J. Sheehan, Rate collector, wrote stating that he intended to place his fidelity bond with the London & Lancashire Insurance Co.,

On the motion of Mr. Michael Doyle & seconded by Mr. Danning, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the County Council agree to accept the London & Lancashire Insurance Co., as security for Mr. M. J. Sheehan, Rate collector."

Appointment Deputy Coroner for North Wexford.

Under date 9<sup>th</sup> January, the following letter was read from Dr. Lawler, Coroner for North Wexford:-

"I had three major operations performed within 11 days, and am still very weak.

I wrote Dr. Nicholas Furlong, Enniscorthy; and he has kindly consented to have his name put forward as Deputy Coroner.

He will have from me all the powers of a Deputy- full discretion to act in my absence without consulting me. I have asked him to send a formal application to you to bring before next meeting of Co. Council.

I don't know if Dr. Stephenson formally resigned. If not, I do so now on his behalf he having left district."

Mr. Lynch proposed, Mr. Michael Doyle Junr. seconded the following resolution:-

"That the County Council approve of the appointment of Dr. Nicholas Furlong, as Deputy Coroner for North Wexford."

As an amendment, Mr. Kinsella proposed and Mr. Danning seconded:- "That the matter be adjourned till next meeting of the Co. Council."

"This amendment was subsequently unanimously accepted."



Interference with a Road.

Mr. P. D. O'Gorman, Kellystown, Adamstown, came before the meeting and explained that he had adjacent to his residence improved the road by filling up a dangerous gripe. The road had formerly been only twelve feet wide, and it was now 22 feet.

He requested the County Council, to agree to the work which he had carried out in filling this gripe, as he had been informed by the Assistant Surveyor of the District - Mr. Hassett - that he should have obtained the permission of the Co. Council before undertaking the work.

Mr. Hearn proposed, Mr. Michael Doyle Jr. seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the matter be referred to the Co. Surveyor, and that Mr. Gaffney be requested to report on the matter to the next meeting."

Insurance - Workmen's Compensation.

Under date 16<sup>th</sup> December 1911, a letter was read from the Welsh Insurance Corporation Ltd that the policy of Insurance of employees under the Workmen's Compensation Act which would fall due on 23<sup>rd</sup> January would not be renewed.

Quotations for this Insurance were forwarded by Messrs Kehoe & Sullivan, Wexford; Insurance Agents, from:-

Tariff Companies - Premium	£35 : 12 : 6
Non-Tariff (Legal Company) "	17 : 17 : 10

"It was pointed out that Dublin Port & Docks Board, and the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, and other public bodies insured with the Legal Co."



Mr. Tanning proposed, and Mr. Hearn seconded:-  
 "That the insurance be effected with the Legal  
 Company."

As an amendment, Mr. Peacocke proposed, Mr.  
 Stafford seconded:-

"That the Insurance be effected with a Legal  
 Company."

On a show of hands the amendment was  
 defeated by ten votes to four.

"The chairman then put Mr. Tanning's motion  
 and it was passed."

#### Anthrax Outbreak.

Under date 6<sup>th</sup> January 1912, the Department of  
 Agriculture & Technical Instruction wrote,  
 (letter No 75-12 V.B.) as follows:-

"With reference to the terms of the resolution  
 adopted by the Wexford County Council on  
 3<sup>rd</sup> inst., in connection with the outbreak  
 of Anthrax on the farm of Capt Hawkes-  
 Cornock, at Great Blonard, I have to state that,  
 as indicated in the telegram addressed to  
 you yesterday, the application of serum  
 treatment with a view of protecting in-contact  
 animals from this disease is not a matter in  
 respect of which the Department have any  
 statutory duty or responsibility.

It is for the owner to decide and arrange regard-  
 ing treatment of the kind, but should he be  
 desirous of the Department's co-operation they  
 will be happy to afford such as far as lies  
 in their power, and will be pleased, if necessary,  
 to instruct one of their Inspectors - Mr. Norris -  
 to proceed to Great Blonard to carry out the  
 treatment; if Capt Hawkes Cornock requests that  
 such may be done, at his own risk.



It is of course for the Local authority themselves and their Veterinary Inspector to execute and enforce the provisions of the Anthrax (Ireland) Order of 1900, a copy of which is enclosed."

The Secretary stated he has seen Mr. Hawkes-cornock, father of Capt Hawkes-cornock, (who was from home) and he stated that he would wait to ascertain if any further animals were affected before considering the advisability of treatment. He was satisfied if the Department themselves treated the animals, provided they would be responsible for any losses arising from the treatment.

In weekly Report of Mr. R. Malone V.S., dated 6<sup>th</sup> inst., he stated that all the animals on the farm were perfectly healthy and with a normal temperature.

Under date 9<sup>th</sup> January, the following letter was read from Mr. E. Hawkes-cornock relative to outbreak of anthrax:-

"In my husband's absence from home, I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> and copy of the letter from the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Norris called upon me yesterday, and after a full inspection of the cattle, horses, etc., informed me that the farm is now released from the quarantine which was laid upon it since the one case of anthrax occurred 17 days ago.

So much publicity has been given to this one case, and so many wild reports are circulating throughout the country, that I feel an equal publicity should now be given to the fact that the danger is at an



end. In this Mr. Norris fully agreed, and advised me to ask you to insert an official notice in the local papers as soon as possible, to inform the public that the farm at Little Blonard (the word Great was used in error in your report) has been given a clean bill of health by the Department of Agriculture.

It is only fair to Captain Hawkesbornock that this should be done as much harm may be caused by unfounded reports."

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the matter be referred to Mr. Malone P.S., and if a satisfactory report be received from him, our Secretary be instructed to publish an official notification in the local papers as to the withdrawal of the quarantine regulations from the farm of Capt Hawkesbornock, Little Blonard."

#### Resolutions.

##### Land Purchase

Under date 13<sup>th</sup> December a resolution was received from the Irish Farmer's Union, stating that in the interests of Irish Agriculture it was most desirable that Land Purchase should be completed without delay.

"On the motion of Mr. Kinsella, seconded by Mr. Lynch the resolution was adopted."

##### Women on Technical Instruction Committees.

The Hon Sec., United Irishwomen, forwarded the following resolution:-

"That it is to be urged on the General Council of the Co. Councils throughout Ireland the importance of appointing women to serve on



technical committees of the Co. Councils, as with these committees lies the appointment and supervision of instructresses in domestic economy, poultry and dairying, and other matters in which women are chiefly concerned.  
marked "Read"

— Insurance Act. —

The Newcastle West Rural District Council forwarded a resolution requesting the Irish members of Parliament to press on the Irish Insurance Commissioners to include in memorandum relative to appointment of civil servants - public servants - i. e., officers of the County, and District Councils, Municipal Bodies, etc., who may be qualified to act as officers under the National Insurance Act.

On the motion of Mr. Kinsella, seconded by Mr. Lynch the resolution was adopted.

— Commissionership of valuation —

A committee to which Mr. Patrick McDonnell Town Clerk, Bray; acted as Hon Secretary wrote forwarding a recommendation to the Treasury for the appointment of Mr. P. J. McAndrew C. E., for the position of Commissioner of valuation.

The Secretary pointed out that the rumour that Sir John Barton, was resigning had been contradicted.

marked "Read."

John Bolger



Special meeting- 14<sup>th</sup> February 1912.

A special meeting of the County Council was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wexford; on 14<sup>th</sup> February 1912.

Present :- Mr. John Bolger, (Chairman) presiding.  
Other members :- Messrs John O'Connor, M. Doyle, Jr., J. J. Stafford, James Codd, A. Kinsella, J. S. Hearn, P. Rossiter, C. H. Peacocke, P. J. Farining, M. Doyle Sr., Mark Codd, M. Cloney, J. A. Doyle, J. J. Mayler, David Sinnott, J. Asple.

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

Proposals for Payments.

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

"That the several proposals for payment for matters other than public works, as submitted by our Secretary be and are hereby approved."

County Infirmary Grant.

The following resolution was received from the Governors of the County Infirmary :-

"That the Committee of Management desire to convey to the Co. Council their sincere thanks for the kind manner in which they responded to the appeal of the managing Committee for an increased Grant."

marked "Read."

Estimates of Rates for 1912-3.

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke  
Seconded by Mr. Hearn, the following resolution was adopted :-



"That we hereby adopt the estimate of our Secretary for Rates, for General & separate charges for the financial year 1912-3 (as already agreed to by the Finance Committee) and agree that the rates in the £ to be levied off the several Rural Districts of the County for General Rates be as follows :-

	Land	Buildings
Enniscorthy	2/11	4/7
Gorey	2/7	3/11
New Ross	2/11	4/9
Wexford	2/4	3/11

And we further determine the amounts to be demanded from the urban Districts of the County to be as follows :-

	General	Separate	Total
Enniscorthy	£1111 : 5 : 8		£1111 : 5 : 8
New Ross	1312 : 18 : 9	£27 : 4 : 10	1334 : 3 : 7
Wexford	1820 : 5 : 4	129 : 9 : 0	1949 : 14 : 4

#### Temporary Staff

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

"That our Secretary be empowered to employ the necessary temporary clerical staff for the writing up of the Rate Books, Collectors' Receipt & Demand Notes, etc."

#### Extra Constabulary

Under date 9<sup>th</sup> February, a letter was received from the Receiver General, Royal Irish Constabulary from 8<sup>th</sup> September to 30<sup>th</sup> September stationed in Wexford town in connection with the labour dispute. The area of charge fixed in the account is the County-at-Large.

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



"That we appoint a committee from this Council, and request the members of Parliament for North & South Wexford to accompany them to the Lord Lieutenant in order to place before His Excellency the views of the County Council as to the chargeability of the extra police stationed in Wexford in connection with the present labour dispute being made an entire imperial charge or at least portion to be paid from the Imperial fund."

That our Secretary make arrangements as to date of the attendance at Dublin of the members of Parliament, should the Lord Lieutenant consent to receive the Deputation."

Messrs John Bolger, (Chairman) C. H. Peacocke, (Vice Chairman) and R. J. Fanning, were appointed to represent the Council on the Deputation."

#### Insurance Act.

Mr. Houlahan, Secretary to National Health Insurance Commission, wrote stating that the Commissioners would be glad of suggestions regarding the best means of holding meetings in order to enable the official lecturers to explain the Act and give any detailed information regarding its working which those interested may require to know before taking steps either to join or to form Societies to be approved under the Act. The services of lecturers would be given gratis, but the Commissioners hoped the Council would facilitate the work of the lecturers by placing the County offices at their disposal or helping them to obtain some other suitable hall in the district.

On the motion of Mr. Rossiter, seconded by Mr. Hearn the following resolution was adopted :-

"That we request the National Health Insurance



commissioners to call the attention of the public bodies of the county to the fact that it is the intention of the Wexford Co. Council to form an approved society under the act; and that the clergy be requested to inform their parishioners that such a society is in course of establishment, and that it will be necessary to become a member of an approved society in order to obtain full benefit."

On the motion of the Chairman, the following was adopted:- "that the question of the arrangement of lectures be left in the hands of the Secretary."

#### County Surveyor.

Under date 18<sup>th</sup> January 1912, the following letter No. 1863-1912 Wexford County, was read from the Local Government Board:-

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the resolution contained in the minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 10<sup>th</sup> instant, appointing Mr. W. F. Barry to the office of Co. Surveyor, and the Board direct me to inform the Co. Council that they have approved of this appointment."

marked "Read."

#### Salary of Mr. Hassett, Assistant Surveyor.

Under date 12<sup>th</sup> January 1912, letter No. 596:1912 Wexford Co., was read from the Local Government Board, stating that they saw no objection to the increase of Mr. Hassett's salary by the sum of £5 a year.

marked "Read"

#### Senior Assistant Surveyor.

Under date 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1912, the following letter, No. 1863-12, Wexford County, was read



from the Local Government Board :-

"With reference to the entry on the minutes of proceedings of the Wexford County Council on the 10<sup>th</sup> instant, relative to the appointment of Senior Assistant Surveyor in the County, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that in view of the representations of the Council, they will be prepared to hold an examination into the qualifications of the applicants for this position. With regard to the request of the Council that the Board should grade the candidates according to their respective records, training and experience in conjunction with their marks at the examination, I am to point out that the papers will be set in such a manner as to test as far as possible not only the candidates' knowledge, but their experience and practical ability. The Board cannot undertake to go further than this but they would suggest that the County Council should with the assistance of their County Surveyor investigate the qualifications and experience of the respective candidates as shown by their application and testimonials and make the appointment on the result of their investigation taken into account with the marks obtained at the Board's examination.

The Board observe that applications have been received from various parts of the United Kingdom for this appointment, and they would suggest that the examination be held in this office simultaneously with the annual examination for Assistant Surveyors which will be held early in March. Special papers will however be set for this appointment, but before taking any further action, they will await the views of the Council."



under date 30<sup>th</sup> January 1912, the following further letter No 5445, was read from the Local Government Board :-

"With reference to your letter of 26<sup>th</sup> instant, relative to the proposed appointment of a Senior Assistant County Surveyor by the Wexford Co. Council, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that in the event of the Co. Council deciding to agree to the Board's suggestions you should notify all the candidates as to the arrangements and inform them that they should apply to this Department to be allowed to attend the examination enclosing a fee of ten shillings."

On the motion of Mr. Tanning, seconded by Mr. Rossiter the following resolution was adopted :-

"That the question of the appointment of Senior Assistant Surveyor be postponed to the annual meeting of the Co. Council in June in order to allow Mr. J. W. Barry, newly appointed County Surveyor, to ascertain what should be the qualifications of the new officer for Wexford County."

Examination for Assistant Surveyors.

under date 25<sup>th</sup> January 1912, circular letter was read from the Local Government Board stating that an examination for qualification as Assistant Surveyors in Ireland, would be held under the direction of the Board at the Custom House, Dublin; at 10.15 a.m., on Thursday and Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> March.

marked "Read."

Audits.

under date 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1912 (letter No 5972)



the Local Government Board, forwarded copy of the auditor's Report on his audit of the accounts of the Co. Council, for the half-year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 1911:-

"I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of the Co. Council of Wexford for the half year ended September last, and I forward, herewith, a certified abstract thereof in pursuance of your order in that behalf made.

The accounts were prepared and submitted for audit in a satisfactory manner and no item of expenditure calls for any remark on my part."

The Local Government Board forwarded copy of reports of their Auditor on his audit of the accounts of the following Bodies:-

"Wexford Union; and Wexford Rural District Council; New Ross Union and Rural District Council; and County Wexford Committee of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, for the half year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 1911.

marked "Read."

Road of Mr. John Kenny, Ballymore.

Under date 18<sup>th</sup> January 1912, (Letter No. 2310) the Local Government Board forwarded copy of letter which they had addressed to Mr. John Kenny, relative to his complaint as to a road maintenance contract made by him with the Wexford County Council:-

"With reference to your letter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> ultimo, relative to a contract held by you for the repair of a road in Wexford County, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to inform you that after enquiry they do not consider that the case calls for any action or comment on their part."



under date 24<sup>th</sup> January 1912 (letter no. 3127) the Local Government Board forwarded copy of a letter received by them from Mr. John Kenny relative to his contract for the maintenance of a road in Wexford County. The Board requested to be furnished with the observations of the Co. Council on the subject.

"I beg leave to complain to you the dangerous condition of my Road No. 92 leading from Rockspring Quarry to Ferns. It is very dangerous for public traffic, and I will not be responsible for any accidents that may occur on it, as I have done my best to be allowed to work it. I am obstructed by Mr. Haughton of Rockspring. He keeps hauling engines and principally hauls in winter. He filled the water tables and prevented the water from taking its proper course, and now it is bursting up in the centre of the road and causing most dangerous crags. He kept my depots from May 1911, until September 22<sup>nd</sup> 1911, and prevented me from putting out my own material, then the Surveyor brought me and my sureties for a prosecution to Ferns Court, then the Surveyor handed in a letter there saying he had given leave to Haughton to do so. It cost me £1: 10s to defend this. I have taken it several times and paid a Solicitor to speak for me before the County Council and also before the Co. Court Judge last September. The engines were proved to be a nuisance and the Judge decided in my behalf. The case is pending until March. It was sworn in Court that I had over my measurement out every year, and in place of getting my year's pay all I got was £3.

August 10<sup>th</sup> 1911, Haughton sent me word



if I would not go on with the law against him that the Surveyor had wrote to him saying he would pay me my deferred money, so when I did not comply with the wishes of Haughton my money was struck off altogether.

It appears to me to be a combined thing between Haughton and the Surveyors. The Haughton who I am referring to, is his workman who measured my stones last March 1911 for a sudden damage order.

Sir, I shall feel very much obliged if you would take this into consideration.

The Secretary read the following recommendation of the Finance Committee, adopted at Special Meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> January, 1912:-

"The Finance Committee having considered the letter from Mr John Kenny, to the Local Government Board, and the explanation of Assistant Surveyor Howlin, recommend the County Council to accept the explanation of the Assistant Surveyor as satisfactory."

The following is the letter (dated 27<sup>th</sup> January) received from Mr Howlin, Assistant Surveyor:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of yours of 16<sup>th</sup> inst, with copy of further letter from John Kenny to Local Government Board.

I beg to say in reply that on referring to my Diary of March 1911, I find I measured the material for this Sudden Damage on the 14<sup>th</sup> of that month and furnished Kenny with measurement returns with instructions for spreading, cleaning, etc."

Under date 5<sup>th</sup> February (letter no 6091) the Local Government Board forwarded the following copy of a further letter which they had addressed to Mr Kenny, relative to his contract for the maintenance of a road:-



"With reference to your letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> ultimo, relative to your contract for the maintenance of a road in Wexford County, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they have made inquiries into the matter complained of by you and they do not consider that the case is one which calls for further action on the Board's part."

On the motion of Mr. Rossiter, seconded by Mr. Peacocke, the following resolution was adopted:

"That the question of Road No. 92, Enniscorthy District, be referred to the County Surveyor."

#### General Cattle Diseases Fund.

Under date 25<sup>th</sup> January 1912, Circular letter No 67077-1911 Miscellaneous, was read from the Local Government Board, stating that the sum assessed upon Wexford County in respect of its contribution to the several Cattle Diseases Fund was £408: 3: 2.

Marked "Read"

#### Lerns Water Supply.

Sealed Order No 65511-1911 fixing the Lerns Dispensary District as the area of charge in respect of Lerns Water Supply was read from the Local Government Board.

Marked "Read"

#### Dredging Kilmore Harbour.

The letter of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, under date 18<sup>th</sup> Decr 1911, and No 6,497-11, J.B., and which appeared on Minutes of Meeting of the Council of 3<sup>rd</sup> January was read:

Under date 25<sup>th</sup> January 1912 the following further letter, No 439- J.B. was read from the Department:

"Adverting to your letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> inst.,



on the subject of Kilmore Harbour, I have to state, for the information of the Wexford County Council, that, in the opinion of the Department, the new dredging plant is suitable for Harbours like Kilmore. The cost of the plant while at Kilmore would be £7 per day. No charge will be made for interest on capital, depreciation or hire.

It will probably be unnecessary to insure the plant while actually working at Kilmore, but it must be insured for the voyage to that place.

The expense of its removal to Kilmore, including such insurance, will be debited to the joint fund which is to be provided by the Council and the Department for defraying the cost of carrying out the work."

On the motion of Mr Doyle Jr, seconded by Mr Kinsella, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction be requested to carry out the dredging at Kilmore Harbour as soon as possible on the terms of their letters of the 13<sup>th</sup> December 1911, (No 6497-11) and the 25<sup>th</sup> January 1912, (439-12 J.B.)"

On the motion of the Chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr Elgee be instructed to take the opinion of counsel (if he considers it necessary) as regards the removal of the Schooner "Alice Latham" now lying a wreck at Kilmore Harbour."

Weeds & Agricultural Seeds (Ireland) Act 1909.

Under date 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1912 the following letter No A. 407/12 was read from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction:-

"Adverting to previous correspondence in regard to the extension of the provisions of Part I of the above Act to your County, I have to transmit herewith for the consideration of the County Council the accompanying copy of a



resolution unanimously adopted at the meeting of the Council of Agriculture held on the 30<sup>th</sup> May last.

In again directing attention to this matter, the Department would point out that Orders made under Part I of the Act are at present in operation in nineteen Counties and two County Boroughs and have been attended with very beneficial results.

In the event of the Council deciding to consent to the putting into force of this part of the Act in your County, it is suggested that the resolution of consent should follow the lines of the accompanying draft.

I have to request that, in any case, you will kindly inform the Department as early as possible of your Council's decision in this regard."

Mr James Doyle proposed and Mr Bloney, seconded the following resolution:-

"That we refuse to put the Weeds & Seeds (Ireland) Act in this County."

As an amendment Mr Peacocke proposed, and Mr Pannurig seconded:-

"That the matter be referred to the District Councils for their opinion."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For the amendment:- Messrs. Kearns, Peacocke, Pannurig, Mr Doyle Senr, Mark Codd, Sinnott, and the Chairman. - 7.

Against:- Messrs. Mr Doyle Jr, James Codd, Kinsella, Rossiter, Asple, Bloney, James A Boyle, Mayler. - 8.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost, and put the original resolution which he declared carried.



Butter & Margarine Act. 1907.

Under date 31<sup>st</sup> January 1912, letter No G 443-11, the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, forwarded the seventh list of names approved by them for use in connection with Margarine.

Marked "Read."

### University Scholarships.

The following Scheme in connection with the University Scholarships was adopted:

"There shall be open for competition annually three Scholarships each valued at £50 for three years and which shall be confined to Children (male and female) of ratepayers in the County Wexford the aggregate valuation of whose holdings does not exceed £60, and two Bursaries each valued at £25 yearly, tenable for three years confined to children of ratepayers of the County Wexford the aggregate value of whose holdings does not exceed £120.

Successful candidates who are Catholics must hold their scholarships in the Dublin College of the National University; non-Catholic students awarded Scholarships or Bursaries, may select whatever University or College they please.

In connection with the limitation of valuation for Scholarships and Bursaries we desire to call attention to section 10 (2) of the Irish University Act 1908 under the County Councils in Ireland are empowered to award these Scholarships.

The provision which allows Candidates to select different Universities necessitates a uniform means of examination, and it is suggested that the scholarships and Bursaries should be awarded in the order of merit in the Senior grade Intermediate Examination according to the following marking:-

(a) Students for Scholarships and Bursaries must pass the Senior grade Examination in those subjects



which shall qualify them for Matriculation in the National University, and one of the subjects must be Irish.

(b.) The marks which shall count for determining Scholarships and Bursaries shall be:- In English the excess over 200 marks; in Mathematics the excess over 80 marks on the honout and special papers, and the excess over 160 marks on the pass papers. In other subjects the excess over 100 marks on the honour and special papers, and the excess over 200 marks on the pass papers.

(c.) Scholarships and Bursaries shall then be awarded on the total aggregate of marks thus counted in all the subjects which the student shall present for examination, and to those candidates who have secured the highest number of marks provided they fulfil the other conditions specified.

(d.) Where the subjects chosen by the Candidates are not accepted for matriculation by the University in which it is intended the Scholarship or Bursary should be held then the Candidate must pass the Matriculation Examination of such University.

(e.) In case a successful candidate fail to avail of the Scholarship or Bursary awarded, the same may be awarded to the next successful candidate in order of merit.

Students obtaining a Scholarship or Bursary shall be required to pursue a course of studies leading up to, and to be completed by a Degree in any of the faculties embraced within the curriculum of the University, and must prior to the conclusion of the second year of their course specify the particular branch of study in which they desire to specialise, and shall continue the study of Irish contained in the Curriculum up to the time of specialization.

Students for a Degree in Agriculture must notify their intention to proceed with their studies



in this direction before the termination of the first year of their Scholarship course, and must in addition to passing the Scholarship Examination produce satisfactory evidence of a practical acquaintance with agriculture.

Scholarships in this subject will be tenable for four years instead of three and as a further inducement to secure a high standard of knowledge in this subject students passing an exceptionally brilliant course for their degree and being recommended therefor by the University Authorities may be awarded a post graduate course for one year in the shape of a travelling studentship or a Research Scholarship value £150.

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 term of their Scholarships extended from three to five years.

Scholarships and Bursaries will be confined to Students whose ages shall not exceed 19 years.

The awards of Scholarships and Bursaries may be entirely withheld in the event of the result of the Examination falling below a certain standard of merit, and in the event of any disputes or differences arising in connection with the holders or candidates therefor, the decision of the County Council shall be final and binding on all parties concerned.

Of the amount of Scholarships £10 : 10 : 0 shall be allocated for college fees, £31 for board and lodging in a recognised hostel in which students will be obliged to reside, and the remaining £8 : 10/- for entrance fee and travelling expenses.

Of the amount of the Bursary £10 : 10/- shall be paid for College fees, and the balance shall be allocated towards the cost of residence of the Student."

On the motion of Mr Fanning, seconded by Mr Rossiter :-

"The above Scheme was approved."



## Terrycarrig Bridge.

The following report was read, from Mr. S. Gaffney, late County Surveyor:-

"The contract for this work is dated 15<sup>th</sup> July 1910, and nine months were allowed for its completion.

Owing to various causes this period has been very much exceeded, a long delay occurred at the start owing to the non-delivery of the steel. This was due to the break-down of the Mills where the bars were ordered.

The Contractor, however, should have tried to get these bars elsewhere. But, there was also a difficulty in the transportation of these long bars, some of them over 60 feet long, without injury.

On this account the whole work was put back, and it was not until four months after the date of the contract that the first pile was made.

Pile making then proceeded rapidly for some time, till they were nearly all done, when it was discovered that some of the C.I. diaphragms, accepted some time previously, were not of the right dimensions. This caused a little more delay.

Later on when pile making was finished the steel bars for the lower bracings had not arrived, and, when they did come there was no forge on the site to bend them to the requisite form.

These matters show a great lack of foresight and organisation, on the part of the Contractor, as the forge should have been waiting for the lower bracing bars, which, in turn, should have been waiting for the finishing of the piles.

This is also shown in the delay in providing for the necessary plant such as a steam crane, piling machines, and timber for the gantry or temporary staging. The gantry should have been on a level with the pile making so that when the latter was finished, driving could have been proceeded with at once.

The method of making piles, one on top of another, was not wise, as the bottom ones having been made



first could not be got at till the top ones had become hardened and set.

All piles were very well made. Pile-driving proved to be slow work, which was mostly due to the fact that the temporary staging had to be extended as the piles were driven. The staging should have been completed before driving began, or at least sufficiently far in advance to prevent delay.

The Contractor was paid a first instalment in December 1910, but the second, which fell due in March 1911, was refused him, on account of the slow progress. This produced an immediate effect as a new and more energetic foreman was appointed at the end of March.

Pile driving began in May and was finished in November 1911, that is, all the piles were in position, though some had not reached a set, these had to be lengthened and re-driven.

The method of driving, by a crane at one end of the Bridge with a long lead through snatch blocks, was primitive and slow, but for a short period a new modern winch was used.

As to the present state of the works, thirty-three piles have been driven and the remaining six will be driven in a week or ten days. Just over half of the lower bracing have been put on the piles and fixed. All these bracing are made.

The beams and decking of the span at the North end have been finished, also all the hollow concrete blocks for the parapets, some of which have been built in already.

Fourteen columns on top of the piles are completed and the top bracing are on one set of piles, while another couple of sets are ready to be concreted up.

The rebuilding of the North abutment was completed in July, but the South abutment yet remains to be rebuilt.



work on the North approach began in July and as much progress as possible has been made considering that the work could not have been finished without stopping the traffic.

There is very little to do on the South approach.

all the steel for the work is now on the site and a number of moulds are ready for the beams, bracings, and decking of the Bridge.

Progress will be accelerated when the underwater portion of the work is finished, and taking everything into consideration the work should be finished in September 1912."

The following letter under date 12<sup>th</sup> February, 1912 was read from Mr R. Colhoun, Contractor for the erection of the Ferry carrig Bridge:-

"In reply to your letter of the 31<sup>st</sup> ult., I beg to state that I made application for a copy of the County Surveyor's Report mentioned therein, but up to the present have not received it.

With regard to your enquiry, as to what steps I propose to take in order to expedite the completion of the Bridge, I would be glad if you would place the following facts before your Council:-

The Contract Agreement was finally settled upon and completed on the 25<sup>th</sup> July 1910, and the next day I placed the order for the Steel work for Piles with the Manufacturers. Owing to strikes and break-downs at the Steel works (causes over which I have no control) this steel was not delivered until 7<sup>th</sup> November 1910. The first pile was completed on 24<sup>th</sup> November 1910, and the making of the Piles was continued without delay, as far as the weather would permit, with the exception of a short period, owing to some of the cast-iron Diaphragms having been maliciously tampered with.

With regard to the making of the Piles, I had everything ready to start this work on 18<sup>th</sup> August, 1910



and the delay of three months in this work, which was a considerable loss to me, was entirely owing to the steel work not being delivered by the manufacturers. This delay ran the work into the Winter months, when the days were short, and the tides and weather unfavourable.

I was in a position to start driving the piles at the beginning of February 1911, but at this time a question of re-building the abutments was under consideration by the County Surveyor, who did not decide the matter until 10<sup>th</sup> February, 1911.

After the County Surveyor had decided about re-building the abutments it was necessary for him to communicate his decision to Messrs Mouchel & Partners, from whom I was to receive details of the steel construction for the decking and bracing. The order for this Decking and Bracing was received from Mouchel & Partners on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 1911, but subsequently owing to the County Surveyor altering the position of the Piles from that shown on the Drawings, a further change had to be made in the dimensions of the Steel work by Messrs Mouchel & Partners, and I did not receive the final order for this work until 11<sup>th</sup> June, 1911.

It was my intention in the carrying out of the work, to bring out the Decking and Bracing with me from the South Abutment, as the Piles were driven, but as the matter of the Decking and Bracing was so much delayed, owing to Mouchel & Partners not being in a position to supply the necessary information, I had to start driving the Piles on the 8<sup>th</sup> May, 1911, and my arrangements for carrying out the work had to be amended in a way that considerably handicapped me in its progress.

Immediately on receipt of the final instructions from Messrs Mouchel & Partners for the steel work of the Decking, I placed the order in the



lands of the steel Manufacturers, but owing to general strikes which affected the Steel Trade in its manufacture and transit, it was impossible to get delivery of this order until 10<sup>th</sup> August, 1911.

After the Piles were made the County Surveyor altered the position from that shown on the Drawings, and in consequence of this alteration the lengths of the Piles did not suit the new position.

Many of the Piles had to be lengthened which entailed a great deal of extra labour, and critical work on my part, and was the source of considerable delay. There was no definite information supplied to me as to the extra distance to which these Piles should be driven, and I was obliged to splice them to such an extent as would ensure me not having to make a further joint, and after the Piles were sufficiently driven this lengthening piece had to be cut off to make the joint for extension piece. The making of these joints was a very difficult and expensive undertaking for me, as they could only be made at a few of the lowest tides and provided the weather conditions were favourable when these tides occurred.

It is under great difficulties that progress can be made at the Works during the Winter months. During the latter part of 1911 on several occasions high tides and severe storms completely swamped the Works and injured the Plant.

On the Contract Drawings a certain level is marked as low water of ordinary Spring Tides, and as a matter of fact in the carrying out of the work I found that the low water of Spring Tides was about 18 inches above this level.

Had the water fallen to the level shown on the Drawings, I would have had considerable more facilities for making the joints of extensions, and better progress could have been made with the works.



It will be seen from the foregoing statement that I have done everything in my power to carry on the work with all despatch and am continuing to do so.

The driving of the piles is now completed, and all the steel necessary for the work is on the ground.

As before explained, the joints for extensions can only be made during the lowest tides of Springs, and when these occur the joints are made if the weather conditions permit, the decking is also being pushed forward as fast as possible, as many hands being employed as the value of the work will permit."

"On the motion of Mr Peacocke, seconded by Mr Rossiter, it was decided that the matter be considered in committee"

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

"That Mr Pimm, Clerk of Works at Ferrycrossing Bridge, hand over forthwith to Mr. W.F. Barry, County Surveyor, any correspondence he has had with the Contractor, or his foreman, in connection with the erection of the New Bridge, together with a memo of any verbal instructions given by him (Mr Pimm) to either the Contractor or his Foreman."

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

"That further consideration of the matter be postponed until a reply be received from Mr Colhoun as to the Report of Mr Gaffney (late Co Surveyor) which we hereby direct our Solicitor, Mr. Elger, to furnish to Mr. Colhoun."



### Application for Increase of Poundage.

The following memorial which was signed by Rate collectors J. Blake, J. Sinnott, S. Lennon, J. Mullist, J. Bogley, M. J. Walsh, J. Cummins, was read :-

"In view of the decision recently arrived at by the Council not to accept Personal Security from the collectors in lieu of a Guarantee Bond. We collectors who are working under such Guarantee, are obliged to ask your Council to grant us the small increase of one penny in our poundage to enable us to pay the large premium now demanded by the Insurance companies for this security.

The experience which many of us have had with the smaller companies was, as the Council will remember, most unsatisfactory and now that you compel us to approach the larger ones, we find their terms exorbitant, as the accompanying quotation will show, and we confidently hope that, by granting our small request, you will place us in a position to meet their heavy demands."

marked "Read."

### Rate Collection

The Secretary laid before the meeting the state of the Rate Collection :-

"On the motion of Mr. Doyle Junr. seconded by Mr. Mark Bodd, the following recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed:-

The Council regret to observe that notwithstanding the fact that only seven weeks of the collection period now remain, the Rate collectors have still 70% of their collection outstanding. That we request the Co. Council to deal in a drastic manner with any collector who fails to carry out the terms of his bond."



## Road Board.

under date 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1912, a letter was read from the Road Board stating that the £2,100 allocated to County Wexford towards approved works of road improvement, has been " earmarked " for the County Council, and might be applied for at anytime.

" Referred to County Surveyor. "

## Wexford Labour Dispute

under date 30<sup>th</sup> January 1912, a resolution was read from the New Ross Board of Guardians dealing with the Labour Dispute :-

" On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by the Chairman the following resolution was adopted :- That as the original cause of the Wexford labour dispute appears to have been settled we do not see any necessity to intervene at the present, but should the necessity arise we shall take the recommendation of the New Ross Guardians into consideration. "

## Burial of carcases.

under date 30<sup>th</sup> January 1912, the following letter was read from Mr. E. O'Sullivan, Harbour master, Kilmore Quay :-

" Owing to the number of " carcases " that came ashore this winter I find it is impossible to bury them for the amount allowed. The distance is very long and especially from Tacumshane to Kilmore Quay is a very hard strand and water comes rushing up when the hole is made. What money was allowed did not bury them this winter, and I had nothing for myself. I could not possibly do it under £10 per annum. "

On the motion of Mr. Rossiter, seconded by Mr. Danning the following resolution was adopted :-



"That no increase be granted to Mr. O'Flaherty, that if Mr. O'Flaherty refuses to carry out the work our Secretary be instructed to re-advertise the position at £4 a year."

#### Anthrax Outbreak

under date 12<sup>th</sup> January 1912, the following letter was read from Mr. R. Malone, B.S. Wexford:-

"I beg to inform you that I visited the farm of Captain Hawkes Cornock, yesterday and took the temperatures of all the animals thereon, and found them in every case to be perfectly normal.

In my opinion all the animals are in perfect health."

marked "Read."

#### Assignment of a Road Contract

under date 19<sup>th</sup> January 1912, Mr. Brighton Clark Gorey District Council forwarded assignment of a road contract from William Kenny, to Michael Kenny, and correspondence in connection with the matter which he had received from Mr. R. W. Elger and Messrs M. J. O'Connor Solicitors. The latter had requested him to change the name of the person to whom the paying order in respect of the road contract in question should in future be made payable from William to Michael Kenny pursuant to the terms of the deed of assignment."

The Gorey District Council had referred the matter to the Co. Council. Mr. Brighton stated that he did not know if he had any power to change the name as requested by Messrs M. J. O'Connor & Co.

On the motion of Mr. Tanning, seconded by



Mr. M. Doyle Senr., the following resolution was adopted :-

"That the matter be referred to the County Surveyor, and that he be authorised to serve a ten-day notice on William Kenny, Ballydarragh, with a view to taking up the road under the 54<sup>th</sup> section of the Grand jury act if the necessary work on this road be not carried out."

### Sheep Dipping.

under date 13<sup>th</sup> January the following letter was read from the Co. Inspector, R. J. G., Wexford :-

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> inst., relative to the Sheep Dipping Order which I have sent to the officers and men concerned.

As I already stated the duty of the police is to report to your Council, and, if requested, to prosecute, this order was in some cases misunderstood by the police, but I have now directed that it be strictly obeyed in future."

marked "Read."

under date 8<sup>th</sup> January 1912, the following letter was read from Mr. J. J. Egan, Boley, Ballycullane :-

"In reply to resolution of Co. Council at its meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst., I beg to state that I shall do my best to give satisfaction with regard to number of inspections in future, and shall pay special attention to the farmsteads mentioned in the resolution."

marked "Read"

### Wall at Congarow Bridge.

under date 12<sup>th</sup> January 1912, the following was read from Mr. Mc Donald, Congarow, Adamstown

"I wish to tender an apology for the throwing



of the bridge wall at Longarrow, by my son-Patrick - and promise such a thing shall not occur again."

marked "Read."

### Irish Trade mark.

under date 1<sup>st</sup> February 1912, a letter was read from the Irish Industrial Development Association asking the Co. Council to insert a clause in their advertisements etc., for supplies that all articles supplied as of Irish manufacture must be branded with the Irish Trade mark and the Register no. of the manufacturer."

On the motion of Mr. Keacocke, seconded by Mr. M. Doyle Senr., the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the clause, <sup>suggested</sup> by Mr. O'Riordan regarding the Irish Trade mark be inserted in all future advertisements, etc., of the Council where Irish manufacture is specified."

### Irish Public Bodies Insurance Scheme.

under date 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1911, the following resolution adopted at a meeting of delegates held in Waterford on 9<sup>th</sup> November 1911, relative to above was read:-

"That this conference of delegates from public bodies in Counties of Kilkenny, Tipperary, Waterford, and the County Borough of Waterford, approves of the principle of public bodies becoming their own insurers as embodied in the accompanying scheme, subject to the provision of all necessary safeguards; and requests the Chief Secretary for Ireland to refer the scheme to an appropriate tribunal of independent experts for actuarial investigation with a view to the early introduction of a



measure giving legislative effect to the principle on the general lines suggested in the scheme, with such modifications in detail as may be found desirable."

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

"That we request the Chief Secretary for Ireland to agree to the proposal contained in the foregoing resolution."

Claim against Co. Council.

The following letter, under date 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1912, from Mr. M. J. O'Dempsey, B. A. Solicitor, Enniscorthy, was read:-

"I am instructed by Mr. Edward Connors, Barker, Enniscorthy, to claim £10 (Ten Pounds) damage suffered by him by reason of his horse breaking a foot and otherwise injuring himself owing to the defective state of the road between Ballymore and Kilmasey, kept under the Co. Council.

Would you kindly communicate the matter to the Council and let me hear."

"Referred to Mr. Elger"

Explosives Licence

under date 8<sup>th</sup> January 1912, a letter was read from Mr. J. Wallis, asking that a licence to sell Explosives be granted him, in place of his brother William Wallis. (deceased)

"Granted on the motion of Mr. Cloney, seconded by Mr. Asple."

Road Encroachment at Killystown

under date 30<sup>th</sup> January 1912, the following letter was read from Mr. P. D. O'Gorman, Killystown:-

"I the undersigned beg to inform you that I



intend building thirtytwo perches of ditches on the road from Kellystown with your consent and according to the wishes of your Inspector."

under date 24<sup>th</sup> January 1912, the following report was read from Mr. Gaffney, late County Surveyor:-

"A portion of this has already been done, but on discovery Mr. Hassett warned Mr. O'Gorman and told he must get permission of the Council.

The fence is moved into the road five feet at the most; it is built on the site of a nasty ditch, which is not actually dangerous.

The alteration straightens the road but the width between the fences is reduced to 23 feet. The fence on the opposite side will also be straightened, but so as not to encroach on the road but rather the opposite.

The total length of the alteration will be about 80 yards.

I see no objection to the Council giving Mr. O'Gorman permission to make this alteration provided no thorn or furze hedge is allowed to grow on any part of the bank, as it is on the south side of the road."

on the motion of Mr. J. A. Doyle seconded by Mr. Doyle the following resolution was adopted:-

"That subject to the quacks on the bank being planted on the land side of the fence the Co. Council have no objection to the erection of the fence referred to in application of Mr. P. D. O'Gorman, Kellystown."

Deputy Coroner - North Wexford

under date 9<sup>th</sup> January 1912, the following letter was read from Dr. W. B. Lawler; Coroner



for north wexford :-

"I wrote Dr. Nicholas Furlong, Enniscorthy, and he has kindly consented to have his name put forward as Deputy coroner.

He will have from me, all the powers of a Deputy - full discretion to act in my absence without consulting me. I have asked him to send a formal application to you to bring before next meeting of Co. Council."

under date 18<sup>th</sup> January 1912, the following further letter was read from Dr. Lawler :-

"When I nominated Dr. Furlong of Enniscorthy for the position of Deputy coroner I chose one who is pre-eminently suitable.

He resides in the best working centre of the district, is qualified in every way and must be known to practically every member of the Co. Council.

I have made definite arrangements with him, which I am sure no member of your Council would wish me to revoke.

Dr. O'Surges is no doubt equally suitable for the position but as yet I have not even the pleasure of knowing him. Hoping your Council will not think me unreasonable."

under date 12<sup>th</sup> January 1912, the following letter was read from Dr. N. Furlong, Enniscorthy :-

"Dr. Lawler, (coroner) has nominated me as his Deputy, he being very ill in Dublin, I believe the nomination requires the ratification of your Council, but as he is totally unable to do any work I would like very much to know what I should do meanwhile."

Mr. Rossiter proposed and Mr. M. Doyle seconded :- That the application of Dr. Lawler to appoint Dr. Furlong as deputy coroner for north



Wexford be approved."

Mr. Kinsella proposed, Mr. Fanning seconded  
"that this council believes that the interests  
of the public will be best served by the appoint-  
ment of a deputy coroner in the northern  
end of Mr. Lawler's division, and recommends  
him to appoint Mr. O'Dwyer of Gorey the successor  
to Dr. Stephenson, who was late deputy coroner."

A poll was taken with the following  
result :-

For Mr. Kinsella's amendment :- Messrs Kinsella  
Fanning, Cloney, Sinnott, and Mayler. 5.  
Against :- Messrs James Codd, Rossiter, Peacocke  
Mr. Doyle Sr., Mr. Codd, and the Chairman - 6  
Messrs M. Doyle Jr., and J. A. Doyle did not  
vote.

The Chairman declared the amendment  
lost.

"The resolution confirming the appointment  
of Dr. Furlong as deputy coroner was then put  
and passed, nem con."

Application Re Building a House.

Patrick Leary, Ballinaslaney, Cylgate,  
applied for permission to build a house  
in his own field against the wall at  
Ballinaslaney Bridge.

Mr. Barry, Co. Surveyor reported in favour  
of the application.

Mr. Aspin proposed, and Mr. Cloney  
seconded the following resolution which  
was passed nem con :-

"That the necessary permission for the  
erection of a house be granted subject  
to the building being erected to the satisfaction  
of the Co. Surveyor."



application from Co. Surveyor.

Mr. Barry applied for a set of 6 inch Ordnance maps for the use of the Assistant Surveyors.

"On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by the Chairman, the request of Mr. Barry was acceded to."

"On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Peacocke the following resolution was also agreed to :-

That a sum of £ 10 be allocated for the purpose of procuring letter filing cabinets, folders etc., for the Co. Surveyor in order to allow of correspondence being kept in a proper manner."

#### Roads Committee.

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

"That a meeting of the Roads Committee be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> inst, for the purpose of considering the adoption of new road specification. That Mr. Barry, Co. Surveyor, be requested to attend said meeting."

#### Alteration of Co. Council Chamber.

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

"That the Committee appointed to consider the alteration of the seating accommodation of the Co. Council Chamber be summoned to meet on the 28<sup>th</sup> inst. to consider, in conjunction with Mr. Barry, the question of the best means of altering the seating accommodation of the Co. Council Chamber to convenience the members."

#### Coals for Town Courthouse.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Peacocke it was agreed that one ton of



coals be allowed for Tuns Courthouse, to  
preserve the Statutes and Records from damp."

John Rogers



Special meeting - 11<sup>th</sup> April 1912.

A special meeting of the Co. Council was held in the Co. Council Chamber, Court House, Wexford; on 11<sup>th</sup> April 1912.

Present: Mr. John Bolger, Chairman, presiding.

Other councillors: Messrs R. A. Rice, J. Lynch, P. O'Neill, J. S. Hearn, P. Rossiter, C. H. Peacocke, Lord Stopford, J. Aspley, James Codd, P. J. Fanning, M. Doyle Esq., M. Bloney, J. J. Mayler, J. K. Esmonde.

The Secretary, and Mr. R. W. Elger, Solicitor to the Council, were in attendance.

The minutes of meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> December 1911, and special meetings of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> January and 14<sup>th</sup> February; were read and confirmed.

National Insurance Act.

The meeting was specially summoned to consider the position of the Co. Council relative to the establishment of an approved Society under the National Insurance Act.

Under date 23<sup>rd</sup> February the following letter was read from Mr. A. Keogh. Nolan, Secretary Irish Co. Councils General Council:-

"I am directed by the Executive Committee of the Irish Co. Councils' General Council to draw the attention of your Council to the provisions contained in the National Insurance Act for the formation of County Health Insurance Societies by County Councils.

Under Section 81 (7) of the Act it is provided that if it appears to any Co. Council that, having regard to the number of employed

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contributors resident in the county who are not members of any society approved of under the provisions of the act, it is desirable that steps should be taken by the council for the establishment of an approved society under the council, they may at anytime before the expiration of one year from the commencement of the act, submit to the Irish Insurance Commissioners a scheme for the establishment of a county society.

The scheme may provide for -

- (a) the representation of the council on the committee of management of the society;
- (b) the appointment of officers subject to the approval of the council;
- (c) the delegation of powers to committees;
- (d) the giving of security by means of a charge upon the general purposes rate or otherwise;
- (e) the restriction of membership to insured persons resident in the county not being members of any approved society;
- (f) the reduction of benefits below the minimum rates fixed by this Part of this act; and
- (g) such other matters as may appear necessary, and in particular such further modifications of the provisions of this Part of this act with respect to approved societies as maybe required for the purpose of adapting those provisions to the case of a county society;

County councils are further authorised at any time after the passing of the act to take such steps as appear necessary to ascertain what persons resident in the county are eligible and

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willing to become members of the proposed County Society, and generally for the formation of the Society.

I am further directed to inform you that the desirability of the formation of County Societies has been considered by the Executive Committee of the General Council who have unanimously decided to recommend the affiliated Councils to take the necessary steps for the formulation of schemes for their establishment in order that every "employed" insurable person in their area may be afforded an opportunity of participating in the superior advantages conferred by the membership of an "Approved Society" over those enjoyed by "Deposit contributors."

I may point out that membership of a County Society would be confined to residents in the County; its funds could not be made available to meet deficits elsewhere; and each claim for benefit would be dealt with by local committees having full knowledge of the facts so that even the most remote districts of the County would be provided with an effective organization.

I hope to forward, later, a draft skeleton scheme for the information of your Council.

Under date 28<sup>th</sup> March the following was read from Mr. Keogh-Nolan:-

"Referring to my Circular letter of 23<sup>rd</sup> ult., I have now pleasure in forwarding for the information of your Council the enclosed scheme for a County Society under the National Health Insurance Act. The scheme has been prepared by the Dublin County Solicitor and approved by the Dublin Co. Council. The adoption of a more

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or less uniform scheme for county societies would tend to greater convenience in working the act.

I am pleased to inform you that in view of representations made to them the National Health Insurance Commissioners for Ireland have altered the date fixed for priority of consideration of schemes from the 30<sup>th</sup> March to the 15<sup>th</sup> April."

The Secretary mentioned that the Finance Committee at their meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> inst., adopted a resolution asking the Insurance Commissioners to extend the time for receiving applications for priority of treatment from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> April.

In reply to this resolution letter No. 524-12 under date 3<sup>rd</sup> April was read from the Assistant Secretary to the Commissioners, that applications received before the 15<sup>th</sup> April will receive priority of consideration.

The details of the Scheme adopted by the Dublin Co. Council and referred to in letter of Mr. Keogh-Nolan of the 28<sup>th</sup> March were read for the meeting.

On the motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Keacocke, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Scheme as adopted by the Co. Dublin Co. Council (with the necessary verbal alterations to make it applicable to this County) for the formation of an approved County Society under the National Health Insurance Act be adopted and submitted to the Irish Insurance Commissioners for approval."

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Resignation of Mr. M. Browne, Co. Councillor.  
under date 4<sup>th</sup> April, the following letter was read from Mr. M. Browne:-

"I will be obliged if you will kindly ask the Co. Council at their next meeting to accept my resignation as member. I enclose certificate from the Doctor by which you will see that I am unable to attend the meetings."

Mr. Browne enclosed the following certificate from Dr. Furlong:-

"This is to certify that Mr. Browne is - owing to the state of his health - not in a fit condition to attend the Co. Council meetings."

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

"That we request Mr. M. Browne, to reconsider his resignation as Co. Councillor."

#### Public Roads (Ireland) Act 1911.

under date 14<sup>th</sup> February, the Local Government Board wrote letter No 2340, forwarding copy of the Public Roads (Ireland) Act 1911, and explaining its various provisions.

marked "Read."

#### Rates on unoccupied Buildings.

The following letters were read from the Local Government Board with reference to rates on unoccupied buildings:-

"With reference to previous correspondence pointing out the difficulties alleged to have been experienced by the Rate Collectors of the Wexford Co. Council in the course of their collection, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they have given

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full consideration to the various questions raised by the collectors and, where necessary, have obtained legal advice thereon. Some of these questions have already been dealt with in the course of recent correspondence, but the Board think it desirable to deal with them comprehensively in a single letter even at risk of repetition.

County Secretary's }  
Letter of 16<sup>th</sup> Nov 1911 } No 103 Oldcourt E.D. - Coll: Barron.

In this case it would appear that the premises were rated under a single valuation as "House & offices". It is alleged that the house is vacant but that the out-offices are being used for cattle. The Board are advised that where a house and out-buildings are included in one and the same valuation, the house being vacant while the out-buildings are in occupation or vice versa, the rated occupier is *prima facie* liable to pay on the whole hereditaments and the collector is not authorised by law to accept part payment.

Letter of 8<sup>th</sup> }  
December 1911 }

The question is put whether there is anything in the point that where land and buildings are included in one and the same holding, and the rate for the land is specially set out in the Demand Note, the collector would be bound to collect the entire rate and would not be in a position to accept the amount of rate for the land alone. The answer to this specific question is that a Rate collector is not authorised by law to take part payment only of the rate assessed on a holding comprising both land and buildings.

Letter of 4<sup>th</sup> }  
January 1912 }

In reference to the opinion expressed in preceding paragraph the



attention of the Board was called to the case of *The Guardians of New Ross Union v Byrne*. This case does not conflict with the above opinion which contemplated that a valid rate had been made, whereas in the New Ross case it appeared that a person was rated as the occupier of a farm as one entire tenement comprising both land and buildings which were unoccupied. It was here decided that the entire rate assessed upon the occupier was bad by reason of his non-occupation of the buildings at the time the rate was made.

Letter of 5<sup>th</sup> }  
January 1912 } collector Lennon: Enclosure "A" with reference to No. 95 Kilpatrick C. D.

The buildings in this case being unoccupied at the time the rate was made were not liable to rates and the agents were correct in stating that the amount thereof could not be recovered from the owner.

Enclosure "B" with reference to No. 58 Ardcolm C. D.

This appears to be a similar case.

Letter of 18<sup>th</sup> }  
January 1912 } Enclosure from Messrs Guinness & Mahon.

This case is similar to the two last mentioned.

Enclosure from Messrs Stopford & Turner.

Here it would appear that the collector is entirely to blame for the non-collection of the second moiety of the rates arising out of St Helens; as from the agents' letter it would appear that the premises were in occupation not only when the rate was made but when the second moiety became due.

Dealing generally with the whole subject, I am in the first place to draw your attention



to the 12<sup>th</sup> Section of the Poor Relief (Ireland) Act, 1862, which deals fully with the question of the rating of unoccupied buildings, and I am to state that so far as the Board have been able to ascertain from the correspondence it would appear to them that when the rates are being made in County Wexford sufficient care has not been taken to ascertain whether buildings such as these under consideration were, or were not, in fact, occupied.

From the decision in the New Ross case it is quite apparent that where care is not exercised in this particular, serious loss to the County funds may be incurred which may attach responsibility to those whose duty it is to see that valid rates have been made.

With respect to the question as to how to make a valid rating in the case of a holding appearing in the valuation lists as consisting of both land and buildings, where the buildings are in fact unoccupied on the day the rate is made though the land is occupied, I am to express the opinion of the Local Government Board as follows:-

"As the lists now furnished by the Commissioner of Valuation always show how much of the valuation is in respect of land and how much in respect of buildings, there appear to be two ways in which a valid rating may be made under Section 6 of 23 & 24 Vic cap 4.

First a valid rating may be made by omitting from the rate-book all reference to the buildings, and so rating the land only. This appears to be the way in which Mr. Justice Gibson said in the New Ross case (30 L. R. I. at page 171) a valid

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rating could have been made in that case if the land and buildings had been separately valued in the valuation lists. But though a rating if so made by omitting the buildings would be valid as regards the rate on the land, this method appears to be open to the objection that if the buildings became occupied during the currency of the rate, the portion of it that would be payable by the occupier of the buildings for the period of his occupation under section 12 of 25 & 26 vic cap 83, above referred to would not be recoverable from him in consequence of the non-compliance with the requirements of that section.

The Board, however, are advised that there does not appear anything to prevent a valid rating being made in such case if the rating authority strike two separate rates, one as to land and the other as to buildings, in the manner indicated on the annexed form. This method of dealing with the matter appears to be a valid rating in respect of the land so as to make the rate on the land legally recoverable, and if, at any time during the currency of the rate, the buildings become occupied, the portion of the rate for the period of their occupation would be recoverable under section 12 of the act of 1862."

under date 29<sup>th</sup> February, No 11405:-

"With reference to the second paragraph of your letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> inst, relative to the rating of hereditaments in the county of Wexford, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to draw your attention to the terms of section 6 of 25 & 24 vic cap 4 which provides that the Guardians (now the



to Council) are empowered to make any departure not affecting value, at the time of making the rate, from the particulars contained in the valuation lists as may be necessary for the purpose of making a valid rate.

The Board <sup>also</sup> desire me to point out that in the case - Guardians, New Ross Union. & Byrne, Mr Justice Johnson stated that :-

"a statutory duty is thus imposed on the Guardians, who (through their rate-collectors 'presumably acquainted with the circumstances of their respective districts) can and ought to be informed at the time of making the rate if any rateable tenement in the final list is not at that time occupied, and make such departure under the 23 Vic Cap 4 Sec 6 (not affecting value) from the lists as is necessary to make a valid rate, and when the rateable tenement is an unoccupied building, are required by the 25 & 26 Vic Cap 83 Sec 12, to enter it as - 'empty' in the occupier column with the consequences provided by this Statute."

Letter under date 11<sup>th</sup> March 1912 :- No 12,257:-  
"With reference to the inquiry on the subject contained in your communication of the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they have been advised that a sub-division of a joint valuation of land and buildings into its component values does not involve a change in value such as prohibited by Sec 6 of 23 & 24 Vic Cap 4.

As regards your letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> inst, relative to the non-payment of the second moiety of the rates arising out of the house at St. Helens in the County of Wexford, I am to state that it is



now well settled law that where one rate is made for the whole financial year and collected in equal moieties under the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1900, the person who is in occupation at the time the rate is struck is liable for the rates for the entire year although he quits occupation during the first half year, unless he can prove a determination of the rating authority under 53 & 54 Vic, Cap 30 as amended by Section 62 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898 releasing him from the liability."

under date 6<sup>th</sup> April the following letter was read from Mr. R. W. Elger, Solicitor to the Co. Council :-

"Referring to our interview on this subject the other day, I write to say that I have now gone fully into the question as raised in the letters from the Local Government Board, and it seems to me, that no matter what way the question as to these rates be raised it will eventually under the various Acts come back to the same procedure which has been adopted by the Co. Council since inception; viz:- where Buildings & Land were included in the one Demand Note and the Buildings were unoccupied during the whole period for which the rate was struck, to strike off the Rate on the Buildings and receive it on the Land, or if the Buildings were only unoccupied for portion of the period to accept a proportion of the rate on such Buildings to cover the portion during which they were occupied and strike off the balance, the rate on Land of course also paid.

In my opinion it would be <sup>an</sup> absolute impossibility for you or the Rate collectors



in the County to ascertain with any degree of accuracy all the Houses in the different Rural Districts that were unoccupied on the day of striking the Rate as the Houses might be occupied the day before the striking of the Rate, and vacant the day it was actually struck.

If the word "Empty" were inserted in the Rate Books in the column for occupiers as suggested by the Local Government Board there would in my opinion, be no means of collecting the rate if the houses subsequently became occupied during the currency of the rate as there would be no one against whom proceedings could be taken, no name appearing on the Books, and there would be no one in whose favour a determination could be given under Sec 2 of 53 & 54 Vic, Cap 30.

If the procedure as suggested were adopted in cases of Buildings unoccupied at the striking of the rate the particulars of which were not known you would have no power to alter the rating once it was made, as Sec 6 of 23 & 24 Vic, Cap 4 expressly provides as to this.

Taking everything into consideration it therefore seems to me, that the only feasible way out of the difficulty raised by the Local Government Board as to the present Rate would be for the Co. Council to make the determination as provided for by the 53 & 54 Vic., Cap 30 Sec 2 in all cases of unoccupied Buildings and that the Rate collectors should be required to make an accurate return, at once, of such Buildings."

On the motion of the Chairman, the



matter was adjourned to next meeting; Mr. Elger to draft the necessary determination under 53 & 54 vic cap 30 Sec 2. to cover all cases in which land and buildings are rated jointly in connection with the rate in respect of the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 1912.

Reports of L. G. D. auditors.

Reports of Mr. J. More O'Sullivan, on the audit of the accounts of the following public bodies of the County, were received:-  
Enniscorthy Union & Rural District Council  
Gorey Union & Rural District Council.

marked "Read."

motor car acts.

under date 12<sup>th</sup> March, the Local Government Board wrote forwarding two copies of their Order No. 8697 dealing with "cut-outs" on motor cars.

marked "Read."

Hay & Straw Order.

under date 6<sup>th</sup> February, the Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction, wrote revoking their Order of 7<sup>th</sup> July 1911, prohibiting movement of hay and straw from Great Britain into Ireland.

marked "Read."

Sheep Dipping Order 1912.

under date 4<sup>th</sup> April the following memo was read from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction:-

"The Department of Agriculture & Technical Instruction for Ireland desire to draw attention to the attached Order, entitled the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) of 1912, which revokes and



re-acts, with certain modifications, the previously existing Orders relating to Sheep Dipping in Ireland.

The changes which this Order effects as compared with the Orders which it replaces are as follows :-

(i) Article 2.- The limits of the Dipping Periods are altered, except as regards the date of termination of the autumn Period. The Summer Period is now fixed as extending from 1<sup>st</sup> June to 31<sup>st</sup> July, inclusive; and the autumn Period from 1<sup>st</sup> August to 15<sup>th</sup> November, inclusive.

(ii) Article 6.- The times in the two periods during which sheep exposed for sale must be accompanied by a Declaration as to dipping will now be :- In the Summer Period from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> July, inclusive. In the autumn Period from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 15<sup>th</sup> November inclusive.

This article contains also a new provision (Sub-article (2) (b) in conjunction with the new Form B. (iii) in the First Schedule), prescribing certain special conditions under which summer dipped sheep can be exposed for sale subsequently to 31<sup>st</sup> August in the autumn Period before being autumn dipped.

(iii) Article 9.- Declarations by occupiers of farms or holdings on which sheep are kept can now be made and sent to the Police either as soon in each Period as the sheep have been dipped or at any later period up to the expiration of one calendar month from the close of such period. The owner or occupier is, moreover, excluded altogether from furnishing a Declaration under the article if the sheep have been dipped in the presence of an Inspector or other



officer of the Local authority.

(iv) Article 10:- Inspectors certifying as to the dipping of sheep will now be required, where the owner or person in charge declares to the Inspector that the sheep dipped comprise all the sheep in the possession of such owner at the time of such dipping to give a further certificate to that effect; and that Form D in the First Schedule has been modified accordingly."

marked "Read."

### Charge for Extra Constabulary.

Under date 19<sup>th</sup> February, the following letter No. 2761 was read from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle:-

"I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to acknowledge the receipt of your letter forwarding copy of resolution adopted by the Wexford Co. Council on the 14<sup>th</sup> inst., and, in reply, to state, for the information of the Co. Council, that His Excellency's wish and disposition would always be towards receiving any deputation with reference to matters of public concern, especially a deputation of the highly representative character referred to in your letter.

But His Excellency also feels it necessary to have regard to the fact that the matter which it is proposed to place before him has already been the subject of full and careful consideration on the part of the Irish Government. In the result it has been decided that the area of charge for half the cost of the extra Police employed in connection with the recent Trade disputes at Wexford shall be the county at large.

Under these circumstances His Excellency

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is reluctantly of opinion that he would not be justified in asking a deputation to take the trouble of waiting upon him with reference to the matter alluded to."

At the meeting of the Finance Committee on the 9<sup>th</sup> March, the following recommendation had been adopted:-

"That the Finance Committee of the Co. Council desire to be informed in view of the fact that the Ratepayers of the Co. at large were opposed to the existence of the Trade Dispute in Wexford, what were the reasons which influenced the Irish Government to fix the County at large as the area of charge for Extra Constabulary."

That we also desire to be informed of the number of Constabulary making up the free force to which the County Wexford is entitled, and what was the actual number of this free force which was serving in this County in each year for the past ten years."

Under date 20<sup>th</sup> March the following letter No 4611 was read from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle:-

"With reference to your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> inst., forwarding copy of resolution adopted at a special meeting of the Finance Committee of the Wexford Co. Council on the subject of the charge for Extra Police in connection with the Labour dispute at Wexford, I am directed by the Lord Lieutenant to refer the Council to His Excellency's letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> ultimo and to the Chief Secretary's reply to Sir Thomas Esmonde's Parliamentary Notice of the 26<sup>th</sup> ultimo; and I am to say that His Excellency

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has nothing to add to the statements therein contained.

As regard the second paragraph of the resolution, His Excellency desires me to say that, at the triennial redistribution of the Royal Irish Constabulary, the undermentioned Free Quotas were assigned to the Co. Wexford:-

May 1903. 243 men

May 1906. 192 "

May 1909. 207 "

The averages of the actual strength of the Free Quota serving in the county were as follows:-  
In the period 1903-1906. 214 men

" " " 1906-1909. 179 "

since May 1909. 184 "

The Council will understand that it is not possible to maintain the Police Force in any county at the full strength of the Free Quota inasmuch as recruits appointed to fill vacancies must, under Sec 5 of 273 Vic Cap 75 be detained for drill and instruction at the Depot, Phoenix Park, Dublin."

Resolutions protesting against the area of charge for the payment of extra constabulary being the county at large were read from Enniscorthy, Gouy, New Ross, and Wexford R. D. Councils, and from the Urban District Councils of New Ross and Enniscorthy.

At the meeting of the Finance Committee on the 9<sup>th</sup> March, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Finance Committee of the Co. Council desire to be informed in view of the fact that the Ratepayers of the county at large were opposed to the existence of the Trade Dispute in Wexford, what were the reasons which influenced the Irish Government to fix the county at-

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 number of Constabulary making up the free  
 force to which the County Wexford is entitled,  
 and what was the actual number of this free  
 force which was serving in this County in  
 each year for the past ten years."

"Postponed to next meeting."

#### Doran's Hill Quarry.

On the motion of Mr. O'Hill, seconded by  
 Mr. Lynch the following resolution was  
 adopted:-

"That the Seal of the County Council  
 be affixed to the Deed of assignment of  
 Mr. Borthistle, to the Wexford Co. Council  
 in respect of the plot of ground at  
 Doran's Hill taken over by the Co. Council  
 for the purposes of a quarry."

#### Ferryarrig Bridge.

The following letters were read from Mr.  
 R. Bolhoun, Contractor for the erection of  
 Ferryarrig Bridge:-

under date 7<sup>th</sup> March, Mr. Bolhoun wrote:-

"I regret that I did not see the late County  
 Surveyor's Report on the Ferryarrig Bridge  
 at the time I sent forward my statement.  
 Now that I have received a copy of the  
 Report I respectfully beg to supplement  
 my original statement on some of the  
 matters to which Mr. Gaffney has referred.

As pointed out in my previous statement  
 the cause of delay in getting forward the  
 steel, was, in addition to break-downs at the  
 works owing to general strikes affecting the  
 steel trade, and under the conditions, as  
 they existed at the time, steel bars suitable  
 for the work could not have been got earlier



on the ground from other manufacturers.

With regard to the matter of the C. S. Diaphragms referred to by Mr. Gaffney, I mentioned in my statement there was a slight delay owing to some of these having been tampered with and maliciously pitched into the river, or otherwise destroyed, but this was owing to a misfortune and not a mistake.

There was never any delay in the work owing to a Forge not being on the ground. A forge was ordered and sent on before the steel arrived and was delayed in transit, and immediately the steel arrived a sufficient forge was hired, and used until the other arrived.

The lower Bracing Bars were ready as soon as required, and before the steel work for the Dicking was decided upon by the Engineer.

With regard to the allegation that there was a lack of foresight and organization on the part of the contractor, I definitely deny that such was the case, and in support of this I would refer to the statement already made by me, from which it will be seen, that owing to the Engineer not deciding, in proper time, the matter of the abutments, and also on account of his altering the position of the Piles after the work had been commenced the original arrangements I had made for the carrying on of the work had to be entirely revised.

The 10 ton steam crane arrived at the beginning of October 1910, and it was not until the following May that the pile driving could be started.

The second piling winch was brought on the ground as soon as the north abutment was ready to receive it, and this was the only place

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it could be set up.

The method of pile making and driving was the only feasible one which could be adopted under the circumstances as suitable space for carrying out the work was very limited.

The method of driving the piles, having regard to their nature could not be said to be slow. The facts show that the average time occupied in driving a pile was from 4 to 5 hours.

The refusal of the County Surveyor to issue a certificate in March 1911, when it became due, was not the reason the foreman was changed, which was owing to his having fallen into ill health, and his doctor certified accordingly.

The rebuilding of the South abutments cannot now be commenced until the crane can be removed. If the order for this work had been given in time the abutment would have been started first thing, the work was well advanced before such order was received.

As an example of the difficulties to be contended with in carrying out under water work, I beg to state that during a period of 4 weeks in the beginning of this year there were only nine hours during which under water work could be carried out."

Under date 20<sup>th</sup> March 1912, Mr. Colhoun wrote:

"In reply to your letter of 16<sup>th</sup> inst, I wish to point out to you that a serious break down occurred about the end of August 1910, at the Rolling mills where these Steel Bars were being rolled and it was the middle of October 1910 before the Rolling mills were in working.

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order for rolling these long bars. Then when these bars were delivered to carrying companies for despatch to Wexford there was great difficulty and delay in getting the companies to carry them owing to their extraordinary length and it was nearly the end of November before I could get a part of the bars on the work, although they had been delivered to the carrying companies in the middle of October.

As you are aware there was great difficulty and delay in getting goods shipped during the greater part of last year owing to the series of strikes which occurred notably the Seamen & Dockers' strike and the Railway Servants strike. In one instance I had to pay £3. 3/- for having one Ton of Steel removed from one port to another for shipment so as to save delay as the regular steam boat service at the first port had to be suspended owing to the Seamen & Dockers' strike.

With regard to dealing with other manufacturers this was impossible owing to the extraordinary lengths of the bars required for this work.

I can assure you that it was no fault of mine that the work was delayed, and I did my utmost to have the steel delivered without delay, and I had no control over the circumstances which delayed it.

I herewith enclose you a copy of Messrs P. & W. MacFellan's letter dated 5/10/10, and I sent a copy of this letter to Mr. Gaffney at the time.

"Consideration of letters from Mr. Bolhoun re Ferrycairig Bridge were adjourned to next meeting."



On the motion of the chairman, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That Mr. Barry, County Surveyor, be requested to furnish to next meeting of Co. Council a short report as to the present condition of Turrycarig Bridge."

### Poisons & Pharmacy Act.

Application for a new license under Poisons & Pharmacy Act was received from:-  
Richard Green, Commercial Quay, Wexford;  
and for renewal of licenses from:-

J. Wallis, Athurstown  
Johanna Hogan, Castle St., Enniscorthy.  
Kate Bolger, Ballymisty  
Mary Hennessy, 20 South St. New Ross  
P. MacMunnamin, Ballycanew  
J. N. Greene, Enniscorthy.  
John Culleton, Wellingtonbridge

"The above applications were granted on the motion of Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Lynch"

### Rate collector mullist.

At the meeting of the Finance Committee on the 16<sup>th</sup> March the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Finance Committee in view of the fact that they have ascertained that Mr. Mullist has collected the following amounts:-

From Mr. Esmonde	£11 : 7 : 10½	paid	3 : 2 : '12
" Miss Ruad	4 : 6 : 5	"	23 : 1 : '12
" Canon Lyster	5 : 14 : 9½	"	10 : 11 : "

a total of £ 27 : 9 : 1 for which he has not accounted up to date of last checking (2<sup>nd</sup> March 1912), hereby call upon Mr. Mullist to close his collection at once, and to carry



out the undertaking given to the Co. Council by him in his letter of 13<sup>th</sup> December 1911, in response to the resolution of the Co. Council passed on the 10<sup>th</sup> November 1911, that he would hand in his resignation if any further complaint was found by the Council, as to the manner in which he discharges his duties.

The Finance Committee direct Mr. Mullett's attention to the resolution in question which was as follows:-

"That Mr. D. McDonald, official checker of the accounts of the Rate Collectors of the Ennisorthy District; and Mr. John Mullett, Rate Collector for No. 6. Collection District be asked to furnish the Co. Council with a written undertaking that in the event of any further complaint being found as to the manner in which they are discharging their duties they will hand in their resignations".

And also to the terms of his reply as follows:-

"Yours to hand, containing copy of resolution of Co. Council. I agree to give the required request asked of me in same."

In reply to this resolution Mr. Mullett sent the following letter to the Solicitor to the Council:-

"In receipt of yours of the 18<sup>th</sup> enclosing copy of the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of the 16<sup>th</sup> March, contents of which I note. I admit to have received the three cheques mentioned, but how they did not come to be accounted for by me, is perfectly understandable. It is a habit with me, when I receive cheques and other money not to keep them about my person or at my home between the intervals of checking, for safety sake I lodge them to the

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credit of my own account in the Bank, pending checking, then when the official checker informs me the correct amount to lodge, I do so from my own account. The whole error arose because of the fact that I did not part with the receipts on receiving the cheques at my home is outside Enniscorthy for the reason which will appeal to you as a legal gentleman that until they are cashed I'm not supposed to part with them. In the case of the three cheques named they were not cashed by me for some days after I received them and it's not at all incomprehensible that a man in my position handling money every day in the week should forget receiving a cheque. In connection with this you will see the cheques were received at different times, of course had I parted with the receipts the whole trouble would have been avoided because the official checker would have immediately noticed it, on going through my books.

If your Council insists upon my carrying out my undertaking of course I will do so, but in reason and fair play as business men, I would ask them this question, would I if I were dishonestly inclined select as a person to begin operations on, a member of your Council. In view of these circumstances I'll respectfully ask your Council not to insist upon my undertaking; errors will occur in every man's business and this was a pure error and not an action with dishonest motives.

I intend closing my collection before next Saturday.

I have been fourteen years collecting Rates, I have never failed to close within the prescribed time, and even apart from all that, and also apart from my Bond, it is a well known

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fact that I have personal property to the amount of four times the amount of my half-yearly Bond to substantiate this it is only necessary to refer to the fact that the premium on Fidelity Bond is only 10/-

As regards this letter the Local Government Board wrote (letter No. 16,046) under date 27<sup>th</sup> March, 1912 :-

"With reference to the collection of poor rate in Mr. John Mullett's district in County Wexford, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that the explanation given by Mr. Mullett in the Board's opinion only confirms the gravity of his offence as he admits that he withheld receipts for payment of rates which he had collected.

As the Finance Committee have called upon him to resign his position the Board will await the result of the meeting of that Committee but they request that this collector may be informed that unless he resigns his office, he will be removed by Order under Seal."

At the meeting of the Finance Committee on the 1<sup>st</sup> April, the following recommendation was adopted :-

"That having more carefully investigated the circumstances of the irregularities in collector Mullett's district, and which we now believe have arisen through inadvertance; for this reason we consider he should be retained in office on the following condition :-

"That he hands in his resignation forthwith, and which is to be acted upon on the first opportunity at which any fault will be found with the manner in which he discharges his duties in future; and that Mr. Mullett be directed to change the office he uses in Enniscorthy for

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the collection of rate.

That we request the Local Government Board to assent to this proposal of the Finance Committee."

In connection with this recommendation the following was received from Mr. Mullett:-

"I have received the resolution of the Finance Committee relative to my position as Rate collector. I am satisfied that my resignation of the office should come into force at the first opportunity any fault be found with me in future. This letter can be taken as such resignation, and I agree that it should be acted upon if the Co. Council or the Finance Committee find any further fault with me. I also will take steps to comply with the direction of the Finance Committee to change my office in Enniscorthy from its present position."

On the motion of Mr. Peacocke, seconded by Mr. Rice, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the case of Mr. Mullett be postponed to next meeting."

#### Application for Increase of Salary.

Under date 27<sup>th</sup> November, the following letter was read from Mr. Pimm, Resident Engineer, Ferryarrig Bridge:-

"It is now rather more than 18 months since you did me the honour of appointing me as your Resident Engineer at Ferryarrig Bridge, and I should be very grateful if you would consider the question of granting me an increase of salary.

Since entering your service I have been elected an Associate member of the Institution

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